

# FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Make sure you finish up those last minute registrations—the Early Bird deadline is this afternoon at 5pm EST!!

Visit <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2472.htm> to register.

Don't forget to reserve your room at the Sheraton Indianapolis!  
The deadline for the special conference rate is Monday, March 10.

To reserve your room, call 1-888-627-7814 or visit <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0712104540&key=A0857>. If you call, make sure to mention the Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism to get the discounted rate of \$97/night. Your room and tax charges are to be paid directly to the hotel.

**Sheraton Fun Fact: Daytime and overnight parking is free!**





Just released, "The Teen Guide to Global Action" is an exciting new book that features stories of youth from over 30 countries who are making a difference and taking action on local and global issues. The book includes a rich and varied menu of opportunities for service, fast facts, hands-on activities, user-friendly tools, and up-to-date resources kids can use to put their own volunteer spirit into practice. To learn more, visit [http://www.freespirit.com/catalog/item\\_detail.cfm?ITEM\\_ID=584&CAT\\_ID=0](http://www.freespirit.com/catalog/item_detail.cfm?ITEM_ID=584&CAT_ID=0)

Community Connection is a new professional development opportunity that provides teachers from K-12 schools (public or private) with intensive training and support to implement service-learning programs in their schools.

To learn more, visit

<http://www.case.edu/mandelcenter/yps/training/communityconnection/>



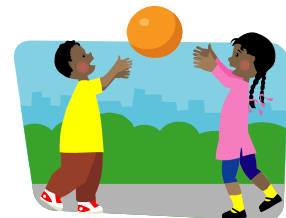
Applications are now being accepted for the Safe Schools – Healthy Students grant, which supports community-wide efforts to create safe and drug-free school environments. Plans must address school safety, violence prevention, substance abuse prevention (including tobacco and alcohol), social supports for students, mental health services and early childhood programs. The deadline is **March 14, 2008**. For more information, visit

[http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/consult-grant\\_detail.aspx?seq=20](http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/consult-grant_detail.aspx?seq=20)



Applications are also being accepted for a program that supports schools and community organizations that serve meals to low-income children during the summer months. The Indiana Department of Education is facilitating the federal Summer Food Service Program for Children. This program reimburses local sponsors that serve healthy meals and snacks to children and teens in low-income communities during the summer months. The deadline is April 28, 2008. For more information, visit <http://www.doe.in.gov/food/summer>

The Carol M. White Physical Education Program supports school districts, schools, youth agencies and faith-based organizations to start, expand or strengthen phys ed programs for K-12 students. The grant range is \$100,000 to \$500,000. Applications are due **March 24, 2008**. For more important information, visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/whitephysed/index.html>



Did you know...**March** is:

**Best Buddies Month:** <http://www.bestbuddies.org>

**Youth Art Month:** [http://www.crayola.com/calendar/detail.cfm?event\\_id=127&year=2](http://www.crayola.com/calendar/detail.cfm?event_id=127&year=2)

**National Nutrition Month:** <http://www.strength.org/>

**National Women's History Month:** <http://www.nwhp.org/>

**Red Cross Month:** <http://www.redcross.org/index.html>



Want to learn about the new community garden program? Provide input regarding the design and operation of the community garden? Sign-up for a garden plot or to volunteer? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you are invited to attend the one of the following Community Garden Information Meetings! Both meetings will be held at the Wabash Senior Citizens Center, 300 S. Fifth Street in Terre Haute on Monday, 3/3 from 7 PM to 9 PM and on Tuesday, 3/18 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. For more information, call 812-237-2334 or email [disbell@indstate.edu](mailto:disbell@indstate.edu)

### Walk MS: Indianapolis 2008

Volunteers are needed for walk MS: Indianapolis, a charity walk to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The Walk takes place on **March 15, 2008** in downtown Indianapolis and kicks off at White River State Park's Celebration Plaza in front of the NCAA Hall of Champions. It consists of a 1 mile walk or a 5k walk/run. Check-in for participants start at 7:30 a.m. and the Walk kicks off at 9:30 a.m. We need volunteers to help with setup (6:00 a.m.), through the event (registration, hospitality, route monitoring), and concluding with clean up (around 1:00 PM). There will be two shifts on Saturday, 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM and 9:45 AM to 1:00 PM. Volunteers are also needed for setup during the day on Friday, the 14th. The day is filled with hope and laughter and always proves to be a fun and inspirational day for the over 2500 participants.

To join Walk MS as a volunteer or walker, go to [www.nationalmssociety.org/ini](http://www.nationalmssociety.org/ini), call 1-800-344-4867, opt 2 or email [events@msindiana.org](mailto:events@msindiana.org).



### FREE GoGirlGo! Education Kits for Coaches, Teachers and Youth Program Staff

*Recognized with a Gold Award from the National Health Information Awards in both 2004 and 2006, GoGirlGo! offers free education curriculum and club memberships for girls!*

We already know the wonderful effects physical activity can have on girls. It can enhance their lives physically, emotionally and socially. GoGirlGo! combines physical activity with an educational intervention that focuses on reducing and preventing health-risk behaviors. In 2004 and again in 2006, the GoGirlGo! curriculum received a Gold Award from the National Health Information Awards.

With your guidance, the girls can learn how to cope with circumstances and change behaviors that threaten their well-being and embrace a physically active lifestyle.

There are two NEW versions of the GoGirlGo! curriculum -- one for girls ages 8-13 (3rd to 8th graders) and one for girls ages 14-18 (high schoolers). The material for the younger girls is focused on helping them understand various pressures they are faced with and make healthy choices for their body and mind. The high school material is focused on helping girls become leaders as they deal with the more mature challenges of being a teenager. Accordingly, there are two versions of the Official Coaches and Group Leaders Guide. These guides have been created to help walk administrators of this program through the process.

All of the materials are FREE. For more information or to place an order, call the Women's Sports Foundation at 800-227-3988.

The Indiana Department of Correction is honored to host the 2008 National Mental Health Conference titled, “**Unlock the Mystery: Managing Mental Health from Corrections to Community.**” The conference will be held **June 23-25, 2008** in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Adam’s Mark Hotel at the Indianapolis Airport. Now is the time for you to make your plans to be a part of this extraordinary event!



During “Unlock the Mystery,” participants will be afforded the opportunity to acquire promising practices employed by correctional agencies across the country. This conference will address solutions for managing the explosive growth of the mentally ill, substance abusing, and sex offender populations within the adult male, adult female and juvenile populations in jails and prisons.

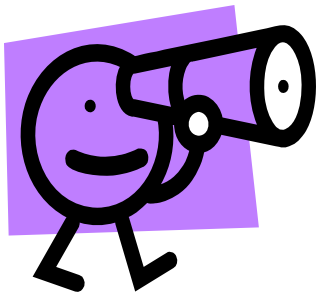
CEU’s will be awarded to professionals in attendance.

Participants will obtain an increased knowledge of the continuity of care from confinement to community-based supervision with the intention of preventing rapid decompensation.

#### Workshops topics will include the following:

- Tele Mental Health
- Forensic Diversion: Sex Offenders
- Forensic Diversion: Mentally Ill Offenders
- Public/Private Partnerships
- Therapeutic Communities for Substance Abusers
- Civil Commitment for Sex Offenders
- Penile Plethysmograph Technology
- Residential Treatment Unit/Chronic Care Unit
- Indiana Sex Offender Monitoring & Management – Phase II
- Indiana Sex Offender Monitoring & Management – Phase III
- Juvenile Intake/Diagnostic/Classification Process
- Sex Offender Treatment Education Units
- Managing Seriously Mentally Ill Offenders in Segregated Housing
- Gambling Research/Gamblers Anonymous
- Methamphetamine Units

For further National Mental Health Conference information, please email [unlockthemystery@idoc.in.gov](mailto:unlockthemystery@idoc.in.gov).



Looking for training opportunities?  
Check out the OFBCI Training Calendar 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](mailto:jgegel@ofbci.in.gov)