

# Youth Shelter News

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In February I shared with each of you that I was resigning effective this fall. Well the time is close at hand, and this will be my final letter. It seems fitting that this letter addresses the success we achieved during our recently completed program year.

In the programming arena, we had many success stories. Our Aftercare program had 37 active participants last year. We are thrilled to report that 35 of those youth (or 95%) did not commit any additional unlawful acts while involved in the program.

Our Family Education and Support program began year two under the very capable leadership of CeeCee McPherson-Afindios. The

program flourished this year. We increased sessions in Clark Co., began offering bilingual groups and case management to Hispanic families, and expanded the program into Floyd County.

Our classroom and home-based Independent Living programs experienced increased participation. The class room component, which serves Clark and Floyd counties, had 44 participants. The home-based component operates in Harrison, Jefferson, Jennings, Scott, Jackson, Switzerland, and Washington counties. We had 25 participants in the home-based program. We are happy to report that 100% of the participants achieved the outcome set for the program.

The Safe Place program had a tremendous amount of activity last year. We served twice the number of youth as was served the previous year. 100% of the youth we served received crisis intervention services within 30 minutes of contact with us and 100% were safe while using our services. In addition, we made presentations to 5,139 children in Clark and Floyd counties.

We also had successes due to the generosity of several organizations and individuals. We were the beneficiary of service projects from Southeast Christian Church, who completed outdoor repair and clean-up work. The Pilot Club of Jeffersonville collected food and school supplies for us. United Parcel Service employees repaired and painted our fence.

We also salute the generosity of our volunteers who gave 161.5 hours of their valuable time to the agency. Many thanks to Dick Bennett, Rocky Huffine, Elizabeth Munchoff, JoAnn Robbins, Jeannie Slaughter, Belinda Hobbs, Ruth



*"Creating a Nurturing Environment for Youth  
and Families to Realize their Potential"*

## WISH LIST

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The following items are needed by the Youth Shelter:

- Cookware
- Office supplies
- Large Plastic Storage Containers
- Unisex Deodorant
- Brushes/Combs
- Kitchen Towels
- Kitchen Utensils
- Electric Can Opener
- Small Appliances
- Paper products
- Hair Brushes/Combs
- Plastic glasses
- Tupperware
- Sweat suits
- Laundry/Dish Deterg.
- Brooms/Mops
- Underwear/bras/socks
- Bath Towels/washcloths
- Paper Towles
- Toilet paper
- Cleaning supplies
- Polaroid 600 film
- Arts and Crafts items
- Serving bowls
- Baking dishes
- Fall/Winter clothing
- Stationary
- Laundry Baskets
- Hair Ties
- Large Gas Grill

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Kendall, Darlene Taylor, Judy Butler, Melody Carrico, Becca Christiansen, Dan Christianson, Patti Cooke, Nick Cooke, Sarah Cooke, Hilda Kendrick, Yvonne Knight, Doris Stone, Judy Storz, George Strickland, Kyle Williams, and Rachael Gillenwater. Without their assistance we could not continue providing services to our children.

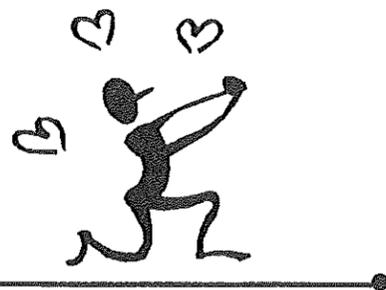
I want to recognize our Board of Directors who gave their time and talents this past year. Each of these individuals made my job as Executive Director easier because of their commitment to the agency.

Finally, I want to recognize my staff. They are the people on the line day after day providing those valuable services to the children we serve. I said recently that this agency's most valuable resource is its human resources. The good work the Clark County Youth Shelter and Family Services accomplishes is possible due to the dedication and hard work of its staff. Thank you seems so inadequate for all that they do. As an agency we are lucky to have such dedicated individuals, and as the Executive Director I am privileged to work with this wonderful group.

As I prepare to leave, my thoughts, prayers, and wishes for continued success are with this agency, its staff, volunteers, Board of Directors and the children. I have been truly blessed to work for the children of our community.

Goodbye,

Candice C. Barksdale,  
Executive Director



We'd like to thank the following people for their generous contributions:

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Thank you for your generous donations to the Shelter!



# Children and Internet Safety



The Internet has brought the convenience of the information superhighway into our living rooms, but adults and children should be aware of the possible dangers that may also use this technology to come into the homes of those who "log on."

There are some simple ways in which you can protect your home and your children from the dangers of surfing on the Information Superhighway.

## Getting Started:

- explain that although you may be alone in a room using a computer, once logged on to the Internet, he or she is no longer alone. People skilled in using the internet can find out who you are and where you are—they can even tap into the information in your computer.
- set aside time to explore the Internet together and visit sites that are designed for children.

## Controlling Access:

- the best tool a child has for screening material found on the Internet is his or her brain. Teach children about exploitation, pornography, hate literature, excessive violence, and other issues that concern you, so they know how to respond when they see this material
- chose an online service that offers parental control features that can block contact that is not clearly marked as appropriate for children; chat rooms, bulletin boards, news groups, or access to the Internet entirely
- purchase blocking software and create your own safety system. Different packages can block sites by name, search for unacceptable words and block sites containing those words, block entire categories of material, and prevent children from giving out personal information
- monitor your children when they're online and monitor the amount of time your children spend online. If a child becomes defensive or uneasy when you walk into the room or when you linger, this could be a sign that he or she is up to something unusual or maybe even forbidden.

## Tell Your Children:

- to let you know immediately if they find something scary or threatening on the Internet
- never give out their name, address, telephone number, password, school name, or any personal information
- never agree to meet face to face with someone they've met online
- never respond to messages that have bad words or seem scary or just weird
- never enter an area that charges for services
- never send a picture of themselves to anyone without your permission.

## What You Can Do in the Community:

- make sure the access to the Internet at your children's school is monitored by adults
- know your children's friends and the rules of Internet use at their house
- if your child receives threatening e-mails or pornographic material, save the offensive material and contact that user's Internet serv-

## Youth Residents Go Surfing

Thanks to a grant from the Youth Service Bureau of Indiana, youth residents of the Shelter have been learning how to "surf the net" for three years. The project, designed to give troubled children a chance to learn computer and Internet skills, included a grant of computer equipment and Internet service.

The residents work individually or in small groups with the Shelter's Aftercare Coordinator to learn not only how to navigate through the Internet, but how to stay safe while they are doing it.

As the Internet becomes more a part of our daily lives, we're helping children utilize this valuable resource . . . safely!

Clark County Youth Coalition

P.O. Box 142

Jeffersonville, Indiana 47131

In Re: Clark County Youth Shelter & Family Services

Any youth or youth's family member with a problem is encouraged to contact the Clark County Youth Shelter & Family Services at **284-5229**

The Clark County Youth Shelter & Family Services is a Youth Service Bureau Agency

*"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for someone else."  
Benjamin Franklin*

I want to give a troubled young person a chance by becoming a friend of the Clark County Youth Shelter and Family Services with my tax deductible contribution of:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10      \_\_\_\_\_ \$25      \_\_\_\_\_ \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100      \_\_\_\_\_ \$200      \_\_\_\_\_ Other

SEND TO:

Clark County Youth Shelter and Family Services

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P.O. Box 886  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

The Clark County Youth Shelter is a member of:

- Clark Co. Step Ahead Council
- Clark Co. Youth Coalition
- IARCCA
- Metro United Way of Clark County
- Floyd Co. Youth Coalition
- Indiana Youth Services Association
- Southern Indiana Providers Alliance
- National Network of Runaway and Youth Services
- Prevent Child Abuse, Floyd/Clark Council