



AFTERSCHOOL COALITION OF INDIANAPOLIS GENERAL MEETING

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January 13, 2009

10:30 – 12:00 pm

Location: Decatur Township Tech Center

Participants: Lakeida Adams, Sara Beanblossom, Chris Chappel, Chris Collins, Maureen Grey, Janice Hicks-Slaughter, Ashley Holloway, Jeffrey Jones, Mashariki Jywanza, Milele Kennedy, David Klinkose, Roberta Newman, Gary Pellico, Eric Williams, Coco Wolf, Debbie Zipes.

Thank you to Gary Pellico from Decatur Township for hosting this meeting.

Marketing/Events Committee: Coco Wolf, Boys and Girls Clubs – committee members re-capped the Lights On event and discussed improvements and ideas for next year. They are planning an afterschool week in the spring for community and civic leaders to visit afterschool programs. Sara Beanblossom has updated the ACI website. Check it out to make sure your program information is listed accurately.

www.afterschoolcoalition.org

Afterschool Standards: this committee is developing a draft standards document for Indiana, and will distribute for community feedback sometime in the spring. The purpose is to offer guidelines for quality programs and a resource for providers to evaluate themselves and continually improve.

Afterschool Program Mapping: Indiana Afterschool Network received a \$20,000 grant from the Indiana Department of Education to map afterschool program locations throughout the state. The project timeline is January 15-June 15, 2009. ACI and IAN will ask providers to provide information and will also work with MCCOY to minimize duplication of data-gathering efforts.

Program Announcements and Updates:

- Maureen Grey, AYS – is hosting their African-themed Mardi Gras parade February 21. This is their 7th year and there will be floats, kids wearing masks they made, and throwing of beads. Locations in Noblesville and Indianapolis. AYS Diva fashion show is March 21 at the Oakhill Mansion, which includes a silent auction.
- Inquisitive Kids – is helping providers address budget cuts by making connections with community partners and resources. Sponsors include Clarian, Marian College, Purdue Cooperative Extension, and others who will provide free services at program sites. The first pilot will focus on 8 IPS schools.



- Ashley Holloway, Archdiocese of Indianapolis – they are engaging partners including Art with a Heart, and Young Audiences/jazz programs in their 21st CCLC program. They also offer foreign language programs.
- Milele Kennedy, Indy Parks –received 21st CCCL grant funding to sustain afterschool programs in IPS schools. They are waiting to hear about drug free grant. They are hosting various fundraising events from January through May, sponsored by Family Time Entertainment.
- Roberta Newman, Angel Watch LLC – they provide before and afterschool programs for low-income children in Wayne Township, in partnership with Indy Parks and the school district. They are looking for resource development and partnership ideas to make their programs more affordable and accessible.
- Chris Chappell, Happy Hollow Children’s Camp in Nashville, IN – provide week-long summer camps for economically disadvantaged children from central Indiana at little or no cost. They also provide special camps for children living in foster care and children with asthma, burns from fires, and parents/loved ones with cancer. They have 800 acres and activities include horseback riding, kayaking, swimming, etc. They provide free bus transportation from Indianapolis.
- Mashariki Jywanza and Lakeida Adams, Bridges to Success – they create community partnerships with IPS schools.
- Janice Hicks-Slaughter, Marian College - provides K-12 science programs, including educational labs, field trips, wetlands exploration, service projects and other experiences. They have some limited funds for transportation. They provide science and math camps for K-8th graders and 5-week residential programs at the college for high school students.
- Chris Collins, Marion County Commission on Youth (MCCOY) – they have a new science for girls program and will provide curriculum, facilitation guides, and other supports. They have created Resources Online for Youth (ROY) database to track all youth programs in Marion County. Go to <http://www.roymccoy.org> to enter your program’s information.
- St Vincent Health provides free speakers and wellness programs for schools and afterschool programs in central Indiana. Call Karen Terrell at 317-338-2336.
- Jeff Jones, Purdue Cooperative Extension – they provide training and other capacity building activities for 4-H clubs statewide.



- Eric Williams, United Way – Eric is working with United Way and IPS to create a transportation plan for IPS buses to stop at afterschool sites. He asked ACI members for their program locations (send information to dlzipes@earthlink.net to be forwarded to Eric). There is an IPS Education Forum for Dr. White (IPS Superintendent) to address community partners regarding their role with IPS. Date: January 22, 10:30-12:00 at IPS Education Center (120 E Walnut St). Eric led focus groups with agency executive directors where they articulated a need for: IPS-led training on reading/math strategies; clear direction for community partner role with IPS; and bus transportation to afterschool/before school sites. He said that Joan Herrell with IPS is creating curriculum mapping to put action steps to the Indiana Afterschool Standards.
- Gary Pellico, Decatur Township – discussed their Challenger space program, Ivy Tech location in their building, and their innovative high school education approach, including small learning communities focused on interests rather than careers (i.e. Expeditionary Learning modeled on Outward Bound). Decatur ensures that every student has a relationship with a caring adult mentor, as each staff is assigned a group of students that they will mentor throughout a student's high school and middle school years. This has had tremendous positive impact on the overall culture of the school and the strength of relationships among students and teachers.
- Coco Wolf, Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis - provides daily youth development programs for 12,000 low-income children (ages 5-18) in nine Indianapolis locations.
- Felege Hiywot Center provides science, healthy eating, and indoor/outdoor gardening programs.

The next ACI meeting is March 10, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm at St Vincent's Hospital in the Cooling Auditorium. Thank you to Karen Terrell, St. Vincent School Wellness Coordinator for inviting us. Address: 2001 W 86th St. The auditorium is in the basement. Reception desk can provide directions.