



February 19, 2009 Meeting

Next meeting: March 19, 2009 at 12 noon, South Side Community Center

I. Summit Planning Information

Pam Biggs-Reed, CFRC

Please send an email to PBR if you are interested in helping out with the summit. E-registration is available for the summit (more information to come).

White paper on Child Abuse in Tippecanoe County helped define the focus of 2009 summit. Next week, there will be another think tank on juvenile delinquency. Information discussed at this think tank will be included in the summit as well. Our Kids will help provide guidance to get this information into the community. Our Kids will also help identify best practices and evidence based curriculum to help move toward our goals as defined by the summit.

II. The role of Our Kids in 2009

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Working towards the summit: During the think tanks the committees determined top priorities to the problem statement (see white paper). For those priorities, Our Kids will help identify who is doing what well, how we get more resources, and how we expand and teach others how to do the same thing effectively. The things that come out of the brainstorming sessions at the summit will feed back into the work being done at Our Kids.

Connection Count: It is important not only for us to connect to kids, but to connect to each other as service providers in order to move forward.

The white papers for both Child Abuse Prevention and Juvenile Delinquency will be posted on the Our Kids website.

At the next meeting, we will form groups around the priorities from both think tanks to help move the summit forward.

III. Title II Updates

Jenni Murtaugh, CFRC

In 2008, Title II funding was dropped from \$50,000 to \$12,000. We are currently on target for spending. The Connections Count Campaign is paused for now because of the lack of funds. We estimate that the startup for the campaign will cost \$22,000. We need ideas for fundraising. Please email Jenni Murtaugh if you have any suggestions.

IV. Good of the Order

(Updates on programs, and summit ideas)

Jenni Murtaugh – 277 members currently on file for Youth Underground. CFRC closed YouthLink and Triangle Park. We are working with families to find affordable summer camp opportunities.

Laura Carson – 2 new direct service programs at United Way: IDA (Individual Development Accounts) and FamilyWize (a discount prescription program). UW has trained a staff member in case management for the IDA program. More new will be available on how to refer clients to the programs.

Mandy McIlwain – Mandy is putting together a Teen Community Service program made of both offenders (Teen Court and Juvenile Probation) and community teens that want to be more involved. The purpose is to change perception of Community Service. She is planning on one action day a month like cleaning or painting around the community.

Heather Wenig – Going along with providing a safe place for kids and families, Heather has partnered with the Lafayette Area Gymnastics Club to host a free gym night at the South Side Community Center and at LAGC once a month.

Dr. Steve Wilson – Through the CAPE care research project, it was discovered that there needed to be more structure to the Parenting Meetings. CAPE purchased Incredible Years, an evidence based curriculum for parenting classes. There will be 2-3 people trained in March.

Mike Piggott – PALS, Purdue Athletes Life Success Program, will serve 300 kids from Tippecanoe County this summer at 5 week summer day camp. Originally the program focused on sports, but now includes art and computers. The new age group this year is 8-14 yrs old. Kids are referred through the free lunch program at school.

Deanna Tirrell – Focus on volunteer opportunities for all ages. More phone calls coming in from people who want to help.

Jenifer Cioni – New multi-age classrooms opened at Tippecanoe County Child Care. Resource Network has a new rating system for parents to help identify in-home childcare.

Rebecca Bryant – Debra Corn agency is attending more fairs to help increase publicity. There is a need for foster care homes for sexual abuse teens. It is important to get those teens into a home environment instead of residential care.

Andrew Antonio – Lilly rooms at Ivy Tech are available for community use. They can fit up to 250 people. Nursing and Health/Human service programs at Ivy Tech need to fulfill community enrichment hours. If you have opportunities for students, please email Andrew. Saturday, Feb 28th, Ivy Tech will host Discover Ivy Tech Day. People can meet with program chairs, financial aid and career services. Career Services program is open to the community.

Ellen Phelps – Project Safe Neighborhoods – Anti-gang web information is very helpful. What happens to the students that are undocumented? Young Audiences

(program out of Indy) is working with Murdock and Glen Acres on literacy and art programs.

Rhonda Ooms – Evangelical Covenant Church is looking for more ways to help in the community. This is their second year helping with lunch at Miller and serving dinner at Youth Underground.

Andy Woodall – 1st Friday childcare offered at Faith is growing. They are finding more ways to provide meaningful Community Service opportunities for teens. They are putting more classes together for job prep – resume building, Word, Excel – to help improve skills. This has come about through some of the support groups offered at Faith.

Allison Dowty – JAMS program is currently at max.

Trisha Kiser – Sending 3 to training to teach smoking cessation classes.

Rebecca Humphrey – 2 new programs: Aggression Replacement and Girls Circle. They are working on a boys group. The plans for the juvenile center are on hold for the next 3 months.

Kristen Frank and Kristi Pires – Challenge Day at Jeff is scheduled for March 16, 17, 18. They are still in need of 25 adult volunteers. Please contact them if you are interested.

Sadie Scott – NAACP meeting on Monday Night. Youth are welcome at the meeting. They have plans for a drill team for area students. It is open to anyone.

Odessa Oayegdula – Drill team for NAACP is using Jeff high school for practice. Odessa is a trained mentor and likes to work with troubled youth.