



August 2023 Meeting Follow-Up & Announcements

- **Foster Success** is a nonprofit dedicated to ensuring teens and young adults transitioning out of foster care are educated, housed, financially stable, employed, and connected to a reliable support system by their 26th birthday. Services are available for youth who have spent any amount of time in the Indiana foster care system. To learn more about Foster Success and how they are supporting youth across Indiana, visit <https://fostersuccess.org/> Foster Success is presenting a monthly foster youth webinar for all K-12 educators, administrators, service care providers and Foster Care staff called Support to Success IDOE Professional Growth Points are available to any educator interested in them. Next webinar is on September 12. To see all upcoming dates and registration information, visit: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IKPoqQ70P5jnOjQsrA7YbhMx3YZW98F9/view?usp=sharing>
- **The CASIE Center**, in partnership with the **Family Justice Center**, is working to create and provide a county-wide child abuse prevention and body safety program for all children in St. Joseph County. Their goal is to deliver the highest quality programming while ensuring there will be no duplication of services. You can help by letting them know about any other current efforts in this arena that are already happening in St. Joe County through completing this survey: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTH2kPwJVIXMWvM44IQPTbrHyPXPdwa3hOidROO-l6p8NbQQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0> Any questions, please reach out to Prevention Coordinator Angie Skwarcan, 574-282-1414, angie@casiecenter.org
- **St. Joseph County Public Library** board meeting information: In August, the Advocacy Minute shared information about SJ CPL, including how our library board members are appointed. Monthly library board meetings are open to the public, and current meetings have been including discussions about materials and how they are selected. The next meeting will be held on **September 18 at 4:15** at the Community Learning Center. Information about the board and meetings is here: <https://sjcpl.org/library-board/> Thanks to SJ Cares member Christine Pochert-Ringle for serving as member of the library board and thanks again to the SJ CPL for being such a valued partner and resource in St. Joe County.
- **Indiana Youth Institute's Kids Count Conference** is November 14 & 15 in downtown Indianapolis and registration is now open! <https://web.cvent.com/event/faf3e2d1-8d3d-4989-9007-b835287d107e/summary> IYI is pleased to offer a limited number of scholarships to attendees doing exemplary work in the field and who would otherwise not be able to attend – but applications are **due August 31**. Here is the page to the application: <https://web.cvent.com/event/faf3e2d1-8d3d-4989-9007-b835287d107e/websitePage:cbc2e64f-c168-4e80-bb72-6c13da5f0b3c>

- Join our Team! **AFSP's St. Joe County Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention** is Saturday, September 23 at 10:00 a.m. and **SJC Cares** has a team! Here is the link to join or support:
<https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=323862>
- One Year of **9-9-8!** July 16 was the first anniversary of our national 9-8-8 mental health hotline. **Indiana Capital Chronicle** article with Indiana-specific information, including recent suicide data: <https://indianacapitalchronicle.com/2023/08/14/one-year-of-988-indiana-reports-high-in-state-response-rate-but-progress-ongoing/>
9-8-8's first year info sheet (national): https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rrljjCMGtVcD-X8zWYuJK-8X821k_RkB/view?usp=sharing
- **SCAN** is hosting a Back to School Party at Howard Park in South Bend this Saturday, September 6, from 4 – 6 p.m. Many great resources to help parents support their students. Giveaways for first 250 students who are present. Information:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SlkpsHu1KaF-PpMKh28b109EOdglq9G/view?usp=sharing>
- **safeTALK Suicide Prevention** training will be offered free of charge on Friday, September 22 at 8:30 a.m. at the St Joseph County Public Library. This 3.5 hour course teaches how to recognize and respond to someone who may be having thoughts of suicide, and is brought and taught through a collaboration of SJC Cares partner agencies. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/690207277547?aff=oddtcreator> to register.
- **Community Health Needs Assessment:** Let your Voice Be Heard! **Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center's** 2023 Community Health Needs Assessment is underway! Please complete the survey and share the link with others, too: [Community Benefit | SJHS \(sjmed.com\)](https://www.sjmed.com/community-benefit)
- **Ryan's Place Annual Grief Seminar:** Enhancing Cross Cultural Understanding of Grief, September 22, 8 -4. Cost students & retirees: \$40; others: \$90. [2023 Grief Seminar at Goshen College \(mailchi.mp\)](https://mailchi.mp/2023-grief-seminar-at-goshen-college)
- **CASA Training:** Lend your voice and become a CASA Volunteer! The next Pre-Service Training for new volunteers begins September 5. Contact Recruiter/ Trainer Amanda Buchholz @ abuchholz@jjconline.org with questions.
Link to training calendar: <https://www.sjcindiana.com/1653/CASA>
Link to application: <https://in-stjoseph.evintosolutions.com/VolunteerApplication>
- **United Religious Community** has submitted a successful proposal to serve arriving refugees in 2023-2024, and they anticipate serving at least 50 individuals starting after October 1, 2023. If you are interested in supporting, please contact Ludy McColester: communityengagement@urcsjc.org or call 574-282-2397, x3 and leave a message.
- **Upper Room Recovery Community** is hosting a luncheon fundraiser to support their transitional housing program. The event is on September 28 at noon; hit the link for tickets and sponsorship information:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1unvulc6ypJHqDaWslwCRuSbOUQDo_U4m/view?usp=sharing

- **Supporting South Bend:** The Supporting South Bend Pilot Group was established to bring social service providers together to share projects, initiatives, and the work our respective organizations are doing, so we can all be more knowledgeable about resources in the City, and be better able to assist residents in accessing the resources they need. We meet once per month, and although social service providers are the primary audience, anyone who is interested is welcome. Next meeting is September 27 at the Technology Resource Center (1165 Franklin Street, SB IN 46601) with coffee and networking from 8-8:30am and the meeting starting at 8:30am. To be added to the mailing list for this group, please email Lily Shroyer at lshroyer@southbendin.gov
EnFocus South Bend Area Organizations 3-Question Survey re. knowledge of organizations and small businesses: [South Bend Area Organizations Survey \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com/southbendareaorganizationsurvey)
- **Citywide Classroom** is a local collaborative partnership hosted by **EnFocus** that brings expanded digital connectivity resources into the neighborhoods and homes of South Bend and Mishawaka students. Click here for brochures with more information: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-JKckee3Nxc36-NmfFaTCroqRO0Kn9fm/view?usp=sharing>
- **The Civil Rights Heritage Center** is bringing an opportunity for adults to have a fresh start in higher education with The Clemente Course in the Humanities. This is a 2-semester course of study for adults who have faced barriers in higher education. The opportunity is open to non-degreed adults ages 18 and older with limited household income and includes free tuition, books, child care, and transportation support. Here is a flyer with more information: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x8UzCopEl1-hMwrU21o6jdH8Zb4TPaSW/view?usp=sharing>
- Just for the Health of It. **Community Health Fair at Kennedy Park**, Saturday, September 23. Presented by **Lincoln Bendix Park Neighborhood Association**. Free vendor opportunities for those providing health services and resources, food, and arts and crafts. Registration form: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IPBJC5kqrScp2djz7kZYqYP39mjinYQVL/view?usp=sharing>
- **Mental Health America** has abundant web resources dedicated to supporting parents, teachers, students, caregivers and others throughout Back to School transition time, including the toolkit "Selfies, Social, & Screens: Navigating Virtual Spaces for Youth." Here is the link: [Back to School: Youth and technology | Mental Health America \(mhanational.org\)](https://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/back-to-school-youth-technology)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 9:00 a.m. – IN PERSON 📍

SJCPL Community Learning Center, 305 S. Michigan St., South Bend Classroom D.

Meeting Focus: Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI).