



**YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU OF VIGO COUNTY**  
**Chances for Indiana Youth Day Camp and After School**  
**Program**  
**Mission Statement and Program Goals**

***Mission Statement***

Chances...For Indiana Youth is dedicated to substance abuse prevention and positive youth development throughout Indiana. We will do this through collaboration with local service organizations and Government agencies to provide "CHANCES" for the youth of Indiana to live healthy and substance-free lives.

Our CHANCES Day Camp and After School program will continue to provide the same commitment and dedication to substance abuse prevention and positive youth development through camp activities, sports, and crafts. In doing so, we will follow the National Association for the Education of Young Children standards for quality programs for working with children and their families.

Goals and Objectives for Working with Children:

**Goal 1: To learn about themselves**

- To feel valued and attached to others
- To feel competent and proud about what they can do
- To assert their independence
- To value oneself by learning to live healthy and substance free
- To develop self-help skills
- To develop good manners and healthy hygiene

**Goal 2: To learn about their feelings**

- To express their feelings in appropriate ways
- To listen and follow directions

**Goal 3: To learn about others**

- To develop trusting relationships with nurturing adults
- To show interest in peers
- To demonstrate caring and cooperation
- To respect staff and adults through appropriate communication and behavior

**Goal 4: To learn about communication**

- To identify with a home language
- To communicate through language



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### **Goal 5: To learn about moving and doing**

- To develop gross motor skills
- To develop fine motor skills

### **Goal 6: To acquire thinking skills**

- To gain an understanding of basic concepts and relationships
- To apply knowledge to new situations
- To develop strategies for solving problems
- To take responsibility for classroom environment

Goals and Objectives for working with Families:

### **Goal 1: To build a partnership with families**

- To listen to and discuss families' questions, concerns, observations, and insights about their children, while respecting confidentiality
- To communicate regularly with families at arrival and Departure times about how things are going for their children at home and at the program, while respecting confidentiality
- To discuss with the families ways to handle children's challenging behaviors
- To resolve differences with families in a respectful way
- To help families gain access to community resources

### **Goal 2: To support families in their parenting role**

- To help families network with one another for information and support

### **Goal 3: To ensure that the home cultures of the children's families are reflected in the program**

- To support children's use of their home language
- To encourage children's awareness of an interest in home languages spoken at the program
- To seek families' assistance in learning about the children's home culture
- To interact with children in a style that is respectful of their Home culture



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### Summer Day Camp Rules

- 1) Safety First
- 2) BE RESPECTFUL to yourself and others at ALL TIMES
- 3) Listen attentively
- 4) Act responsibly
- 5) NO Profanity or Horseplay ALLOWED  
(NO Kicking, Hitting, Spitting, Fighting, Shoving, etc.)
- 6) NO Running in the Classrooms, Ramp, or Lobby.
- 7) NO Gum Allowed
- 8) Each Child MUST stay with their assigned Group or Counselors.
- 9) Parents/Guardian may be called to Pick Up their Child if the Program Counselors find that the child is Sick or for Disruptive Behavior, which results in the following actions:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Time – Verbal Warning & Time Out from Group Participation
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Time – Written Warning & Time Out from Group Participation & WILL NOT be allowed to attend the next scheduled day of the program
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Time – Written Warning, Child will be Suspended from camp for a Week
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Time – Written Warning, Child will be Suspended from camp for the remainder of the summer program.
- 7) Each Child Must Take the Complete Lunch, 2 Snacks and drinks provided each day.
- 8) Parent/Guardian must come into the center to sign their child in & out each day they Participate. No camper will be allowed to leave the building without a parent/guardian.  
(Arriving NO earlier than 7:00 am & Picking up NO later than 6:00 pm.)

\*We do not use corporal punishment. Children who hurt other children or who have Difficulty with the general expectations of the program may be suspended or may be asked to Leave the program.



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### Our Vision

Chances Day Camp and After School Program will strive to provide the same commitment and dedication to substance abuse prevention and positive youth development through camp sports, and creative activities. While at the same time building bridges to friends and families through character building and indoor/outdoor fun.

### Our Motto

“Children are like wet cement, everything we do and say makes an impression”

### Our Values

Excellence

Quality Relationships

Fun!

Safe Place



## **YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU OF VIGO COUNTY**

Dear Potential Counselor:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Summer Counselor with CHANCES for Indiana Youth Summer Day Camp. We are so excited about our first summer in 2008. We're looking for counselors who desire to invest in kids' lives through relationships and through sports and play activities.

Because we strive for excellence in everything we do, allow me to describe the application process for you so there are no surprises. First, we ask for you to fill out the application as thoroughly as possible and turn it into CHANCES at our new address (located below) at The Booker T. Washington Community Center. Next, you will need to attend an interview session. We will contact you to set up the day and time of your interview with us.

After our interview session, we will check references for those people we feel would be a good fit on our staff. If you are chosen for a position on our staff at CHANCES day camp, we will do a final background check. Assuming that checks out, then we will gladly welcome you to our team. And at that time we will send you to take care of CPR and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Training, TB Test, and Drug test. We will also require a criminal history background check. (All paid for by CHANCES)

So now that you know the process, here are some other things you might want to know. Camp counselors are required to work all eleven weeks of camp, starting June 2 – August 15, and attend Staff Training Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 after our open house and pre-registration session at The Booker T. Washington Community Center.

Lead camp counselors will work 25 hours per week, assistants will work 15 hours per week both positions wage is at \$8.00 an hour.

Lead counselors will work one of two shifts, 7:00 A – 12:00 P or 1:00 P - 6:00 P. Assistants will work one of two shifts, 9:00 A – 12:00 P or 3:00 P – 6:00 P.

Staff training is unpaid, however you will be fed throughout the weeks during camp. Please return your application by May 9, 2008. Those received after this date will be added to a waiting list.

I think that about does is for all the information you need to know. If you have any other questions or need to discuss an issue with us, please feel free to call me or Todd Pierce at the number below.

Thank you,

Terri Jackson  
Camp Director

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**Day Camp and After School Program Counselors**

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Which age group would you most prefer working with?

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Do you have any certifications that are current (i.e. CPR, First Aid, T.B. Test, Criminal History Report, Drug Screening)?

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Are there any other skills and/or experiences which would prove beneficial while working as a counselor here at CHANCES for Indiana Youth?

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Please Indicate any experience you may have in the following activities:

Art	Baseball	Camping	Drama	Football
Karate	Soccer	Video	Technical/Sound	Instrumental

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any reasons that would prohibit you from effectively performing your job?

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