



January 22, 2009 Meeting

*Next meeting:* February 19 at 12 noon, South Side Community Center

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## **I. Discussion of Summit Planning Meeting from December**

James Taylor, United Way

Child Abuse Prevention Summit has been moved to April to help celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month. The committee feels that we have done a great job raising awareness in about the issues. Our new goal is to bring those that are interested in helping out, but may have a smaller time commitment than those that are CASA's for example. The question is how we get those folks involved.

The first step was to create an outline of barriers. Pam Biggs-Reed, Angela Smith Grossman, Judge Rush, and Dr. Steve Wilson created a white paper on the issues (will be posted on Our Kids site).

The Committee, made up of 30 members, met in December to look at the white paper and discuss causes to child abuse/neglect (barriers). The Committee also talked about ways to address those issues/barriers that are specific to Tippecanoe County. It was determined that child abuse prevention was put on social workers. The goal is to move the awareness and responsibility on the community as a whole.

The next step is to create another white paper on delinquency issues. From there, a Committee will meet to discuss the white paper, like the child abuse prevention committee.

The goals of the summit will be born out of the work that the 2 committees are doing.

## **II. Good of the Order**

Introduction of Mandy McIlwain – CFRC's new Juvenile Justice Specialist.

Laura Carson of United Way is helping out with the Our Kids website.

Mentors are needed at Miami Elementary School for a commitment of 2-2 ½ hours per week. Please contact Debbie Gutwein at 772-4800.

LARA's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Spelling Bee is now accepting registration. The Spelling Bee is on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Sunnyside Middle School. Please call LARA at 476-2920 for more info.