

Youth Development News



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Jan. 26th —ICYD Council Meeting

The next ICYD meeting will take place on January 26th in the Starkweather Room of the Jessie Parker Building from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Questions or comments, please email steve.michael@iowa.gov.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

American civil rights leader and clergyman Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's legacy continues through nonprofit agencies across Iowa. His life will be honored by a variety of community service projects on January 17th. Be part of the MLK Day of Service. To check information on volunteer opportunities near you go to www.volunteeriowa.org.

Driving Under the Influence



A [new report](#) states that the number of teenagers receiving prescribed narcotics has nearly doubled in the past 15 years. An alarming high percentage of teenage drivers killed in fatal crashes had legally prescribed drugs in their system. [Read more.](#)

Youth Job Seekers

The Iowa Workforce Development has created a website to provide resources for youth seeking job opportunities. Services on this site help youth make informed decisions. Additional information is posted concerning federal and state law regulations of young workers entering the workforce. To learn more about student and youth jobs and careers, visit: <http://youthforiowa.org/>

Department of Human Rights Focus on Youth

The Department of Human Rights turns its attention to the next generation of Iowans. Five new AmeriCorps members have been carefully selected to fulfill Iowa's State of Promise program. Andrea Hall is the youth coordinator for the Office of Native American Affairs. Andrea is presently conducting surveys to find what is most important in young Native Americans' lives. She will develop programs and strategies to address the youth issues identified in the survey results. If you have any suggestions or comments please email:

andrea.hall@iowa.gov.
Look for more about AmeriCorps members in next months edition of the ICYD Insider.



A Note from Our Chair

Governor Branstad has appointed Isaiah McGee to be the director of the Department of Human Rights (DHR), so I will be stepping down on January 14th. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your commitment to youth development issues in Iowa. I regret that I will not be able to see firsthand the fruition of the ICYD Council's efforts and continued successes.

Iowa is embarking on new territory, as there will be new leaders in all three branches of government, the Executive Branch, in the Iowa House in the Legislative Branch, and three new Supreme Court Justices in the Judicial Branch. My final message is simple as these new leaders take their positions and start their work. I ask them to think of this question before taking action: "Is it good for youth?" If the answer is no, then let's work together to find ways to make it so.

-Preston Daniels

SIYAC Update

My name is Jeff Critchlow and I attend Carlisle High School. I am a first year member of SIYAC, and I am serving as a member of the Youth Outreach Committee as well as the Service Chair for SIYAC. The Youth Outreach Committee has been hard at work and is playing a supportive role for the KWAKers organization. We are assisting them when the opportunities arise. Our MLK day project will be taking place on January 17th at the Lifeline Youth Center in Des Moines. We will be interacting with the youth from 2-6. If you have any questions regarding SIYAC, the Youth Outreach Committee, or the MLK day project, please contact SIYAC coordinator Allan.Tritch@iowa.gov (515) 725-2836.