



# Opportunity ROCKS

CHANCES... for Indiana Youth

Spring, 2009

## From the desk of the Executive Director

CHANCES for Indiana Youth has just completed a very successful year at the Booker T. Washington Community Center. With a three year lease in-hand, we're excited about the endless possibilities that exist. Over the past year, many organizations have truly aided us in defining "community collaboration". The partnerships with CASY, Indiana State University, Minority Health Coalition, the Terre Haute Human Relations Commission, and the Terre Haute Parks and Recreation Department have allowed us to create an abundance of programming at the community center – a big THANK YOU is in order!

With the economic downturn and loss in funding from General Motors, our Safe Kids program (specifically child passenger safety) was in jeopardy. We are thrilled to be partnering with Terre Haute Regional Hospital on our child passenger safety program. Their dedication and financial support will allow us to increase services to more than

800 families served each year.

Our newest partnership is with the Purdue Extension office as we're bringing Camp Rave to the Booker T. Washington Community Center. Information has already been mailed to every child in grades Kindergarten – Fifth (Vigo County). Please check with our office to make sure your child (or someone you know!) is registered. This camp will be a weekly adventure for the children – filled with educational activities, games, and field trips. Camp begins on June 8th. Once again, this camp wouldn't be possible without community collaboration!

If you haven't had the opportunity to stop by and visit, please do so. I'm very proud of the activity surrounding the community center, and I feel it's a location that has a great potential to serve those in need throughout Terre Haute. Every year, CHANCES for Indiana Youth serves more than 7,000 youth and families throughout the



Brandon Halleck, Executive Director, CHANCES for Indiana Youth

Wabash Valley.

To ensure our continued services, CHANCES created an annual fund raiser – "Dancing with the Terre Haute Stars". This event has become one of the most popular and "must-attend" events in the Wabash Valley. The date has been set for October 2, 2009, at the Hulman Center – mark your calendars! Be sure to watch for more details. This event continues to provide us the opportunity to ensure children grow up safe, healthy and drug-free in the Wabash Valley!

## Summer Camp at BTW— "RAVE REVAMPED"

CHANCES for Indiana Youth will be collaborating with the Purdue Extension Camp Rave program this summer to offer "Rave Revamped." The camp will run from June 8 to Aug. 14 at the Booker T. Washington Community Center.

Rave Revamped is a fun-filled week of educational and recreational activities, including swimming, environmental discovery, nutrition, games, crafts, songs, and field trips. Campers are supervised by a trained staff at a 10:1 ratio. Any Vigo county student who has completed grades K-5 is

welcome to attend for one week of the summer. The camp meets Monday through Friday from 7:45-4:00. The camp fee includes a hot lunch, activities and field trips.

Students at Vigo Elementary schools received a mailed registration form in late April. Forms are also available at Booker T. Washington Center and the Purdue Extension Office. Call Chances at 232-5190 or Purdue Extension at 462-3371 for more information.

For an additional fee, there is an alternative for those children wishing to attend additional days, weeks or the entire summer camp at BTW.

## Upcoming Events

Teen Court - May 12, 26;  
June 9, 23

Car seat check-up- May 16,  
10-1, Vigo County Fair-  
grounds

Car seat check-up - June  
18, York Chevrolet in Bra-  
zil, 2-6PM

Car seat check-up—July 7,  
CARS in Brazil, 2-6PM

Safe Kids meeting—4th  
Wed. each month, noon,  
BTW

Zumba classes—BTW Cen-  
ter, MWF 5:30-6:30

## Board of Directors

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## Teen Court Welcomes New Judge

Chances Teen Court is pleased to welcome Rob Schalburg as a new judge. Mr. Schalburg is currently an attorney with Modesitt Law Offices.

The location of Teen Court has moved from the City Court to the large conference room at Booker T. Washington Community Center. This new location works out well for all participants and allows more room for jury deliberation.



Did you know?

July is the deadliest time of year for unintentional childhood injury



## Safe Kids Vigo County

### Car Seat check-up at Mike's Motors in Clinton



On Saturday, March 21, Safe Kids Vigo County held a car seat check-up at Mike's Motors in Clinton, IN. The folks at Mike's Motors were great hosts and quite accommodating. We checked 22 seats and, thanks to funding from Terre Haute Regional Hospital, provided 13 new seats to replace seats that were unsafe or inappropriate to use. Some reasons for replacing a seat include age of the seat, unknown

history of the seat, the seat has been in a crash, the child has outgrown the seat, or the seat has been recalled.

Thanks to Mike's Motors, Terre Haute Regional Hospital, and the following certified techs and volunteers, we were able to help many families that day: Amy Bush, Elaine Pastore, Crystal Haskett, Melanie Brunett, Julie Jones, Kevin, Murphy, Julie Wheatley, Brandon Halleck, Carroll Vasbinder, Cindy VanDuyn, Robin Arnott, and Megan Reed.

*"Safe kids are no accident"*

## National Safe Kids Week- April 26-May 3

### Raising Safe Kids One Stage at a Time

National Safe Kids Week served as the occasion to release a study relating child development to unintentional injury. A child's cognitive, behavioral and physical development affects their risk areas for unintentional injury.

#### Stage One: Infancy (0-12 months)

Infants have spines that are not fully developed, their digestion rate is slower, they have a lower tolerance for medication, and their skin is thinner and more sensitive so it can burn more quickly. Because of this, infants should ride rear-facing in a semi-reclined car seat, you always follow label directions carefully when giving medicine, and do not hold an infant while cooking or carrying hot liquids and foods.

#### Stage Two: 1-4 years

Children in this age range have muscles and bones not yet fully developed. They are still learning how to balance themselves and adjust their stance to avoid falls. They may wander off unsupervised to explore. Make sure your child's playground has 12 inches of safe surface such as mulch or sand below the equipment, use stair gates to avoid falls, keep medicines and poisonous household items locked up and out of reach and choose child-resistant packaging.

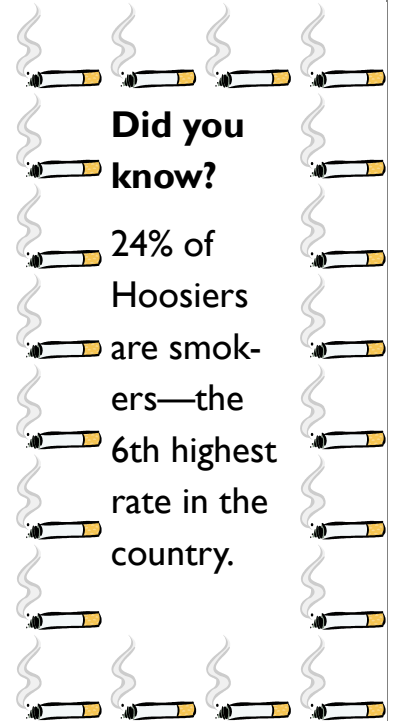
#### Stage Three: 5-9 years old

Children in this age range have trouble recognizing and avoiding obstacles and lack an adult's eye-hand coordination. They are at high-risk for cooking related

scald injuries, especially from tableware and microwave ovens. Make sure children this age wear a helmet and protective gear when they are on wheels. Don't allow them to use a microwave until they are tall enough to reach the items in it safely. Keep them in booster seats until the seat belt fits correctly.

#### Stage 4: 10-14 years old

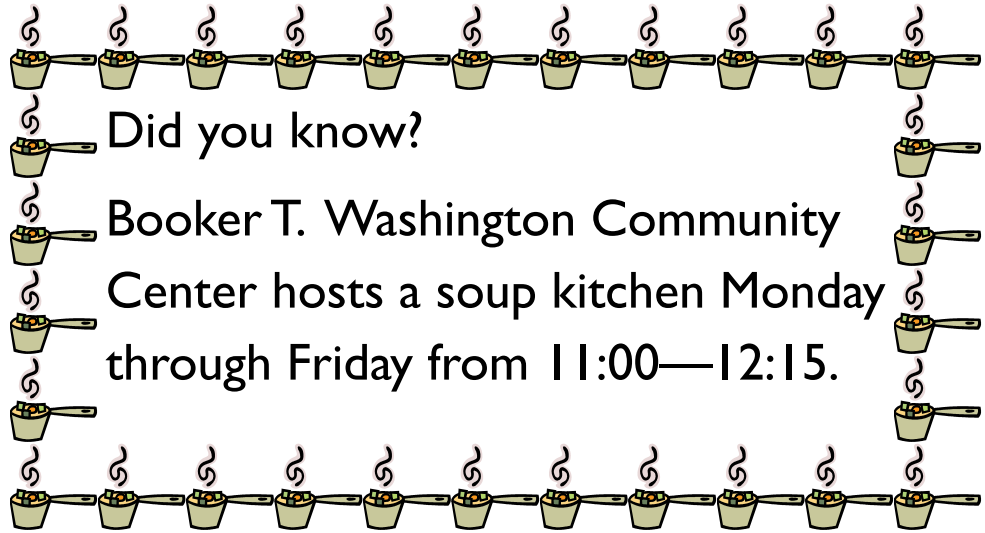
Children in this age range have less defined visual perception than older teens and lack the ability to recognize a specific object from within a busy background. It may be more difficult for them to recognize oncoming cars at a busy intersection. They are more likely to be completely unrestrained in a vehicle and may want to experiment with substances.



Safe Kids Vigo County conducted a free car seat check-up on April 25 at Meadows Shopping Center to kick off National Safe Kids Week

Dignify and glorify common labor. It is at the bottom of life we must begin, not at the top.

-Booker T. Washington



Did you know?

Booker T. Washington Community Center hosts a soup kitchen Monday through Friday from 11:00—12:15.

### Afternoons R.O.C.K. in Indiana

#### CHANCES says goodbye to DSA I I

Booker T. Washington Community Center has gym and meeting space available. Call Brandon or Todd for details (812) 232-5190

Spring breaks are over and DSA I I's Afternoons R.O.C.K. in Indiana is running full steam to reach their goal of serving 878 students in 2008-09. The new grant cycle begins on July 1, 2009 and the DSA I I of the past will not be the same counties from 2009-10. The original counties

are Vigo, Parke, Clay, Vermillion, Putnam, Sullivan, Greene, Knox and Daviess. These counties will be served but they will be in one of 3 different Defined Student Areas (DSAs). CHANCES for Indiana Youth wants to thank all the subcontractors who ran after-school programs for

them. We know that it is not always easy to convince school principals, who might be unfamiliar with Afternoons R.O.C.K. in Indiana programs, to allow their students to participate. So, Thank You! You have done a great job and we know that you will continue to do so in your new DSAs.

### CHANCES Providing Chances

Applying for a YAR grant is as easy as 1... 2... 3!

1. Complete an application
2. Make a brief presentation to the board of volunteers
3. Wait to hear if your project has been selected for funding

The following letter was received by Brandon Halleck, CHANCES for Indiana Youth Executive Director: (reprinted with permission)

Dear Mr. Brandon R. Halleck,

Thank you for paying for my GED. You made it possible for me to get it. I wanted my GED so I can get a job and go to college. Now I can make my life

better. So this is why I am glad you donated the money for my GED. Thank you for helping me better my life. It really means a lot.

Thank you again  
JEREMY

## Fountain and Warren County 4-H Fairs go tobacco-free

The fair boards of both Fountain and Warren counties have elected to observe the upcoming 4-H fairs as "Tobacco-Free." Both county fairgrounds will be designated as "Tobacco Free." Both counties are joining a growing trend of

Indiana counties that are choosing to make their fairs and business grounds tobacco free. The concept of tobacco free fairs protects patrons from exposure to secondhand smoke and serves as positive adult modeling for the youth in

attendance. The Fountain/Warren Co. Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Program commend both counties for making this important decision on behalf of the youth and residents of the community.



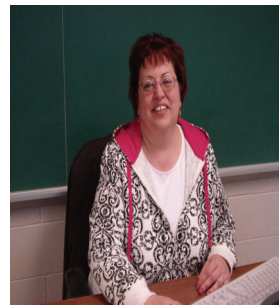
**Did you know?**  
Every year, more money is spent on promoting the use of alcohol than any other product.

## CHANCES welcomes new program assistant

Robin Arnott has joined the staff at Chances for Indiana Youth. Robin started her CHANCES experience in February as a program assistant for DSA06. Robin also serves 10 hours per week as a much needed and greatly anticipated administrative assistant to

Brandon Halleck, Executive Director.

Robin and her family are originally from Rhode Island but have lived in Terre Haute for 18 years.



Robin Arnott

## Has the economy affected the alcohol industry?

The short answer is "not much." According to the Indiana Prevention Resource Center, people generally do not decrease their alcohol consumption during tough economic times. However, what they drink and where they drink it may change. Additionally, heavy drinkers may decrease their consumption while light drinkers increase their alcohol consumption. During tough economic times, on-premises drinking declines

slightly while off-premises drinking tends to increase.

Beer is the most widely consumed alcoholic beverage. During a tough economy sales of below premium and budget beers tends to increase. The wine industry has been showing strong growth for several years. In this economy, wine sales is still growing but at a much slower rate.

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★ Indiana retail ★  
★ tobacco sales to ★  
★ minors are at a ★  
★ new low- 7.2%, ★  
★ down from 40% ★  
★ in 2000 when ★  
★ inspections ★  
★ started. ★  
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### Did you know?

- Safe Kids Vigo
- County meets the
- 4th Wed. of every
- month at BTW. If
- you are interested in
- preventing childhood
- injuries and deaths,
- please join us! Call
- 812-232-5190 to
- RSVP.



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