

Guido Caldarazzo Cultural Consortium Results 2010

Unity and Honor - The Marion County Children and Families Commission formed the Guido Caldarazzo Cultural Consortium to facilitate a range of culturally competent social services for children and families and provide policy advice to the Commission. In 2010, the Consortium reached out to communities of color to identify and remove barriers to success and opportunities. Goals include promoting family, school and life success.



2010 Activities & Progress

- ◆ Built upon the results and findings of the 2010 Speak Out Youth Summit
- ◆ Authored the Asset Champions for Cultural Proficiency report which guides principles, practices and policies of the Children and Families Commission and partnering organizations
- ◆ Formed a Youth Advisory Council to give youth a voice in our community
- ◆ Worked collaboratively with Chemawa Indian School on 21st Century Grant
- ◆ Launched GIS Mapping Project to connect youth with county-wide recreational opportunities
- ◆ Forged partnership with Colored Pencils Art & Culture Night program



Our Vision:

To foster a community in which children, youth and families of all colors and cultures become empowered to reach their full potential. To provide a forum where particular attention is given to members of our communities who are experiencing the greatest barriers to success. Activities include identifying barriers and challenges, mapping community assets and strengths, and taking concrete actions to effectively address barriers and build the greatest resiliency and capacity. Promoting communication and respect are keys to success.



Looking Ahead:

- ◆ Work with the Commission's Family Preservation Action Team to address dis-proportionality in the foster care system
- ◆ Continue outreach efforts to cultural communities
- ◆ On-going support and participation in Speak Out Youth events and planning
- ◆ Address new issues arising from the Commission, action teams, consortia or other community partners
- ◆ Explore the possibilities of hosting an inclusive community celebration