

Homeless Youth Coalition
April 20, 2009



Introductions were made.

Homeward Bound update

The Homeward Bound walk in terms of fundraising has changed. The Homeless Youth Coalition will be considered one of the 8 agencies/partners rather than raising funds just as a team. The HYC will receive a certain portion of the funds raised at the walk if HYC members will volunteer at the walk on June 13.

Drop-in Center update

Update on drop in center plans was made by Bill Curtis.

- Reporting issues have been addressed with the Department of Child Services and talks continue with the Evansville Police Department, Juvenile Division. Issues still surround the reporting of runaways (status offense) and parents need to know where the youth is.
- Bill Curtis and Gail Knight Williams visited Covenant House in St. Louis. Covenant House has a day shelter program, outreach services, emergency services, and transitional housing. Their drop-in center (serving 16 to 21 year olds) serves approximately 15 to 25 youth per day, and is open from 10 am to 6 pm. All youth are administered an intake assessment and parental consent is obtained.
- Timeline for the drop-in center (about 9 months) includes
 - wrapping up visits to drop in centers, youth shelters,
 - resending the Homeless Youth Planning Survey and asking coalition members to complete this a.s.a.p.,
 - creating a smaller planning group in June 2009 to develop the plan and location for the drop in center, and help determine the role of the Coalition in the drop-in center.

Subcommittee Updates

Prevention committee will be meeting on May 18 at 10:30 am at EVPL Conference Room

Awareness committee will meet on May 18 at 10:30 am at EVPL Large Group Room

- 250 people have express interest in the HYC via email & postal mail,
- Group has suggested providing quarterly updates for 250 contacts, and gives dates of subcommittee and Coalition meetings through July. Send those dates to Kat as soon as possible at housingmatters@destination-home.info

Who is missing from the Coalition?

Young Adult Study update

Presentation by USI students on 18 to 23 year olds experiencing homelessness on May 5 at 1:30 pm at the USI Rice Library Room 0035. HYC is invited.

Next Meeting

May 18 at 12:00 noon at the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, Central Library, downtown Browning Events room