

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

CELEBRATE WITH
31 DAYS OF MENTORING



January is National Mentoring Month! Look for highlights, resources, and activities throughout the following:

- 31 Days of Mentoring article in the January 2008 issue of ORG Magazine
- OFBCI 31 Days of Mentoring Booklet
- OFBCI Give.Receive.Mentor website at www.IN.gov/ofbci/2402.htm
- OFBCI Give.Receive.Mentor E-Newsletter www.IN.gov/ofbci/2505.htm
- Share your mentoring experiences at www.in.gov/ofbci/2444.htm
- Share What You Know...Mentor a Child! Make a New Year resolution to mentor a child in 2008
- www.whomentoredyou.org
- Weekly mentoring updates in OFBCI Friday Night Facts
- Alliance of Youth Mentoring Agencies' *Celebrate the Power of Mentoring* Luncheon and Expo on January 25, 2008 held at the Omni Severin Hotel

31 Days of Mentoring is designed to be a tool for current mentors and individuals interested in becoming mentors. For those seeking to become a mentor we have featured (FEATURE) thirteen Indiana mentoring agencies and 18 activities (ACTION) for those who are currently mentors/mentees to take part in during January's 31 Days.

WEEK THREE OF 31 DAYS OF MENTORING

January 13, 2008—ACTION: THE CARING CONTAINER

Make a list of all the acts you can do using your time, talents, and treasures. Cut each of them out and place them in a jar (container). Set a day, once a week, to select one item from the jar. Each week before selecting a new act from the jar take time to discuss what you did and how you felt with others in family, school, or community.

January 14, 2008—FEATURE: 100 BLACK MEN OF INDIANAPOLIS

Their mission is "Black men giving real time to positively impact the development of youth in our communities". As the 100 Black Men of Indianapolis, Inc., they envision a future where the strength of our youth development programs and collective partnerships with our communities and schools, positively impact the mental, physical, moral and spiritual development of young people.

January 15, 2008—ACTION: SKATING

This is purely for fun and exercise. Enjoy Mentor/Mentee time at your local roller or ice skating arena.

January 16, 2008—FEATURE: JOHN MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL, U.S. DREAM ACADEMY

The U.S. Dream Academy is a youth-focused program that speaks to the alarming cycle of inter-generational involvement in the criminal justice system, effectively lifting the children of prisoners, and those falling behind in school, out of this devastating cycle.

January 17, 2008—FEATURE: BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Big Brothers Big Sisters is about being there in a child's life when a twinkle comes into their eye, and being the reason why it happened. It's about little moments creating big magic in a child's life. They don't need special skills or even lots of time. They have fun and in doing so, broaden the horizons in a child's life. The volunteer and the child gain a rich friendship, which results in a fulfilling and positive experience.

January 18, 2008—ACTION: FAITH, SOUL, AND ROCK AND ROLL

Enjoy a free, fun evening of music, mentoring, and mocha featuring a variety of choral ensembles, stories About the Power of Mentoring, and fine desserts and coffee on January 18th, 7 PM-10 PM, at Second Baptist Church, 3705 Kessler Blvd. North Drive, Indianapolis.

January 19, 2008—ACTION: CURIOUS GEORGE AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The insatiable curiosity of Curious George—the little monkey who has captured the imagination and hearts of millions of children and adults for 67 years—comes to life in a new exhibit at The Children's Museum. The exhibit encourages young children's natural curiosity as they explore science, math and engineering through hands-on, interactive play. Visitors will recognize familiar characters, including The Man with the Yellow Hat, and places featured in the classic stories and television series now on PBS Kids.

To explore the benefits of mentors and mentees volunteering together, read "The Ripple Effect," a fall 2007 article found in "The Tutor." http://nationalservicerresources.org/filemanager/download/learns/The_Ripple_Effect_fall07.pdf



Online Registration Now Open!

Online registration is now open for the 2008 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism! Those wishing to register at the discounted Early Bird rate may go to <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2472.htm> to register for an event that is not to be missed!

OFBCI and Indiana Campus Compact have partnered for this year's conference, which spans two days and features 75 breakout sessions spread across seven (7) tracks. Special highlights include: a conference service project; recognition of some of Indiana's most dedicated volunteers; and networking opportunities for volunteers and professionals in the fields of service learning, national service, volunteer management, youth development, and nonprofit management.

For a complete listing of breakout sessions, a conference schedule, and other information, download the conference registration mailer by visiting http://www.in.gov/ofbci/files/Final_Draft.pdf. Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to develop professionally and network with your peers from across the state!

Don't forget these 3 things...

PLEASE!!

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is seeking nominations for recipients of the **2008 Governor's Award for Volunteer Service - Indiana's Most Prestigious Celebration of Volunteerism**. Please help us by nominating a deserving volunteer. The nomination form and program guidelines can be found at <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2509.htm>.

Nominations Now
Being Accepted For The

2008

GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR
VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Nominations Due by February 22, 2008



Capacity-Building Workshops Coming to a Town Near You???

OFBCI is in the process of creating a Capacity-Building Assistance (CBA) Program. Capacity-building is a term used to describe interventions that help Faith-Based and Community Organizations improve their infrastructure so they can accomplish their missions more effectively and efficiently. Examples include board of director development, financial management assistance, operations training, and direct financial assistance (operating support).

As we prepare to schedule workshops for the upcoming year, we are gathering information from interested organizations throughout Indiana. Your input could help determine the workshop focus and locations! **Don't forget** to complete the survey at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=0TzFYRBdvO2tHjCWjjU1uO_3d_3d or call 1-888-335-9490 for further information!

Check out upcoming training opportunities on the
OFBCI website at

<http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2414.htm>

If you have a training opportunity you would like considered for inclusion on the Training Calendar, please send the information to jgegel@ofbci.IN.gov



Breaking Bread For A Smokefree Indiana

You are invited to Hoosier Faith & Health Coalition's breakfast on Tuesday, January 22nd, from 8 to 9:30 AM at North United Methodist Church, located on the northeast corner of 38th Street & Meridian Street. Friends from various walks in the faith and health communities will share how secondhand smoke impacts our communities, why faith leaders should be concerned, and how we can help to lead our communities and congregations out of the smoke and into a state in which we can breathe free. Please RSVP by January 17th to Indiana Latino Institute, jleroux@indianalatinoinstitute.org or call 317-472-1055. Include your name, organization, title, religious affiliation (if applicable), mailing address and email address. For more information, visit www.hoosierfaithandhealth.org

Indiana State Conference on Sexual Violence

The Indiana Association of Forensic Nurses, Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Indiana Chapter of Child Advocacy Centers, Latino Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, and the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy present "The Face of Change" conference on March 4-5, 2008. Whether you are a school counselor, law enforcement officer, rape crisis advocate, teacher, prosecutor, or nurse, you will find the conference has something for you. You are invited to join them as they explore new and emerging trends and look at what is working to eliminate sexual violence. This conference will be at the Adam's Mark Hotel and Conference Center, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis. For more information, contact Diana Moore at 317-423-0233 ext. 10.



Community-based youth organizations and youth ministries are eligible to apply for funding to provide after-school tutoring to low-income students. The Indiana Department of Education provides federal Supplemental Education Services (SES) dollars to support these tutoring activities. Youth agencies must apply to the Department of Education and be selected for the state's approved list.

Unfortunately, registration for the technical workshop is now closed. You are encouraged to check their website at <http://mustang.doe.state.in.us/dg/ses/welcome.html> now for grant information and then again the first week of February to view a video of the workshops.



Grant Opportunities !!



The Volvo Adventure Award

Arranged in collaboration with the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) the Volvo Adventure Award rewards young people who run their own environmental projects. If you know of any groups of 13-16 year olds working on an environmental project they only have a few weeks to enter. To enter and register their project, visit www.volvoadventure.org before **January 31, 2008**.

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Innovative Reading Grant

SUMMARY: The American Association of School Librarians, with support from a group of publishing companies announces the Innovative Reading Grant. The grant is designed to support the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for children that motivates and encourages reading, especially among struggling readers.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The reading program must be specifically designed for children (grades K-9) in a school-library setting and encourage innovative ways to involve children in reading.

DUE DATE: February 1, 2008

AWARD AMOUNT: \$2,500

INFORMATION: <http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslawards/innovativereadinggrant/aasreading.cfm>

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Basic Center Program

SUMMARY: The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Basic Center Program (BCP), which is authorized by the Runaway and Homeless Act to address runaway and homeless youth (RHY) problems. BCPs provide an alternative for runaway and homeless youth who might otherwise end up with law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. Each BCP must provide runaway and homeless youth with a safe and appropriate shelter, individual, family, and group counseling as appropriate, and aftercare.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply.

DUE DATE: February 19, 2008

AWARD AMOUNT: 91 awards totaling \$12.5 million

INFORMATION: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-ACYF-CY-0063.html>



***INDIANA* STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE PROJECT**

*Oral Histories, Community Service and Mentoring Provides Diverse Student Groups
Unique Opportunities to Learn From and Give Back to Community*

Program Sponsored by Indiana University and Corporation for National Service

December 11, 2007 - The Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, through a grant from the Corporation for National Service, has selected 15 Indiana schools to participate in a comprehensive national veterans service project called **VETS: Voicing Experiences Through Service**. This three year program, under the direction of Indiana University's Cate Hart, will provide hundreds of students – special needs and general education populations, the opportunity to participate in this groundbreaking new service program.

The VETS program provides students with multiple connections with and service to veterans. Program components are customized for each community based on interests, resources and needs and will include a wide range of activities such as one-on-one mentoring, special presentations in the class room, and team projects including service learning outings. Through these activities, students will collect and articulate the experiences of veterans and will submit over 120 final histories to the Library of Congress and the National Veterans History Project website. These histories will include audio, video and written formats as presented by students.

Through the program, students will gain a greater sense of self-worth, appreciation of the value of service, community inclusiveness, and life skills required to prepare for the transition into adulthood. This is particularly important to the special needs participants who normally have limited access to early work and community mentoring experiences. Learning from veterans with their global encounters with life changing transitions provides needed perspective to these students. Veterans will have the opportunity to share and preserve their memories and experiences while becoming mentors to the participating students.

“Two notable elements of this program are its inclusive nature and the fact that it allows students to see service from a new perspective. Each school will select a diverse group of students, including special education cohorts, to work collaboratively as the giver of service rather than their usual position as the recipients,” offered Cate Hart, program coordinator. “By sharing and learning from one another’s life experiences, students and veterans alike will see that no matter what their ability, they can make a valuable contribution to their community.”

Indiana University was the lead organization in writing the initial grant. National co-directors Dr, Sandi Cole and Dr, Teresa Grossi invited educators from Vermont and Maryland to join the consortium based on those states’ focus on and experience with inclusive intergenerational service programs. Once the grant application was accepted, the schools were then selected to reflect diverse populations within each state. Administrators then worked with individual teachers to identify grade levels, classes, and/or individual students to participate in the program based on their curriculum, interests and learning focus.

State advisory boards benefit from representatives from veterans groups, community partners, students, teachers, Area 10 Agency on Aging’s RSVP program, and government officials. Senator Richard Lugar’s office has been instrumental in the Indiana effort and has made valuable contributions to the advisory committee and the collection of Hoosier histories for the program.

Schools and local school coordinators that are participating include:

Aurora Alternative High School, Rebecca Rupert
 Barr Reeve High School, Jamie Underwood
 Bloomington Batchelor Middle School, Jeff Rudkin
 Bloomington North High School, Shaun Caudill
 Columbus Community School Corporation, Faith Thomas, Greg Lewis & Libby Arthur
 Eastern Green High School, Teresa Butler
 Edgewood High School, Jeff Carmichael
 Loogootee High School, Paula Ringwald
 Monroe County Community Transition Program, Jennifer Robinson
 North Daviess High School, Beth Smith
 Owen Valley High School, Brenda Davis and Mary Ackerman
 Warsaw High School, David Hoffert
 Washington High School, Debbie Rodimel

**For more information on the VETS program, contact Cate Hart at 812.855.6508 or camhart@indiana.edu.
 Information can also be found at www.iidc.indiana.edu/vets.**



10th ANNUAL

FREE ADMISSION AND LUNCH!

Peace Learning Center's

MLK FEST

Saturday, January 19, 2008

11am-3pm

Christian Theological Seminary

sw corner of Butler University
1000 W 42nd Street, Indy

**MUSIC ART DRUMS
POETRY THEATER
COMMUNITY FAIR**

More info at
www.peacelearningcenter.org
317.297.8500





Indiana Leadership Association

supported by the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs
presents

Leading Indiana to New Horizons:
a series of five facilitated days of learning on community
leadership capacity themes held from
June 2007 through August 2008



Asset-Based Community Development in Action

Hendricks County Fairgrounds—Danville, IN —February 5, 2008— 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is a powerful approach to community development that will focus your effort on discovering and mobilizing the resources that are already present in a community. It comes from three interconnected activities: discovering local assets, connecting these local assets to work together, and then creating opportunities where these assets can be productive and powerful together. This workshop is for people engaged in the practice of community mobilizing and community development. The practical, experiential workshop will also be useful to people who manage, support or invest in community development projects to build stronger communities.

DIRECTIONS: From I-465, take US36/Rockville Rd. exit in Avon. Go west on US36 to the intersection with Old US36. Go northwest on Old US36 to the intersection with County Road 200 East.

From I-74, take Brownsburg exit. Go south on SR267 to the intersection with US36 in Avon. Go west on US36 to the intersection with Old US36, and go northwest on Old US36 to the intersection with County Road 200 East.

From I-70, take SR267 exit in Plainfield. Go north on SR267 to the intersection with US36 in Avon. Go west on US36 to the intersection with Old US36, and go northwest on Old US36 to the intersection with County Road 200 East.



Hendricks County Fairgrounds
1900 E. Main Street
Danville, IN 46122
317-718-6154
www.4hcomplex.org

Member Registration Fee:

Community Team of 2 *preferred*: \$100 (3+ people: \$40 per person)
Individual: \$60

Non-member Registration Fee:

Community Team of 2 *preferred*: \$120 (3+ people: \$50 per person)
Individual: \$75

Annual ILA Membership Fee:

Individual: \$35 Organization: \$75

Register by visiting:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=YgUkFG2fPCgUXWITJ804gXg3d3d>

Contact Annie Hernandez at 317.636.5323 or
annie@leadershipventures.org with questions.

For more info email: info@indianaleadership.com

LODGING Near Danville:

Avon: Super 8 Motel, 317-272-8789 www.midwesthospitality.com
Single adult rate for 1 night: \$70.00 + tax

AGENDA

- 9-10:00 a.m.** Registration/Networking Time
Discovering What People Care Enough About to Act
- 10:45 a.m.** Break
- 11:00 a.m.** *People & Programs: We Need Both*
Starting an ABCD Community Partnership
- 12:30-1:15 p.m.** Lunch
- 1:15 p.m.** *Asset Mapping: From Mapping to Mobilizing*
Agencies: Leading by Stepping Back

ABCD for Inclusion from Client to Citizen
- 4:00 p.m.** Conclusion



Facilitator:
Mike Green

Mike Green is a community organizer who is affiliated with Jody Kretzmann's Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Institute in Chicago. He is the author of *When People Care Enough to Act*. Mike has worked for over twenty years as a community organizer and trainer. He has experience developing urban and rural resident organizations, congregation based organizations, and community partnerships to address social and economic issues. Mike has also worked in business, having started three different companies. Mike is a licensed clinical social worker (M.S.W.) and family therapist. Mike helped start a small public school in Denver based on ABCD principles. For more information, visit www.mike-green.org.