



March 19, 2009 Meeting

Next meeting: April 16, 2009 at 12 noon, South Side Community Center

I. Delinquency Prevention Think Tank

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The Delinquency Prevention Think Tank took a look at what our community, Tippecanoe County, really looks like compared to what the industry says is top risk factors based on census data. The top areas of focus were the need for role models and mentoring first and that early intervention is the best prevention, which came out as the top focus for the Child Abuse Prevention Think Tank.

The group discussed the need for a common language so that communication between agencies/community members will be clear. The group also discussed how to have better outreach, not just the focus on prevention, but how to connect people to the bigger picture and get them involved.

Leaders in the field are now working towards getting programs with best practices. The discussion at both Think Tanks led to a change in the summit. The second portion of the summit will be a brainstorming session.

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Andrew Antonio, Ivy Tech – Ivy Tech has a couple of programs coming up geared toward High School students such as Networking Day and Alternative Fuels Day. Please visit the Ivy Tech website for more information.

Heather Wenig, CFRC – Youth Underground (YUG) has space for more school aged children for free, safe afterschool care. Kids in K-6th grade are welcome to join planned activities and recreation from 3:00pm-5:30pm M-F at the South Side Community Center, 330 Fountain Street. Please call Heather for more info, 743-5046.

Laura Carson, United Way – United Way is supporting the online registration for the upcoming summit. There are lots of registrations already coming in.

Jill Hostetler, Family Promise – Family Promise is a shelter for the homeless that uses area churches for evening shelters. The families/individuals follow up in the day with Case Management. Please help spread the word.

Rebecca Bryant, Debra Corn – Still need help finding foster families for Teens. If anyone is interested or knows someone who would like to help, please have them call Debra Corn Agency.

Rachel Debelak, 21st Century Scholars – Busy enrolling students in 6th-8th grade . Please contact the 21st CS office for applications.

Don Roush, Lafayette Police Dept. – Going on the second year of the Victims Assistance program in partnership with CFRC. Have hired 2 additional part time assistants to the program.

Lisa Brooks, Juvenile Alternatives – Has had great success with the Truancy Prevention Education (started at Jeff). This program teaches those students that have not been referred to juvenile probation yet on what will happen if they are referred. There are Kindergarteners that are being referred for truancy mostly because of lack of transportation.

Many McIlwain, Teen Court – TACT (Teens Affecting the Community Today) teen community service program is getting started.

Andy Woodall, Faith Baptist – A Job Loss support group has started out at Faith. Summer programs are getting started. Please check the Faith website for more information.

Peggy Bylund, Drug Free Coalition – Educational event for parents/adults will be held on April 17th at City Hall about prescription drug abuse and over the counter drug abuse.