



Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis
Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2008 (10:30 am – 12:00 pm)
Location: Junior Achievement & The Children's Theatre Institute

Present: Sara Beanblossom, Kimberly Black, Shalom Black, Jennifer Burnett, Kimberly Campbell, Julia Conner-Fox, John Drake, Judy Fraps, Julie Gillespie, Janice Hicks-Slaughter, Ashley Holloway, Jamie Johnson, Monique Kerr, David Klinkose, James Leagre, Cindy Miers, Gary Pellico, Joenne Pope, Suzanne Rothenberg, Ophelia Wellington, Coco Wolf, Debbie Zipes

Introductions: David Klinkose provided a brief overview of the Indiana Afterschool Network and its goals to expand programs for children statewide, along with updates on the Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis. David discussed the America's Promise conference, where Indianapolis was one among several cities selected to participate. The Indianapolis team included leaders from Marion County Commission on Youth (MCCOY), Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Urban League, Pediatrics Association, and Indianapolis Public Schools. Local groups are working to sponsor an America's Promise summit in Indianapolis in 2009, with a focus on drop-out prevention.

David also highlighted the successes of the ACI Lights On event, part of a national initiative to promote afterschool programs. David stated that next year he would like to engage more policy makers in the event.

Lights On Event: A special thanks to Sara Beanblossom, Shalom Black, Coco Wolf and Joenne Pope for organizing and promoting the event. Lights On in Indy took place on October 16 at Garfield Park, and there were more than 150 students and 16 nonprofits represented. AYS, YMCA and others also promoted Lights On at their locations. 57 cities in Indiana hosted events.

Welcome by Junior Achievement & Children's Theatre Institute: thank you to James Leagre for hosting the ACI meeting. James discussed the creation of the theatre institute 12 years ago, and the focus on teaching children life skills using theatre. They have a new grant/partnership with Clarian for bullying prevention. Junior Achievement provides experiential learning opportunities for 15,000+ children annually, including financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and a future culinary school in partnership with Ivy Tech. They also rent their space to others and provide a full catering kitchen. They are working with Common Goal, an initiative of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, to engage 500+ new mentors in their programs.

ACI website (www.afterschoolcoalition.org): Thanks to Sara Beanblossom for updating the ACI website with information on ACI meetings, minutes, roster, and program locations. The information is in the process of being updated.



Afterschool Standards: Debbie Zipes and Judy Fraps updated the group on the Quality Afterschool Standards Committee, a group of providers, educators, statewide agencies and policy makers focused on developing Indiana standards for afterschool. The next meeting convenes a smaller team to develop a prototype of standards that will be distributed statewide for feedback.

Afterschool Program Mapping: David Klinkose discussed the IAN initiative to identify programs across Indiana.

New Business:

- Girl Scouts hosted an event in Indy with 5,700 participants from around the world.
- Indy Parks applied for 21st CCLC \$400,000 grant to continue its afterschool and summer programs, as the city has decreased the parks budget. If they get the grant, the city would still need to provide \$150,000 match.
- Inquisitive Kids distributes magazines and educational resources for 53,540 students (for free) 4,000 afterschool providers, and resource guides for teachers (workbooks are in process). They also sponsor family-oriented events and activities aligned with Indiana academic standards. The next issue will be distributed in May. Discounts and other community and educational information will be included. Inquisitive Kids will help afterschool and summer programs connect with free speakers/presenters.
- WFYI provides training for teachers and parents on literacy. PBS Kids provides educational resources for kids 6-12 years old. WFYI nominates an informal childcare provider each year, in partnership with Success by Six/United Way.
- La Plaza leads weekly mother-daughter and father-son programs for Latino families at Gambold Middle School, George Washington, and Craig Middle School. The focus is on encouraging Latino students to graduate, set goals, and plan for the future. They provide visits to Marian College for parents and youth, home visits, support with technology, and college and career readiness.
- FreeTown Village provides 4-hour history tours of Indianapolis, holiday celebration/fundraiser 12/13, summer camps, among other activities that celebrate black history.
- Decatur Township: 40 students are enrolled in Head Start, and the school district may establish an early Head Start program as well. There is a new mission with the Challenger Center Return to the Moon interactive program for 6th graders. The Decatur Learning Academy charter school serves 7-12 graders. A new partnership with Ivy Tech will enable high school students to take higher level courses.
- St Vincents' mentoring program teaches adults ways to give back to the community. They lead a program at IPS 27 to help mothers of kindergarten students earn GEDs.

Scholastic Achievement presentation: Julie Gillespie discussed the afterschool curriculum kits, lesson plans, online resources, and print materials. They offer books that are aligned with the Indiana academic standards. The Scholastic Literacy program offers discounts on books for organizations who distribute free books to children and families. This program partners with United Way of Central Indiana and Success by Six.

Next ACI meeting: January 13, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. Location to be determined.