



April 16, 2009 Meeting

Next meeting: May 21, 2009 at 12 noon, South Side Community Center

I. CAPE Report Update

Pam Houlton

April 15th was the first night of Kindergarten Round Up for LSC. There were 130 kids at this first meeting. Materials and programs were developed by asking Kindergarten teachers what students need to know prior to entering Kindergarten. This program gives parents and children those tools to have a successful transition into school. At the end of the programs, supplies are handed out to each child such as glue, scissors, crayons, etc.

The summer programs for Kindergarten Transition are being revamped this year. We are moving to more of a home-based model. The coordinator will visit families that need assistance. This is a community wide project. If anyone knows of a family that needs assistance, please let Emily Barker know. (ebarker@cfrc.org, 449-0487)

Sustainability: As part of our grant, we must show that we are working towards sustainability. We started accepting CCDF vouchers for services. Right now, we are capped. Towards October, we will be able to accept more vouchers.

2 clients in the CAPE program have received their LPN's. One is currently employed.

II. Fundraising Project – Purdue Boiler Communication Group

Stephanie Woodward and Natalie Baye

Boiler Communication is part of the Public Relations Student Society of America. This is their third year in operation. BC would like to hold a fundraiser benefiting Our Kids. Their plan is to hold a Video Game Tournament on Sept 12th. This will be totally run by BC in order to give their group some hands on experience in PR and event planning. More plans to come.

III. College Success Coalition

Susan Tharp and Jason Carter

Learn More Indiana is working with 21st Century Scholars to help grow the College Success Coalition. Our Kids sounded like a great fit to start the College Success Coalition. The goal is to get 10,000 more kids into college each year. This year

there were more kids at College Goal Sunday than ever before. We really want kids to fill out their FAFSA forms during this time (important to hold the event at a place with computers so that families have the opportunity to apply right away.)

FAFSA Friday is a web based event on the Learn More website. The event helps families sign up for FAFSA. Families can ask questions and advisors are available to help them register. We are trying for FAFSA Friday for each Friday in the month of February.

Learn More would like to use the Our Kids meeting as the Coalition Meeting 3 times a year (since most people are associated with both programs). The Coalition will help spread the word about College Success.

What is needed:

Champion – someone with “star power” that will help spread the message.
Regional Chair – this person will assist in identifying potential coalition members, assist in meeting agendas, facilitate the meetings, and help advance the work of the Coalition.

The Community Coordinator is Audrey Rowe from 21st Century Scholars. She will help with administrative support, communication, and help coordinate meetings.

Long Term:

Jason Carter (21st CS) has a list of former members and identified some new prospects. We will need to develop our own strategy for our region. We would like to incorporate the Coalition message into Our Kids.

Summer Events:

Ivy Tech Nights (3pm-5pm, once a month): For 21st CS families to tour the school and have a short presentation. Ivy Tech Nights can be open to the community.

There are free resources available from Learn More Indiana. Please visit the website at www.learnmoreindiana.org

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Summit Information: Connections Count

Monday, May 4th, 2009

8am- 3:30pm

Christ United Methodist Church

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Please visit www.ourkidstippecanoe.org or www.uwlafayette.org/INRN.html to register

Stephanie and Natalie – Pop Cap drive at Purdue to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Bring your pop caps on April 24th.

Aaron Johnson – Hired new probation officers that will help with immediate assessments

Rebecca Humphrey – Drug Free Coalition meeting on April 16th from 7pm-8pm

Ben Gleason – GLOW: the summer engagement project at Wabash is being planned. This program is to help continue treatment during the summer months. It runs from July 15-July 24. Please contact Wabash Valley with any questions

Debra Corn Agency –

Fundraiser Dinner and Talk on Sept 17th. Fund will go to Debra Corn Agency to help with things like prom and school pictures – the extras that sometimes don't get paid for.

Picnic at Columbian Park on July 25th – to give support to foster parents and to help recruit new foster parents.

Steve Wilson – Parent Drug Prevention Survey will be distributed shortly. This survey will help PhD student Julie Delaney. Parents with children in 7th – 11th grade can take the survey. www.surveymonkey.com/padp **Questions:** Please email Julie Delaney at delaney@purdue.edu or call her at (765) 807-0766.