

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED &  
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES:

**MENTOR THINGS  
TO DO:**

- ◆ FLY A KITE.
- ◆ GET TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS FROM WORK.
- ◆ GIVE A TOUR OF YOUR CURRENT JOB.
- ◆ GO BARGAIN HUNTING.
- ◆ GO ICESKATING / ROLLER-SKATING

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# Give. Receive. Mentor.

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## Indiana Mentor Advisory Council

*Invite You To Chit, Chat, and Chew At The*

### 2008 Mentor Conversation Cafe

The Indiana Mentor Advisory Council invites On-Line, School, Faith, Workplace, Community, and Agency Based Mentoring programs to sit down together to consider the major ideas, issues, and resources in the Indiana mentor sector today. We have created questions about the future, funding, accountability, sustainability, governance, youth engagement, and more.

Conversation Cafes are a simple way for friends and strangers to shift from small talk to BIG talk. The agreements guarantee respect. The process encourages every voice to be heard. The result is a free ranging conversation about what matters most.



## JOIN THE CONVERSATION



**WHEN:**

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:**

JUNIOR ACHEIVEMENT  
7435 KEYSTONE AVENUE  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

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### Conversation Agreement

- ◆ Suspend judgment as best you can.
- ◆ Go for honesty and depth but don't go on & on.
- ◆ Seek to understand rather than persuade.
- ◆ Disagree with respect.
- ◆ Question old assumptions, look for new insights.
- ◆ Keep the discussion moving and on track.
- ◆ Focus on the issue; not the person
- ◆ One person speaks at a time.
- ◆ Speak for yourself, not for others

**RSVP TODAY!**

## Target Local Store Grants Program

Target Corporation's Local Store Grants Program provides funding in the areas of arts, reading programs and family violence prevention.

To be eligible, organizations must be located in communities where Target does business. For communities offering unique opportunities outside the scope of the program's focus areas, Target provides each store limited funds for Target Gift Card donations, which are available March through December as funding permits.

Program deadline is Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information visit [target.com](http://target.com).

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## Tutor/Mentor Leadership and Networking Conference



In the Monday, April 29 Chicago Tribune, the feature story was "Hidden Wounds of Violence". It showed the destructive, long-term impact inner city violence has on urban youth. At the end of the article, a parent said "I try to get my kids into tutoring and mentoring programs". Read about this at <http://tutormentor.blogspot.com/2008/04/cabrini-green-kids-talk-about-violence.html>  
The Tutor/Mentor Leadership and Networking conferences are part of a 14-year strategy intended to help volunteer-based tutoring/mentoring programs grow in the areas where there are too many poorly performing schools, too much violence, and too few programs helping young people stay in school and prepare for 21st century jobs and careers.

**The next conference is May 29 and 30 at the Northwestern University School of Law, 365 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago.**

Workshops and panel discussions focus on volunteer recruitment, evaluation, networking of YMCAs, scholarship programs, professional and college athletes, and uses of technology for mentoring and marketing. Speakers include professional athletes, Olympians, business leaders, tutor/mentor program leaders, college faculty, more. See speaker bios at <http://www.tutormentorconference.org/speakers.asp>

## The Employer Role in Youth Development

On March 26, the Employment and Training Administration hosted a Webinar entitled, The Employer Role in Youth Development. The Webinar highlighted how two employers addressed the challenge of the role they play in youth initiatives. Guest Speaker Alexis Devine highlighted the Lifespan's Youth Development and Youth Employment Programs. In 2005, Lifespan, a health care system with four hospital affiliates in Rhode Island, developed a Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) in response to a need for youth opportunities and economic development in the communities that neighbor the hospitals. With great commitment from the organization's leadership, Lifespan has essentially created its own labor pool to fill its high growth/high demand positions while it is also preparing youth for their future. Another guest speaker Bill Workman described The Principal Life's partnership with area workforce development efforts including an initiative with the local school system and the Des Moines Area Community College. The Webinar session included an extended question and answer period. You must be a registered user of Workforce3One to listen to and view Webinars. To register to view this archive Webinar, visit: <http://www.workforce3one.org/>.

May 17, 2008 is  
State Farm Child Safety  
Day  
at the Anderson  
Wal-Mart  
10 a.m.—1 p.m.



Partners for Child  
Passenger Safety  
(PCPS)

*4 Key Safety Points*

- 1) Restrain your child on every trip, every time.
- 2) Keep your child in the back seat.
- 3) Use the best safety restraint for your child's size.
- 4) Use the child safety seats and belts correctly.

## breaking news!

 **YouthBuild** AMERICORPS  
Katrina Rebuilding Project

featured on 

National Public Radio recently broadcast a story from Gulfport, Mississippi, where YouthBuild AmeriCorps members are still hard at work rebuilding communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina. **To hear the story, click [here](#).**

Since July 2006, nearly 200 YouthBuild AmeriCorps graduates and students from across the nation have traveled to Gulfport to rehabilitate 175 hurricane-destroyed homes.

Now, to create a lasting community-based presence, YouthBuild USA has built a permanent YouthBuild AmeriCorps program in Gulfport with 35 low-income youth who are rebuilding homes in their own communities, while earning their GEDs and gaining hands-on construction experience. Members also have the opportunity to earn an AmeriCorps education award for post-secondary education.

This permanent project is now funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service through the Mississippi state service commission, and by the US Department of Labor. The Home Depot and various individuals also contributed needed flexible funds.

Conditions in Gulfport for low-income young people are still extremely difficult.

To find out more about the YouthBuild AmeriCorps Katrina Rebuilding Project, click [here](#).



## BAM! Boys Advocacy and Mentoring

**A Leader's Guide to Facilitating Strengths-Based Groups for Boys.** This guidebook describes The BAM! Boys Advocacy and Mentoring program which is designed for group facilitators who want to lead preventative boys groups designed to foster communication skills and emotional connections. Based on years of research and refined over the course of countless sessions run by the authors, the program has been field-tested and tailored for use either in the school setting or outside. Activities identified in the guide are designed to be engaging across age groups, and the individual exercises and program structure can be modified to fit into any existing school- or community-based mentoring system. The guidebook also contains all of the information and tools a facilitator needs in order to implement and maintain these boys groups. To view the publication, visit: <http://www.routledge.com/books/BAM-Boys-Advocacy-and-Mentoring-isbn9780415963183>



## A Stagnant Nation: Why American Students Are Still at Risk.

This report, developed by ED IN '08 explains that few of the National Commission on Excellence in Education's recommendations related to time, teaching and standards, have yet to be enacted. The report also notes that America's economic future remains gravely at risk. To view the report, visit: [http://www.edin08.com/uploadedFiles/Issues/Issues\\_Pages/EDin08\\_Stagnant\\_Nation.pdf](http://www.edin08.com/uploadedFiles/Issues/Issues_Pages/EDin08_Stagnant_Nation.pdf).

## Engaging Youth... On Their Turf



**Creative Approaches to Connecting Youth through Community.** This report focuses on the importance of involving at-risk youth in positive activities in order to combat teen pregnancy, substance abuse, dropping out and gang participation. The writers highlight six examples of programs that engage youth through parental involvement, athletics, service-learning, art, mentoring and youth empowerment. The publication also includes guidelines to help practitioners develop their own programs. To obtain a copy of the publication call (202) 547-8814, or visit: [http://www.healthyteennetwork.org/index.asp?Type=B\\_PR&SEC={2AE1D600-4FC6-4B4D-8822-F1D5F072ED7B}&DE={A376E296-EF63-46BA-AD21-5344B3C5F79A}](http://www.healthyteennetwork.org/index.asp?Type=B_PR&SEC={2AE1D600-4FC6-4B4D-8822-F1D5F072ED7B}&DE={A376E296-EF63-46BA-AD21-5344B3C5F79A})

## AYS

**Camp AYS Registration Fee Increases May 10th**

Be sure that your child has a safe, fun and enriching summer by registering now for Camp AYS. With locations in Noblesville, Washington Township, Center Township, Decatur Township and Northwest Hendricks County, Camp AYS gives children across central Indiana a great summer experience. You can receive the discounted \$25 registration rate if you register by May 9. After May 9, the registration fee for Camp AYS will increase to \$35. Join us this summer!

**Warm Up Your Walking Shoes!**

AYS has partnered with Walking for Dreams for the third year to raise funds for health enrichment supplies and equipment for AYS programs. Visit [www.walkingfordreams.org](http://www.walkingfordreams.org) to register to walk for AYS at the event on May 18. You can also give a pledge through the website to AYS or an individual AYS walker. We raised nearly \$1,500 at last year's event. Help us meet our goal of \$2,500 this year at <https://www.walkingfordreams.org/Donate.aspx>.

**AYS Fall Conference for Youth Professionals - August 5-7, 2008**

Title: Mix it Up! Creating the Perfect Recipe for Youth Professionals

A three-day conference for those working with children age early childhood to middle school. Get a jump start on the new school year by attending informative, fun and motivating sessions geared toward youth professionals. We are currently seeking presenters and vendors to share their "secret ingredients" to successful youth programming! Sponsors also welcome!

Place: IVY Tech Lawrence Campus - 9301 East 59th St., Indianapolis, IN

Click here for more information at: <http://www.ayskids.org/conference/register.htm>

Download Registration form: <http://www.ayskids.org/conference/AYS%20Fall%20Conference%2008%20Registration.pdf>

Questions Call: (317) 803-3134 x32 or [jwyrick@ayskids.org](mailto:jwyrick@ayskids.org)



**Early Bird Special**  
Buy One - Get One Free!

**Deadline:**  
June 27, 2008

**Teaching Children About Internet Safety & Community**

The Family Home Foundation and the Children's Way Foundation have collaborated to launch Woogi World, a program to harness the appeal of the Internet to teach kids K-6 how to BALANCE their lives through educational resources that will empower K-6 children to embrace the best of the Internet while avoiding the worst. In addition, the program offers motivational adventures designed to strengthen the bonds between family, friends, and community; as well as meaningful leadership experience in real-life community service activities. For additional information, visit

[www.woogiworld.com](http://www.woogiworld.com).

# May 2008

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

## AmeriCorps Week

<http://www.americorps.org/about/ameriCorpsweek/index.asp>

May 11—18

1 Denver, CO. McRel and the National Partnership for Quality Afterschool Learning - 2008 PEAK Afterschool Workshop Series. For more information contact: [peak@mcref.org](mailto:peak@mcref.org), or visit: <http://www.mcref.org/peak/>

2 Lawrenceburg Speedway Motorcycle-May 2008 Lawrenceburg Speedway - located at the Lawrenceburg Fairgrounds, U.S. 50 East in Lawrenceburg. Call 513-616-7093 night of races.

3 Free Comic Book Day at all Indianapolis Marion County Public Libraries For more information visit [www.imcpl.org/](http://www.imcpl.org/) or call (317) 275-4022.

4 Hoosier Regional Volleyball Tournament Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion Sat. 7 am-10 pm; Sun. 7 am-5 pm Admission: Free Scott McQueen (317) 839-5222 [www.capitolsportscenter.com](http://www.capitolsportscenter.com) IN State Fairgrounds



6 Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Conference San Francisco, CA; <http://www.bgca.org/>

7 IPS Celebration Concert Indiana State Fairgrounds Champions Pavilion Wed 7pm Admission: Free Linda Poulter (317) 226-4888

8 Youth Change Strategies to Teach & Counsel Troubled Youth Conference - Seattle, WA; <http://www.youthchg.com>



9 Stuart Sayger, Comic Book Artist at Indianapolis Irvington Branch Library 2 p.m For more information visit [www.imcpl.org/](http://www.imcpl.org/) or call (317) 275-4022.

11 Mother's Day



12 Washington, DC. National League of Cities - National City Afterschool Summit. For more information, contact: (202) 626-3057, or e-mail: [shah@nlc.org](mailto:shah@nlc.org).

13 Indiana Mentor Advisory Council Conversation Café 9 a.m.—1 p.m. at the Junior Achievement, 7435 Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN **Free** For more information contact Melissa Anderson-Traylor at (317) 234-4234

14 AfterSchool for All Challenge - Washington, DC; <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/home.html>

15 Azusa, CA. Urban Youth Workers Institute 2008. For more information, contact: (800) 734-8994, or visit: <http://www.uvwi.org/>.

16 Kiwanis Key Leader Program - MA, NY, MI, IN, and ID; <http://www.key-leader.org/participate/>

17 State Farm Child Safety Day at the Anderson Wal-Mart 10 a.m.—1 p.m



18 At Your School (AYS) Walking for Dreams Family & Pet Walk register to walk for at: [www.walkingfordreams.org](http://www.walkingfordreams.org) Indy Downtown Canal (11th & Senate) 1 p.m. Registration Walk 2-3 p.m.



20 Lawrenceburg Public Library Presents - Best-selling children's book illustrator Loren Long - Lawrenceburg Public Library, 150 Mary Street, Lawrenceburg. 7pm. Free. For more info call 812-537-2775.

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22 Free Late Nights at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art! Every Thursday Night open until 9:00pm (311 E Main Street, Fort Wayne) contact (260) 422-6467 or visit the website at <http://fwmoa.org>

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26 Memorial Day



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28 Arlington, VA. The Performance Institute. The 2008 Youth Development and Outcomes Conference. For more information, contact: (703) 894-0481, or visit: <http://www.youthservicesummit.org/>.

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**Tutor/Mentor Leadership and Networking Conference** Held at the Northwestern University School of Law, 365 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL for more information click: <http://www.tutormentorconference.org/> May 29 - 30

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31 **Target Local Store Grants Program Deadline to Apply** visit [Target.com](http://Target.com)



**Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Celebrates the Art of the Comic!**



Throughout May, children, families and individuals of all ages are invited to learn about a major part of American culture with a variety of programs.

**May 3rd**  
Free Comic Book Day at all IMCPL

**May 10th**  
Stuart Sayger, Comic Book Artist at Irvington Branch 2 p.m

For more information visit [www.imcpl.org/](http://www.imcpl.org/) or call (317) 275-4022.

**Youth Chorale Set to Perform in Bloomington**



Tuesday, May 13 at 11 a.m. • Meadowood Health Pavillion, Bloomington, Indiana

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

CALL 812.336.7060 FOR DIRECTIONS



YOUTH-IN-ARTS™ Is An Arts Enrichment Program of the Madame Walker Theatre Center

The newly formed Walker/Flanner House Youth Chorale is poised to take their show on the road. The 25-member ensemble, made up of 2nd through 6th grade Indianapolis students, will present their newest musical showcase, "*What I've Learned in School*" at the Meadowood Health Pavilion in Bloomington, Indiana on Tuesday, May 13 at 11 a.m. For directions and more information please call 812.336.7060.

**Grant Opportunities**

**AT&T/AT&T FOUNDATION LAUNCH PHILANTHROPIC PROGRAM,**

AT&T announced the launch of AT&T Aspire, a \$100 million initiative to help address the high school dropout crisis while strengthening student success and workforce readiness. The AT&T Aspire Initiative will provide grants to schools and nonprofit organizations working to help students graduate from high school and become better prepared for college or the workforce. In partnership with Junior Achievement, the program will offer a job-shadowing program for a 100,000 students nationwide, while underwriting research on how practitioners -- teachers, principals, superintendents, school counselors, and school board members -- perceive the dropout issue. To obtain additional information and a grant application, visit: <http://www.att.com/gen/corporate-citizenship?pid=7736>.

**Deadline May 19.**

**BROWER YOUTH AWARDS**

The Brower Youth Awards just launched the 2008 prize search for outstanding youth leaders. We're looking for individuals ages 13-22 with the power and persistence to create environmental change. The Brower Youth Awards honors six young people annually with a \$3000 cash award and weeklong trip to the San Francisco Bay Area. During that week, award recipients will participate in a week of media and public outreach and be recognized at an awards ceremony attended by 900 members of the public. For more information visit <http://www.broweryouthawards.org>. **Deadline: May 15**

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Give. Receive. Mentor. Website  
([www.ofbci.IN.2402.htm](http://www.ofbci.IN.2402.htm))

Share Your Mentor Story  
([www.ofbci.IN.2444.htm](http://www.ofbci.IN.2444.htm))

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(<http://www.in.gov/ofbci/>)

Front Porch Indiana  
(<http://frontporchin.blogspot.com/>)

***Bring more Americans into service***  
***Salute AmeriCorps members & alums***  
***Thank community partners***



AmeriCorps, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects more than 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet our country's critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.

AmeriCorps Week, May 11-18th, is a recruitment and recognition event designed to bring more Americans into service, salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their powerful impact, and thank the community partners who make AmeriCorps possible. More than 50,000 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to strengthen communities and increase the civic engagement through 92 national service projects across Indiana. During this week, AmeriCorps members, alums, grantees, program partners, and friends will shine a spotlight on the work done by members across this State, and motivate more Americans to join or volunteer in their communities.