# FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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World
Presenter: Erica Bryant, Harmony Corps Youth Engagement Project

As youth learn to understand the world around them it is important that racial and cultural histories are honored. Oftentimes, a "young" person's connection to historical events/figures is skewed by the oppressive and dominant perspective. In this experiential workshop, youth practitioners will explore higher-order text and historical profiles in order to explore there beliefs and understanding of the past before facilitating programs intended for youth to confront the collective misremembering of the past.

Only one more week to register for the **2008 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism!**Visit <a href="http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2472.htm">http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2472.htm</a> to reserve your spot today!

VMA-07: High Tech, High Touch: Training Volunteers Via the Web

Presenter: Morgan Tilleman - American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis

This lecture will present an overview of the advantages and disadvantages of utilizing online training for volunteers, including examples of how different agencies are accomplishing this; self assessment exercises to help participants ascertain if online training is appropriate for them; the technology infrastructure needed for online training; and tools for developing an online training program for their volunteers.



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### Learn more about the Healthy Indiana Plan

Prescription Assistance between the ages of 19-64. Parents or caretaker relatives of children in the Hoosier Healthwise program are likely candidates for HIP.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Individuals must earn less than 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL). A single adult earning less than \$20,000, or families of four earning less than \$40,000 likely meet the basic financial requirements.
- Individuals must not have access to employer sponsored health insurance coverage.
- Individuals must be uninsured for the previous six months.

For more information, go to http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/ or call 1-877-GET-HIP-9.



### What is the Indiana Public Health and Assistance Helpline?

Did you know?... Mental Health America of Indiana, a Rx for Indiana partner, has aligned with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Division of Family Resources to provide a helpline to Indiana residents to answer questions about receiving cash assistance (TANF), Food Stamps and Medicaid. The helpline has highly trained, experienced staff authorized to assist persons on public assistance with related issues.

The helpline is currently available in the following counties: Cass County: 574-722-3984; Delaware County: 765-288-1924; Howard County: 765-459-0309; Wabash County: 866-774-3432.

The program has not yet been rolled out in all counties in Indiana, but stay tuned! For more information, call Cheryl Mc Nutt at Mental Health America of Indiana at 1-800-555-6424.



# March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month

## COLORECTAL CANCER THE MOST PREVENTABLE CANCER

Did you know that in the United States, someone turns 50 years old every 7.7 seconds and every 5 seconds, someone should get screened for colorectal cancer, but doesn't? It is currently felt that with proper screening, up to 90% of colorectal cancers can be prevented, depending on the screening test that is used. Yet, at this time, only about 45% of Americans have had any form of colorectal cancer screening.

#### FREE COLORECTAL CANCER RISK ASSESSMENT AND SCREENING

Beginning March 3, 2008, the American Cancer Society in collaboration with the Marion County Health Department, area hospitals and colon centers will be offering free colon cancer risk assessments for individuals calling 317-347-6670 or 800-233-6303 and free screenings for those who qualify.

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#### **Senate Passes Second Chance Act Reentry Legislation**

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Senate approved the Second Chance Act, legislation that seeks to help States and localities better address the needs of individuals reentering the community from the criminal justice system. The Second Chance Act would reauthorize a Department of Justice (DOJ) grant program for people returning to the community from incarceration; grants would be provided to

States and local areas to create or strengthen reentry systems by providing drug and mental health treatment, job training and education opportunities, housing and other necessary services. It will also authorize \$110 million each year for this grant program. In order to receive grant funds, applicants would be required to provide an analysis and identification of regulatory and statutory barriers to an individuals' reentry into the community. In addition, the legislation has a number of provisions requiring coordination between various agencies, including State substance abuse, child welfare, and criminal justice agencies. To read the complete article about the Second Chance Act, visit <a href="http://files.e2ma.net/2800/assets/docs/senate\_passes\_second\_chance\_act\_3\_2008.pdf">http://files.e2ma.net/2800/assets/docs/senate\_passes\_second\_chance\_act\_3\_2008.pdf</a>

Girls Helping Girls is a youth-led international nonprofit organization that partners girls in the United States with girls in schools and community organizations in developing countries to jointly identify problems in their communities and develop social change through micro lending projects to address those issues. To learn more, visit <a href="http://www.empoweragirl.org">http://www.empoweragirl.org</a>





Youth Service America has a tip sheet available which looks at the components of creating a Youth/Adult Partnership and what needs to be in place for a partnership to manifest into a sustainable relationship.

To learn more, visit

http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/tipsheets/youthvoice/Youth\_Adult\_Partnership.pdf

To read other youth voice tip sheets, visit

http://servenet.org/Toolkit/VolunteerResources/YouthVoiceResources/tabid/223/Default.aspx

Peer Partners is a youth volunteer group founded to help others in need. Peer Partners strives to bring the community together in volunteerism, advocating the prevention of youth smoking, hunger, illiteracy, homelessness, and birth defects, while supporting disaster relief efforts, funding community projects, providing peer support, and inspiring kindness. To learn more, visit http://www.peerpartners.org/





"Project Leadership" in Grant County is finding and enrolling eligible students into Twenty-first Century Scholars and then providing mentoring and tutoring that results in higher academic achievement. Learn how you can replicate this effective program in your community during a free audio

conference and webinar on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 10 AM (Indy time).

Pre-registration is required: http://www.iyi.org/audio\_conference\_OR\_1-800-343-7060

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The Indiana Minority Health coalition cordially invites you to attend the 2008 Minority Health Initiative Luncheon where they will take you on a "*Journey of Health: One Heart Beat at a Time*". Be informed, inspired and educated as you listen to compelling testimonials about the impact of heart disease! This informative luncheon will be held on **Wednesday**, **April 9**th, the doors open at 10 AM, luncheon beings at 11 AM, in the Grand

Ballroom at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, 350 W. Maryland Street. For more information and to register, call 317-926-4011.

The Alice M. Ross "Salute to Family" awards recognize outstanding families in Central Indiana that demonstrate togetherness, communication and commitment on a day-to-day basis, as well as perseverance and the ability to overcome challenges. Each year, a breakfast is held to honor these families. This year, as part of the Salute to Family Awards, Family Service is giving individuals, companies and organizations the opportunity to give their own Salute. For more information about this special tribute, visit <a href="https://www.family-service-inc.org">www.family-service-inc.org</a>



This year the breakfast will be held on **Wednesday**, **April 23rd**, at 8:00 AM at Riverwalk Banquet Center and Lodge, 6729 E. Westfield Blvd, Indianapolis, 46220. To purchase tickets or to become a table sponsor, please visit <u>www.family-service-inc.org</u> or contact Megan Graves at 317-644-7221.



✓ Goodwill's Celebration of Achievement Luncheon recognizes recipients of their annual awards. This year it will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at the Murat Centre, Egyptian Room, 502 N. New Jersey Street in Indianapolis. The speaker will be Allen Rucker, author of "The Best Seat in the House: How I Woke Up One Tuesday and Was Paralyzed for Life," and a book signing to benefit Goodwill will immediately follow the luncheon. For more information or to purchase tickets call 317-524-4313.

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 <a href="mailto:jgegel@ofbci.in.gov">jgegel@ofbci.in.gov</a>



"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself. "

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



## Nonprofits Take Note: Major Changes Affect 403(b) Plans

Nonprofit organizations need to learn about major changes in IRS regulations regarding 403(b) retirement plans—the first in more than 40 years.

The new regulations take effect as early as <u>January 1, 2009</u>. NOW is the time to learn about how they affect your organization and employees.

The Rathbun Group at Smith Barney are consultants who work with major retirement-plan providers. As a service to not-for-profit organizations, The Rathbun Group is presenting a

## Seminar on 403(b) Changes and Options

Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 8 – 10 a.m. (breakfast provided)

University Place Conference Center 850 West Michigan Street Indianapolis, IN 46202

Register and attend this seminar to learn about:

- Changes to 403(b) plans, mandated by the IRS to take effect 1/1/09
- Implications for nonprofit organizations
- How these changes can work to the benefit of nonprofit organizations
- Options and resources for implementing appropriate changes in your plan

#### Guest Speaker:

Connie Lookabaugh Vice President and National Consultant McCready and Keene, Inc.

#### Seminar courtesy of the Rathbun Group at Smith Barney

Josette C. Rathbun, CFP Senior Vice President - Wealth Management

Veronica L. Footé Financial Planning Specialist

Register by contacting Cynthia Holder, Registered Associate cynthia.l.holder@smithbarney.com 317-263-8743 or 800-624-2545 or register online at <a href="https://www.fa.smithbarney.com/rathbungroupsb">www.fa.smithbarney.com/rathbungroupsb</a>

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