

Tuesday, June 9, 2009
Holiday Inn Conference Center, Columbus

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Indiana University, South Bend

Thursday, June 11, 2009
Ball State University Alumni Center, Muncie

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Please complete the following form to register. Registration deadline is Friday, May 22, 2009.

A separate registration form must be completed for each person attending, youth or adult.

Participation is limited to the first 200 registrations. All foster youth must be accompanied by an adult. Limited registrations for adults without youth.

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Name of person attending conference

Attendee is: Please check one

Youth Adult

If youth, attending with _____
(Name of adult)

Agency

Address

City State Zip

Phone

Email

Please check if you have attended a summer
IL Youth Conference before

Select One

- Youth in Care_____(Age)
- Foster Youth Alumnus_____(Age)
- Advocate/Provider
- Foster Parent
- DCS Staff
- Require Special Assistance

Please specify:

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*Foster Parent In-Service Training Hours and
NASW Category 2 CEUs may be available*

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You are cordially invited to attend one of the 8th Annual Independent Living Youth Conferences. The Youth Conferences will be held in

Columbus, South Bend and Muncie. This year's focus is on education, budgeting, relationships, and more! A light breakfast and full lunch will be provided along with special gifts for eligible foster youths.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Foster youth ages 16 to 21, former foster youth ages 18 to 21 who were in foster care after the age of 16, and youth receiving Education and Training Voucher funds. All foster youth must have a case plan with independent living identified. Foster parents, caregivers, DCS Directors and Family Case Managers, CASA volunteers and independent living service providers are encouraged to attend with eligible youth.

CONFERENCE COST

There is no fee to attend. Space is limited and registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Because the conferences are youth-focused and each location has limited space, registrations for adults not accompanying a youth will be limited. **No registrations will be accepted after Friday, May 22, 2009.**

No child care will be available and only eligible youth as described above should attend.

QUESTIONS

Please call Kelley Stedman at (765) 285-4292 or e-mail at kstedman@bsu.edu.

About your day:

Registration

Registration will begin at 8 am and will close promptly at 9 am. Attendees will receive a packet with the day's agenda and other conference incentives.



Jaiya John-Morning Keynote Speaker

This year we are excited to welcome Jaiya John of Soul Water Rising as the keynote speaker. Dr. John was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico and was immediately placed in foster care. He was eventually adopted and authored his memoir, *Black Baby White Hands: A View from the Crib*. He has addressed thousands of youth and adults internationally, always with the intent of stirring the soul to remember itself. Since 1990, he has served as a professional speaker, consultant, poet, author and youth mentor. This spirit he ingrains in his messages about our social world. Dr. John believes that in every moment of life, each of us is a teacher and a student and that our ultimate purpose is to honor the interconnected web of life.



Kevin Wanzer-Afternoon Keynote Speaker

Kevin Wanzer is this year's afternoon keynote speaker. From Indianapolis, Kevin began speaking to young people as a sophomore in high school. Kevin offers fast-paced comedy and an insightful and positive message that will reach out to youth and empower them. He plans to reach the audience and make a difference one laugh at a time.

Schedule of Events

- 8 am to 9 am—Registration
- 9 am to 9:20 am—Welcome
- 9:30 am to 10:45 am—Session 1
- 11 am to 12:15 pm—Keynote with Dr. John
- 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm—Lunch
- 1:15 pm to 2:30 pm—Session 2
- 2:30 pm to 2:45 pm—Afternoon Break
- 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm—Keynote with Kevin Wanzer
- 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm—Closing

Breakout Sessions

Breakout sessions this year will be divided into two tracks, one for youth and one for adults.

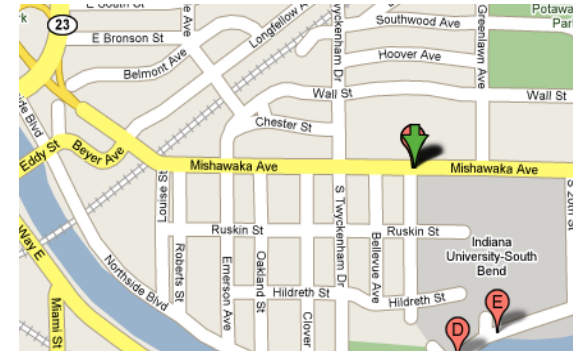
Closing

Join us for closing ceremonies as we bring an end to a full day. The conference will conclude at 4:30 pm.

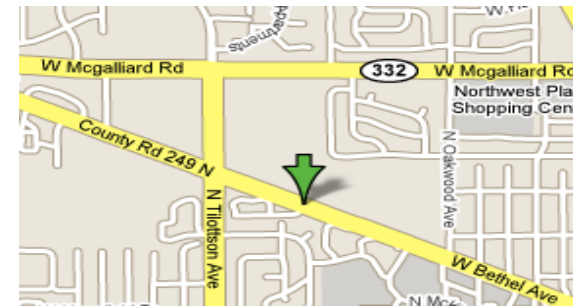
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