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### Mark your Calendar

#### September 14 —ICYD Results Team Meeting

The next ICYD Results Team meeting will be from 2:00-4:00 pm on September 14th in the Starkweather Room of the Jessie Parker Building. Questions or comments, please email [steve.michael@iowa.gov](mailto:steve.michael@iowa.gov).

#### September 28—ICYD Council Meeting

The next ICYD meeting will take place in the Starkweather Room of the Jessie Parker Building from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on September 28th, 2011. Questions or comments, please email [steve.michael@iowa.gov](mailto:steve.michael@iowa.gov).

*Want your event in the next issue? Contact [Andrea Hall](mailto:andrea.hall@iowa.gov) with a date, location, and short description.*

### Scared Straight Programs

Decades of research suggest Scared Straight Programs have more harmful effects than good. This has prompted the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to discourage TV networks that air such reality shows that depict this approach. [Click here](#) to read more.

### Teen Birth Rates in Iowa

The latest national research on teen birth rates show Iowa experienced little change in 2009 with 33.9 per 1,000 young women between the ages of 15 and 19. [Read more.](#)

### Join IYC

The 2011-2012 Iowa Youth Congress is looking for diverse youth from across Iowa to participate in their annual events. Regional meetings will begin in September, students will then move on to the state-wide event. Youth Congress will meet in Des Moines October 27th-- 29th. Members will enjoy a mock session in the Iowa House Chambers at the State Capitol and accommodations at the Embassy Suites. Visit the [IYC website](#) or contact [Sara Schoneberg](#) for more information.

### Department of Human Rights Focus on Youth

The Department of Human Rights turns its attention to the next generation of Iowans. Five AmeriCorps members were carefully selected to fulfill Iowa's State of Promise program. Allan Tritch was the Coordinator for the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC). Tritch graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in English and Pre-Law and will be attending law school this fall. He recently finished a service project of planting trees at Des Moines Public Schools with the other DHR AmeriCorps members. Allan has left his position to begin at the University of St. Thomas Law School. He did a fantastic job and we wish him the best of luck.



*Want to submit an article or resource? Email [Andrea Hall](mailto:andrea.hall@iowa.gov) with a link and description.*

### New Director of the Iowa Department of Human Rights

On June 22, 2011, Gov. Branstad announced San Wong as the director of the Iowa Department of Human Rights. Gov. Branstad said, "I am confident that Ms. Wong will excel in ensuring that all Iowans have the opportunity to contribute and benefit from the state's economic, cultural and social opportunities." San Wong had previously been the director of Workforce and Education Initiatives at Des Moines Area Community College. Ms. Wong has received numerous awards for her service to the community including 2006 Des Moines Area Community College Foundation Community Service Award, 2007 Governor's Volunteer Award, 2009 Commission on the Status of Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Leadership Award and the 2009 Business Record Women of Influence. Ms. Wong started July 11, 2011. Her nomination is subject to Iowa Senate confirmation.

### SIYAC Update

The State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council has wrapped up their 2010-2011 term and are getting ready for another great year. During the 2010-2011 term, SIYAC has supported legislation affecting youth across the state and assisted in the passage of an act concerning the protection of students from concussions and other brain injuries. Members have also developed a youth-led alcohol and tobacco [audit toolkit](#). SIYAC is always looking for additional partnerships and input on what issues are critical to youth development. During the Risky Business Conference in Ames, IA, members presented on SIYAC initiatives, the importance of getting involved in your community, and positive youth development. Please visit the [SIYAC website](#) for more information or contact the coordinator at [andrea.hall@iowa.gov](mailto:andrea.hall@iowa.gov).