

INTER-AGENCY
09-16-2009

1. Introduction by all the attendees

2. Speaker- Dr. Alene Reuschel

- Two new principles, one for elementary and one for high school have joined.
- New partnerships have been accomplished.
- She talked about refurbishing or constructing sidewalks that lead to school for which grant has been received.
- She talked about promoting healthy lifestyle, encouraging children to walk safely to school.
- She mentioned the “Walking Bus System” where with the help of volunteers children walk to and from school.
- October is a “Walk to School” month. October 7th – National Push for walking.
- This year’s theme “Being that bright light”. Lincoln school- to open for 2 nights a week so that children can find a quiet, safe, and secure place to do homework. It will be open to the entire neighborhood and not just the students in Lincoln school.
- Another grant of 670,000 dollars for 3 years has been received for “Enhancing Education through technology”.
- How we as partners can work together to enhance the quality of life of all?
- How we can partner with diverse groups?
- Addressing H1N1
- Upgrading systems of communication. A survey done 2 years back showed that 78 percent of families have access to internet.
- She also mentioned a research that has been conducted “What factors help kid to achieve in school?”
- We are proud of what we have accomplished but we also need to do a better job by reaching all kids.

There were suggestions about sending the every schools newsletter to all the inter-agency groups and about creating favorable environment for table tops for parents in schools.

3. Peace Corps- Bill Jacobs

- Macomb Tax Blast- 9am to 3pm on February 13, 2010
- Macomb Jr/Sr High School Commons
- Community needs to raise donations to help cover expenses.

For more information regarding these activities call Bill Jacobs
Housing Authority of McDonough County Co.
309-837-2362

Peace Corps Fellow, Housing opportunity - Judy Torres

- Looking to collaborate with Western Illinois Local agencies through educational and recreational means.
- The main targets are- kids/youth and seniors
- Please contact Judy if you have any presentations/ activities that you could take, bring, (receive), and if you have group of kids or seniors.

For more information, email at J-torres2@wiu.edu

Or call the housing authority at 309-837-2363

4. Victim Services

- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- October 8th- "Take Back the Night" from 6.30-9.00
- October 14th- "Health Care about Domestic Violence". The victim services will be conducting trainings in health care agencies.
- October 22nd- Mock Trial at McDonough County Courthouse at 7.00 pm. There will be a candlelight Vigil following the trial.
- October 23rd- Information tables and silent witnesses throughout Macomb.

5. Village at Wheeler

- Income housing opportunity that offers residents to live in a brand new home at lesser price.
- 45 homes with 3/4bedroom, featuring green amenities, resources amenities, lawn care for those who do not have the time and many more.
- Tax Credit Program for Average median income holders.
- 100 dollars will be given for referrals.

6. Alternatives for older adults- Brianna Gasparovich

- Memory walk this weekend- Alzheimer's

7. WIU Social Work Department

- 48 students will be starting with their practicum.
- If you would like to consider a student to work in your agency, feel free to contact the department.

8. Volunteer Now

- October 29- West Central Illinois Volunteerism Conference from 8am to 4pm in Macomb.
- \$30 cost for conference- includes continental breakfast and lunch.

9. McDonough County Health Department

- Paint the Town Pink October 3
- H1N1 situation update, refer to the McDonough County Health Department's Website for the latest information www.mchdept.com and click on the H1N1 link.

10. PACT Head Start

PACT for West Central Illinois has the Head Start and Early Head Start programs for McDonough and seven other counties. PACT is currently taking applications for ½ day classes at the Macomb Center on the campus of WIU; and also has a home-based program in McDonough County for 3-and 4-year old children, whose families meet limited income guidelines. The Early Head Start program serves children under three, in a full-day program for parents that work or go to school. Call 1-800-443-7228 with referrals or for more information.