



# News In Brief

October 28, 2009

## Indiana Youth Institute "Kids Count in Indiana"

In recognition of "Thank a Youth Worker Day," the early bird registration deadline is being extended to November 5, 2009.

This year's event features several keynote-level speakers addressing specific topics related to youth work and healthy youth development.

The line-up for these "Thought Leader Sessions" includes: "Fundraising in Today's Economy," with Lilya Wagner of I.U.'s Fund Raising School; "Be a Movement, Not a Monument," with Keith Brown, Motivator of the Millennium; "The Survivor's Toolbox," with Victor Rivas Rivers of the National Network to End Domestic Violence; and "The Amachi Mentoring Model," with Rev. Dr. Wilson Goode of the Amachi Mentoring Program. Liz Murray ("From Homeless to Harvard") keynotes the conference, which will be held December 1-2, 2009, in Indianapolis.

Continuing ed credits and registration discounts remain available. Register by November 5 and SAVE \$\$ : <http://www.yvi.org/conference>

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

November 17 **Small Equipment Workshop** in Kokomo, IN

January 7-8, 2010, **AFO Training Course and Exam** at the Krannert Community Center, Indianapolis, IN.

[www.inpra.org](http://www.inpra.org) and see the latest information and workshops, programs and special events being offered. On the left hand side of the page under the IPRA logo, click on the **CALENDER** heading, then select and click the workshop or program. You can download and print the flyer and registration form to send in the IPRA office by regular mail or fax.

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## EXTRA EXTRA

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Youth Service America is currently accepting applications for State Farm® Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants to support service-learning projects that culminate on Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25, 2010.

School and community educators across the United States and Canada (select provinces) can apply for up to \$1,000 in funding for youth-led projects. Service-learning is a teaching and learning strategy integrating meaningful community service with academic study and reflective practice to enrich learning, build civic engagement, and strengthen communities.

State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning grant applicants are encourage to develop projects that launch on Martin Luther King Day of Service, January 18, 2010, and culminate on the weekend of GYSD, April 23-25, 2010.

For the State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grant application, please visit, [www.YSA.org/awards](http://www.YSA.org/awards) (Youth Service America)

## MGMT & LEADERSHIP

### [Consulting Firm Offers Grants for Forward-Thinking Nonprofit Organizations](#)

Consulting services valued at up to \$12,000 will be awarded to two nonprofits that have been in business at least two years and have new or emerging fundraising programs....

Deadline: November 15, 2009  
(The Foundation Center)

### THANK A YOUTH WORKER

National "Thank a Youth Worker Day" will be celebrated on Thursday, November 5, 2009, and free resources are available to help communities honor the dedicated professionals who are serving children and youth across Indiana. More info: <http://www.thankayouthworkerday.org>  
(Indiana Youth Institute)

## RISK MGMT/ STANDARDS

At the September 2009 meeting, the National Standards Committee reviewed the part of Standard HR 4A regarding the mandatory annual check of the National Sex Offender Public Website ([www.nsopw](http://www.nsopw) – name change from what is printed in your APG and now available in all states) for all staff with access to campers.

In addition to using this VERY SPECIFIC website to meet this part of Standard HR4A, effective immediately, a camp may also meet this standard by providing: "Written verification that a check of the Sex Offender Registry in all 50 states and US territories has been conducted." It is important to realize that if this method is used, the sex offender registry in ALL 50 states and US territories must be checked and not just the states where a staff member says they have lived!

The application for the Compassion Capital Fund grant - in Elkhart, LaGrange, Noble and Steuben counties - is now online: <http://www.iyi.org/fundraising-grants/new-grants/ccf.aspx>. The deadline is Nov 2, 2009.  
(Indiana Youth Institute)

## PR/MARKETING

It's only natural, when preparing for the start of a new year, to re-evaluate the previous year - what went well, what could be better. It's easy to be energized with ambition - think bigger than big.

On the flip side, a big goal can seem too overwhelming to tackle. This year, when "resolving" to do things differently, better, more efficiently, don't forget the basics.

[http://www.acacamps.org/acanow/news/track\\_media\\_coverage.php](http://www.acacamps.org/acanow/news/track_media_coverage.php)

## GREEN SPOKEN HERE

### Youth Garden Grants

**SUMMARY:** Applications for Youth Garden Grants from the National Gardening Association, with support from Home Depot, for schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States may apply. Projects must involve at least 15 children from ages 3 to 18.

**DUE DATE:** Ongoing

**AWARD AMOUNT:** For the 2010 cycle, 100 grants are available: Five programs will each receive gift cards valued at \$1,000 (a \$500 Home Depot gift card and a \$500 gift card for the Gardening with Kids catalog) and educational materials from NGA. Ninety-five programs will each receive a \$500 Home Depot gift card and educational materials from NGA.

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(Office of Faith Based and  
Community Initiatives)

## SITE & FACILITY

Grants of up to \$60,000 in matching funds will be awarded to nonprofits, universities, Native American tribes, and local, state, and federal agencies working to restore, protect, or enhance native populations on lands adjacent to or on federal property....

Deadline: December 1, 2009 (Pre-proposal)

(The Foundation Center)

The need for shelters and shade structures anyplace people congregate outdoors is well understood. Increased awareness has given rise to creativity. Seldom is a shade structure merely a source of shade. At the very least, they add a pop of color. In new construction, it's becoming the norm to incorporate shade structures and shelter as essential design elements, whereas they used to be an afterthought. Wise renovators make the addition of these items a priority. And where funds are lacking for a major overhaul, simple retrofits are being devised, often resulting in a "facility facelift" for not a lot of money.

<http://www.recmanagement.com/200910fe01.php>

At the drug store! The CVS Caremark Community Grant program funds nonprofits and schools serving children with disabilities as well as children without health insurance. Grant range: \$5,000. Deadline: October 31, 2009.

More info: <http://info.cvscaremark.com/>

## HEALTH & WELLNESS/ FOOD SERVICE

Building Blocks for Healthy Children

The Institute of Medicine just released its recommendations for new nutrition standards to make school meals more healthy. More fruit and vegetables, less saturated fat -- no surprises really, except that the USDA-defined regulations for school nutrition standards haven't changed since 1995. (In fairness, the USDA requested these new guidelines from the IOM.)

<http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2009/School-Meals-Building-Blocks-for-Healthy-Children.aspx>

Nutrition Assistance Bill Passes Senate

The U.S. Senate passed a bill (H.R. 2997) to fund Agriculture programs. A few highlights, with thanks to the National Human Services Assembly: the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program was funded at \$58.3 billion, the WIC program at \$7.3 billion, and the Emergency Food Assistance Program at \$49.9 million.

<http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h2997/show>

(Connect For Kids)

## PROGRAMMING

### BE A BETTER LEADER AND A STRONGER MANAGER

National experts will help you become a more inspiring leader and a more effective manager through a series of workshops being offered at this year's Kids Count in Indiana Conference.

The line-up includes: "Recognizing and Dealing with Staff Burnout," "Empathy Fatigue: Healing the Mind, Body, and Spirit of Professional Helpers," "Professionalism: When All You Want to Do is Pull Your Hair Out," and "Ethics in Youth Work."

This year's conference, which will be held December 1-2, 2009, in Indianapolis, offers a "carpooler's discount." Get four registrations for the price of three.

Continuing education credits are available.

Registration deadline: November 2, 2009.

Register:

<http://www.iyi.org/conferences/kids-count.aspx>

(Indiana Youth Institute)

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Select Titles available for borrow from the Virginia Beall Ball Library @ Indiana Youth Institute  
<http://www.iyi.org/library.aspx>

- Mentoring Millennials: Shaping the Next Hero Generation
- Meet The Millennials: What You Need To Know About Today's Emerging Generation
- Insights On Leadership: service, stewardship, spirit and servant leadership
- Reflections On Leadership
- Leadership 101: Facilitator's Guide
- Youth Leadership- a guide for understanding leadership development in adolescents
- Sustaining Innovation
- Good To Great

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## FROM THE SECTION OFFICE

### **2009 Summer Enrollment Survey Closes Soon!!**

Directors- we need your summer 2009 enrollment information! With the economic downturn as well as the H1N1 outbreak, we know that this summer was challenging for many camps. The Fall Enrollment survey is the one place for us to collect this critically important information, but we have to have YOUR help!

Please complete the camper enrollment-staff recruitment survey at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=efYVlrBeEy8Bt7dTUPyBvA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=efYVlrBeEy8Bt7dTUPyBvA_3d_3d) Just click on "October 2009 Camper Enrollment" under "Current survey" to complete. The survey is completely anonymous and will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

When compiled, the data will provide us with critical information about such aspects as attendance at camp, increases and decreases in enrollment, returning camper statistics, age breakdowns, session lengths, staffing patterns, and current challenges faced around camper enrollment and staff recruitment. The information from this survey will provide a baseline from which we make projections and determine trends for the coming year, so every camp's information is critically important! Please complete the survey today!!!

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

#### 2010 INDIANA PARK AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION RECREATION RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

West Lafayette, IN

January 20 – 22, 2010

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Note: This Call for Abstracts was intentionally modified from the National Recreation and Park Association Leisure Research Symposium Call for Abstracts, so that Indiana-based researchers and students can learn how to prepare an abstract for the National Congress. This "overuse" of the Leisure Research Symposium Call for Abstracts should not be perceived as plagiarism.

The IPRA Recreation Research Symposium provides a state-level forum for scholarly exchange and discussion about recreation and leisure. The Symposium includes both theoretical and applied research that transcends disciplinary boundaries.

Papers will primarily address Indiana-based applied research directed at the recreation professional; as well as research conducted via Indiana higher education community engagement and service-learning research projects. Papers may also address leisure behavior, and structural and cultural aspects of leisure and leisure studies.

Papers are presented either as posters or as formal paper presentations. All abstracts receive the same rigorous, double blind peer-review without consideration of presentation format. Abstracts for both types of presentations may be included in a published book of abstracts.

Abstracts reporting empirical studies should contain subheadings identifying an introduction, methods, results, and discussion; only completed studies should be submitted. Abstracts reporting conceptual and theoretical discussions should also have an effective set of subheadings. Abstracts cannot exceed three pages, single-spaced (see attached instructions). Because of this extreme limitation, it is imperative that abstracts are written carefully and provide a coherent overview of the paper that will be presented.