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Mark Your Calendar

The Governor's Bullying Prevention Summit **November 27**

Registration now open!

This conference will be held to raise awareness on the issue of bullying. Registration open to public. For more information, see information and link located in this newsletter under Youth Development News.

Questions or comments?

Email Tana.Mullen@iowa.gov

SIYAC 2nd Quarter Meeting

December 11th

Location: Capitol Building
SIYAC youth will come together to meet and discuss current and future plans for the year.
Questions or comments?
Email:

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National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

November 10-18

Promotes ending hunger and homelessness in America through community action
Register your own event:

<http://bit.ly/tWWKBL>

Use the week of Thanksgiving to create a service project for you, your family, your employees, or the youth you work with!

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Youth Development News

Update on Iowa Youth Rights and Responsibilities Handbook

The Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP) is updating the Youth Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. ([Click Here](#)) The current handbook is out-of-date (published in 2004), and there are plans to change the format, graphics, etc., and expand/modify the content. We are looking for youth input to help identify the subject areas most important to youth completing the survey (link is below). In order to make this handbook more understandable, accessible, and used more often, we need youth opinions. We are seeking youth ages 21 and younger to take this survey. However, we are passing this information along to adults as well as youth, asking the adults to share this survey with as many youth as possible.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YOUTHRRH>

Please pass on this link to youth whom you know. This survey will be available to complete until December 15, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact jayci.adams-nordstrom@iowa.gov

Youth Voter Turnout High

Youth voter turnout has equaled almost half of those under the age of thirty (22-23 million). This data shows that youth have made a critical contribution on determining the 2012 election of President Barack Obama. "Youth turnout of around 50% is the new normal for presidential elections", states CIRCLE. To see the full article from CIRCLE, click here: <http://www.civicyouth.org/youth-turnout-at-least-49-22-23-million-under-30-voted/>

No Kid Goes Hungry: Get Involved!

Join the initiative to end youth hunger in America by raising money and taking part of the Every Kid Health Challenge. This initiative is national, but provides a link to our Healthiest State Initiative. This is a great way to get students involved and educate them on world issues and nutrition. Curriculum and recipes are available at www.nokidhungry2.org/schools

To submit an article or resource, email jayci.adams-nordstrom@iowa.gov with an internet link and description.

Iowa Youth Congress Update

Iowa Youth Congress (IYC) is a state-wide youth initiative that encourages high school students to take a part in Iowa's government. As a whole, we support amendments and bills that improve the lives of youth in our state. This year, about 55 high schools students convened from November 1-3 in the capitol, where we discussed the impactful ideas that our youth congress members had built. At the end of our discussions, we chose 3 bills out of 8 to support. The first bill mandates the use of helmets for motorcyclists. The second is built on our state's bullying law, and hopes to strengthen schools' action plans, add a definition for 'cyberbullying', and give schools the right to punish students for off-campus bullying. The third bill promotes mandated attendance to summer school for elementary students who are deemed in need of help. Our next step is to work with legislators and community members to advocate for these bills that we as a congress passionately support. Be on the lookout for IYC members in Iowa Congress this year!

Aditi Dinakar | Iowa Youth Congress President

You can learn more about IYC and their work by clicking here: <http://iyc.latinofairs.iowa.gov/>

State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council Update

The State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council has been working hard this month in both committee work and in getting ready for the session to begin. The education committee is currently working on finding a way to get a bill passed to make social studies a mandatory part of standardized testing. The harassment committee is currently getting ready to attend the Governor's Bullying Prevention Summit in Des Moines on November 27. The health and wellness committee is currently working on getting a tool kit ready to go out to schools about healthy choices for after school snacks for younger kids. This month we have also conducted a service project by organizing a health community walk in which schools participated along with other community members in a one-mile walk that promoted a healthy life style.

Natalie Te Grootenhuis | Public Relations Chair

You can learn more about SIYAC's 2012 committees and their work with community partners by [clicking here](#).

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