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Mark your Calendar

March 30—SAWG Meeting

ICYD's State Agency Workgroup will be meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, from 8:30am – 10:30am in the Jessie Parker Building, Starkweather Room. To learn more, contact Steve Michael at Steve.Michael@iowa.gov.

May 4—25th Annual Risky Business Conference

Join Youth and Shelter Services as they host the 25th Annual Risky Business Conference. This conference brings adults and high school youth together to increase knowledge of the critical issues confronting youth.

The event will take place at the Scheman Building on the Iowa State University Campus. Registration ends April 29th. To learn more, [Click here](#).

Youth Development News

American's Promise Presents 100 Best Communities for Young People

America's Promise Alliance *100 Best Communities for Young People*, presented by [ING](#), recognizes and celebrates extraordinary community-wide efforts to improve the well-being of youth and end the nation's dropout crisis. Applications are available now. To learn more, [Click Here](#).

Culture, Inc. – 2332 Euclid Ave., Des Moines
To learn more: [Click Here](#)

Engaging Youth in Meaningful Planning

April 22, 2010: 12:00-2:00 pm
Community! Youth Concepts – 3826 1/2 Douglas Ave., Des Moines
To learn more: [Click Here](#)

Advancing Youth Development

April 27 and 28th: 9:00-2:30 pm BOTH DAYS - Registration begins at 8:30
United Way of Central Iowa Conference Center – 1111 9th St., Des Moines
To learn more: [Click Here](#)

The United Way of Central Iowa Quality Counts Team presents 2010 Spring Training Schedule

Voice and Choice

April 1, 2010: 12:00-2:00 pm
Youth Emergency Shelter and Service – 918 SE 11th Street, Des Moines
To learn more: [Click Here](#)

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Building Community

April 15, 2010: 12:00-2:00 pm

A Note From Our Chair...

Preston Daniels is the director of the Department of Human Rights and is Chair of ICYD.

In April, ICYD Council state teams will be visiting a number of communities to “listen and learn” the following things:

- How to address the challenges faced by communities and schools in keeping youth engaged in school
- What is working and how to build on the successful efforts in the communities and schools.

It is clear that we (all of us) cannot make a difference in the graduation rate without doing a better job of communicating and coordinating services and supports with communities. What is learned from these visits will lead us to specific strategies that will change policies that are barriers and find ways to replicate identified successful practices across the state.

We welcome comments and suggestions to help us work toward achieving ICYD's purpose,
Preston Daniels

SIYAC Update



Joanna Hodder
SIYAC Member
Keota, IA

Serving on the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council has been a real honor for me. I feel like I have the ability to make a real impact in my life and many others as well. I believe it is really important that the youth of today stand up and let their voices be heard; that is what SIYAC has done for me. It has given me the chance to interact with other exemplary students across the state and share our opinions with legislators who influence our lives every day. I am going to walk away at the end of my senior year knowing I made a difference where I live and that is something phenomenal.

Being a part of SIYAC has also allowed me to sneak my own personal agenda in and make sure that future youth will remain focused on the problem of underage substance abuse. While funding is being cut and new policies are slow to be implemented, I have faith that SIYAC will continue to support the prevention of underage drinking. After all, when youth themselves stand up against this negative situation raging across the state, half of the problem is well on its way to being solved.