

Youth Consortium 2010

The Youth Consortium convened by the Marion County Children and Families Commission brings together more than 35 youth serving organizations to promote awareness of youth issues and connectivity among providers.

Subcommittees tackle critical issues including drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, gang criminal activity, and homelessness. Solutions include making more mentors and resources available to youth.



Goals & Progress

Advocacy

- Held Homeless and Runaway Youth Summit, 125 attendees

Networking

- Developing a web-based network for resource sharing

Organizational Alignment & Connectivity

- Joined with the Health Department on teen pregnancy prevention grant submission
- Training opportunities and documents shared among members

Promote Awareness and Education

- Hosted two prescription drug turn-in events; collected over 2000 pounds from local households



Positive Youth Development

Youth do not grow up in isolation. They live and develop in the contexts of their families, classrooms, peer groups, neighborhoods, and religious settings. These arenas provide the critical structures, resources, and opportunities that help them grow and thrive. Youth are also affected by their communities and, more broadly, by the surrounding culture.

The Children and Families Commission, through its Youth Consortium, plans strategies applicable to and accessible from many different contexts.



Looking Ahead:

Key activities for 2011 will focus on:

- Mentoring
- Juvenile crime prevention
- Out-of-school time
- Runaway and Homeless Youth
- Alcohol, tobacco and other drug use
- Gang prevention
- Teen pregnancy prevention
- Suicide prevention