

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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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 FOUR OF 31 DAYS OF MENTORING

January 20, 2008—ACTION: GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY

Learn about your community and how to make it stronger and healthier.

January 21, 2008—ACTION: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR CELEBRATION

Join the Indiana Museum of Arts as we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be a program featuring special guests and community leaders, family art making activities, performances by area choirs and other activities.

January 22, 2008—FEATURE: AIM (Aftercare in Indiana through Mentoring)

The AIM program is in operation within several of Indiana's juvenile correctional facilities. Mentors are given flexibility in deciding their weekly schedule, assigned youth and facility. Some mentors choose to mentor youths already released from incarceration. AIM is located throughout the state in the following areas: Gary, South Bend, Fort Wayne, Lafayette, Kokomo, Indianapolis, Bloomington, Evansville, and Terre Haute.

January 23, 2008—ACTION: DEVELOP BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP-INDIANA FARM BUREAU

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance believes one of the best and most important ways we can "give back" is by supporting and encouraging the next generation. Investing in our young people today is a solid investment in our state for tomorrow, which is why our corporate citizenship efforts focus especially on programs to benefit our Indiana youth.

January 24, 2008—FEATURE: JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS OF INDIANA MENTOR PROGRAM

The mentoring program enhances individual potential by assisting students in defining career and educational goals and by motivating students to grasp opportunities and aspire to higher achievement. The program motivates students through a crucial period and encourages and stimulates the kind of thinking and life planning that not only helps the young people themselves but their ability to contribute to society.

January 25, 2008—ACTION: ALLIANCE OF YOUTH MENTORING AGENCIES' Celebrate the Power of Mentoring

*Luncheon: 11:30 AM—1:00 PM (\$20); Mentor Expo: 10:30 AM —1:30 PM
Location: Omni Severin Hotel, 40 West Jackson Place, Indianapolis, IN 46225
Contact Information: Ida Zavala, 317-472-3705, email izavala@bbbsci.org*

January 26, 2008—ACTION: PEANUTS AT BAT EXHIBIT

South Shore Together with our partners, create and strengthen connections between the socially and culturally diverse communities along the South Shore through: the every kid program, quality arts instruction, regional, national and international exhibitions, and funding for the arts.



The 2008 Governor's Conference: Designed with YOU in Mind

In planning the 2008 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism, we wanted to do everything we could to respond to those suggestions that participants made at the 2007 conference, while striving to maintain those elements that our attendees love about this event. Here are just a few of the improvements we've made this year in response to your suggestions:

- **Lower Cost of Attendance.** We've moved the conference out of downtown to the Sheraton at Keystone at the Crossing, where parking is free. We've also lowered our general registration fees slightly, to allow for smaller organizations with limited budgets to attend.
- **The Communication and Marketing Track is back.** In response to your suggestions, we've brought back the Communication and Marketing track from the 2006 conference, which features new breakout sessions that will help you to improve your interpersonal communication, media relations, and marketing skills.
- **More Advanced Topics.** You asked for more advanced content, so we've doubled the size of our Volunteer Management and Capacity-Building tracks, with half of the sessions dedicated to introductory topics and the other half dedicated to more advanced topics.
- **More Sessions.** This year's program includes 75 breakout sessions spread across seven (7) tracks. That means that during each time slot, you have 7-8 sessions to choose from!
- **Higher Education Service-Learning Track.** We've partnered this year with Indiana Campus Compact to put this conference together and have created an entire track focused on service-learning in higher education, designed by practitioners from over a dozen colleges and universities from across the state.

This is just a sampling of the highlights of the 2008 conference. As always, you can expect this event to be a time of learning, networking, celebration and service that is unparalleled in Indiana. In the coming weeks, check the Friday Nights Facts for more highlights of the 2008 Governor's Conference, and be sure to check out our conference website: <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2472.htm>.

Governor's Awards Nominations Now Being Accepted Online!



As you know, nominations are now being accepted for the 2008 Governor's Awards for Volunteer Service. What you may not know is that now you can submit paperless online nominations by going to our website: <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2509.htm>.

The Governor's Awards are Indiana's most prestigious award celebrating the accomplishments of some of the State's most dedicated volunteers and practitioners. The awards are presented annually to outstanding Hoosier volunteers in six categories: youth, faith-based, national service, service-learning, general volunteerism, and lifetime achievement.

All nominees are recognized with a certificate of nomination, and award winners receive a beautiful plaque recognizing their efforts in improving the lives of fellow Hoosiers. Don't miss this opportunity to recognize those volunteers that really make a difference in your organization or community. Nominate a deserving volunteer today!

ISU AmeriCorps Program Hosts Special Guest



Congressman Brad Ellsworth met with several AmeriCorps Sycamore Service Corps and M3C members on the campus of Indiana State University on January 8. The Congressman came to the campus for the purpose of learning more about AmeriCorps members and their service to the community after meeting AmeriCorps Program Director Debbie Miller while she was on a family vacation to Washington, D.C.

After Miller described the structure, benefits, and requirements of the AmeriCorps Programs at ISU, Congressman Ellsworth listened as AmeriCorps members and site supervisors described their service at their host site. Sycamore Service Corps member Stephanie Land spoke about the disaster awareness training that she taught to over 2,200 elementary students and basic aid training to more than 1,000

4th graders through her placement at the American Red Cross. Another member, Bethann Smith, told about how she used her experience with music therapy at McMillan Adult Day Service to interact and build community with clients in their 90s. She told of an elderly man that created art work in dark and drab colors. After working with Bethann and experiencing the magic of music, he now paints in vivid colors.

AmeriCorps alumna, Crystal Thomas-Brown, spoke to the Congressman about her formation of the "Sweeties" group, a program for girls ages 10-14 at Ryves Youth Center, an inner-city community center. The Sweeties program, still active today, builds self-esteem and socialization skills through activities.

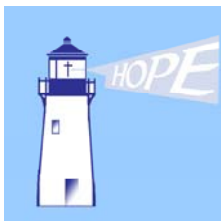
Bill Felts, Director of the 14th & Chestnut Community Center, spoke of the cohesiveness of the group of AmeriCorps members at his site. He went on to state that the monthly professional development sessions are of high quality and that they provide a high quality member.

Jim Edwards, Director, Ryves Youth Center, said that AmeriCorps members have provided service and started new programs that otherwise may not have been possible. He mentioned the boxing program as an example.

MaryAnn Clark, Director, Spectrum Industries reported on the difference that Lylia Forsyth made in the lives of the developmentally disabled adults. She used music to interact with the clients that normally would not participate. A video was shown that highlighted Lylia's service with the clients.

Congressman Ellsworth was appreciative of the opportunity to learn about the Sycamore Service Corps and Midwest Campus Compact Citizen Scholar Fellowship Program (M3C). He applauded the intensive service that members are providing to many non-profit agencies.

The American Association of Grant Professionals Central Indiana Chapter will be hosting their Membership Meeting and Education Session *From the Funder's Perspective: Developing a Sound Budget* on **Tuesday, January 22nd**, from 9 to 10 AM, at the English Foundation Building, Basement Rooms 6 & 7, 615 N. Alabama Street, Indianapolis. To RSVP or for more information, contact Ashley Hungate at ahungate@bmv.IN.gov or 317-234-4748.



Hearts for Hope

A live benefit concert to help raise funds for the newly founded Beacon of Hope Center for Women, Inc. will be held on **Saturday, January 26th**, 6:30 PM, at Crestwood Village West, 230 Welcome Way Boulevard in Indianapolis. Tickets for this special event are \$10 each or \$25 per family. For more information please call 317-201-8389 or visit <http://beaconofhopeindy.org/index.html>

Click below to check out upcoming training opportunities on the OFBCI website.

<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 jgeg@ofbci.in.gov





New Resources Offered To Rural Homelessness Organizations

Washington, D.C., Jan. 15, 2008 – A new Rural Homelessness Capacity Building program launched this month will support the work of faith-based and community-based organizations serving homeless populations in rural America.

“Many small rural community organizations just don’t have the funding, networks, and information they need in order to help their homeless neighbors,” explained Moises Loza, executive director of the Housing Assistance Council, which created the new program. “Through the Rural Homelessness Capacity Building program, they can access tools and resources that will enable them to better serve

homeless people.”

One-on-one technical assistance, audio web trainings, and online information will be available for rural homelessness provider organizations over the course of the three-year initiative. Selected organizations working in high need communities will also receive for grants to pursue training opportunities, purchase equipment, or undertake other activities that will improve their ability to meet the needs of homeless people in their areas.

RHCB is funded by a Department of Health and Human Services Compassion Capital Fund grant. The Housing Assistance Council is operating it with help from the National Alliance to End Homelessness. For more information about the program, visit <http://www.ruralhome.org/rhcbindex2.php> or contact RHCB staff at 1-877-842-RHCB or RHCBinfo@ruralhome.org.

Founded in 1971, the Housing Assistance Council is a national nonprofit corporation headquartered in Washington, D.C. that helps local organizations build affordable homes in rural America by providing below-market financing, technical assistance, research, training, and information services. HAC’s programs focus on local solutions, empowerment of the poor, reduced dependency, and self-help strategies. HAC is an equal opportunity lender.



The Small Business Administration will be conducting some regional meetings in Indiana. During the last week of January, the SBA will be visiting Anderson, Terre Haute, Lafayette, Richmond, Columbus, and Indianapolis. They will be holding regional lender training meetings and informational meetings about Patriot Express and Community Express. RSVPs are required. For more information, please contact Luann, 317-226-7272 x 114 or via email luann.lieurance@sba.gov

January 28, 2008: Anderson Library, 111 East 12th Street, **Anderson, IN 46016**
Lender meeting 1 PM.; Patriot Express meeting 3 PM; Community Express meeting 5:30 PM.

January 29, 2008: Small Business Administration, 8500 Keystone Crossing, Suite 400, Large Conference Room, **Indianapolis, IN 46240**
Patriot Express meeting 9 AM

Vigo County School Corporation, 686 Wabash Avenue, **Terre Haute, IN 47803** (Park in the garage across the street)
Lender meeting 1 PM; Patriot Express meeting 3 PM; Community Express meeting 5:30 PM

January 30, 2008: Tippecanoe County Public Library, Meeting Room B, 627 South Street, **Lafayette, IN 47901**
Lender meeting 1 PM; Patriot Express meeting 3 PM; Community Express meeting 5:30 PM

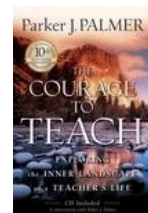
January 31, 2008: Small Business Administration, 8500 Keystone Crossing, Suite 400, Large Conference Room, **Indianapolis, IN 46240**
Community Express meeting 9 AM

Uptown Innovation Center, 814 East Main Street, **Richmond, IN 47374**
Lender meeting 1 PM; Patriot Express meeting 3 PM; Community Express meeting 5:30 PM

February 1, 2008: Chamber of Commerce, 500 Franklin Street, Training Room, **Columbus, IN 47201**
Lender meeting 11 AM; Patriot Express meeting 1 PM; Community Express meeting 4 PM

Parker J. Palmer, author of works such as *Courage To Teach* and *Let Your Life Speak* will be in Indianapolis for two events: a public keynote address on **January 31st** and to kick off a one-day leadership retreat on **February 1st**. These are two great opportunities to promote renewal in our communities and to expand your own thinking on leadership in our ever-changing world. These events are part of a celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the book *Courage To Teach* and an opportunity to invite leaders into the growing conversation about the role of integrity within our public and private lives.

Additional information and registration can be found at <http://www.courageindiana.org>



IBE State of Our Black Youth Report Unveiling

OMNI SEVERIN HOTEL

40 West Jackson Place

Indianapolis, Indiana 46225

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2008

9:30 a.m.–11 a.m.

(Doors open at 9 a.m. – FREE)

The 2007 report offers another look at the issues, solutions, and the status of support to challenges identified by the data. The report can be used for federal, state and local public policy efforts as well as to inspire family and community solutions.

And don't forget to celebrate the entire day with the Alliance of Youth Mentoring Agencies during National Mentoring Month.

Friday, January 25, 2008

Luncheon 11:30am-1:00pm

With Guest Speaker **Mr. Tarik Glenn** (retired pro-bowl offensive lineman for the Indianapolis Colts)

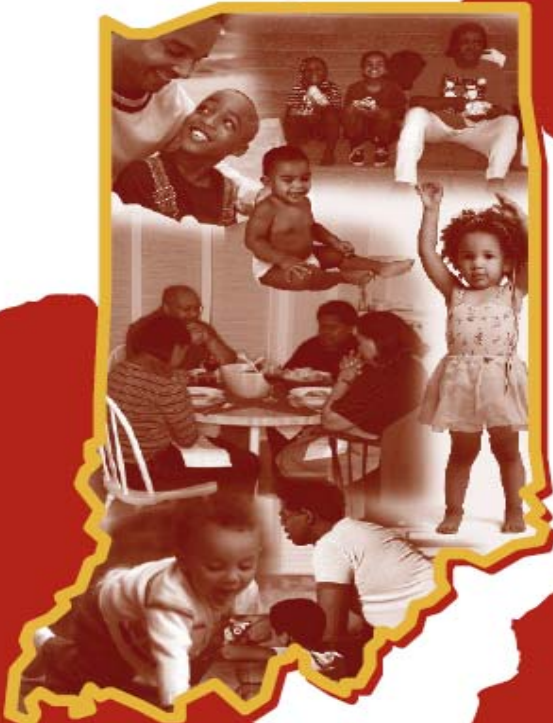
Must R.S.V.P. for lunch by calling (317) 472-3705

Join the Mentor Expo 10:30am-1:30pm (open to public)

All at the Omni Severin

Cost for Luncheon & Keynote:

\$20 per person; \$160 per table of 8



To find out more about this event, call (317) 925-2702 or visit www.indianablackexpo.com.

You're Invited!

- Learn what programs and services are eligible for Access to Recovery (ATR) funding.
- Discover how to become an ATR service provider.
- Meet other community and faith-based organizations in Indiana.

Please join the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for an educational and informational meeting on the President's Access to Recovery (ATR) program.



REGISTER NOW
www.atrinfo.com

Monday, February 4, 2008
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**The Indiana Government
Conference Center South
Conference Room C
402 West Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Faith-based and Community Organizations that provide a range of recovery support services (community-based services) including, but not limited to, transportation, relapse prevention, employment services, addiction education, and housing. Organizations must serve individuals with substance abuse issues within Allen, Elkhart, Lake, Marion, St. Joseph, Vigo and Vanderburgh counties.

REGISTER NOW:

Register on-line at www.atrinfo.com. Contact Sttaci Goodman at 202-828-5100 or by email at sttaci.goodman@altarum.org for additional information.