



Topeka-Shawnee County Emergency Aid Council

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Next Meeting: Friday, July 10, 2009 ~ 9:00 a.m.

Presenter: Resource Center for Independent Living

Location: Resource Center for Independent Living
519 SW 37th Street

Minutes of June 5, 2009

Antioch Family Life Center ~ Erma Officer and VISTA Volunteers

Antioch Family Life Center will be hosting the first year of Freedom School this summer through the Children's Defense Fund. The Children's Defense Fund's mission is to ensure every child a *Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start* in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

This summer 80 scholars will participate in Antioch's Freedom School. The camp is free and relies largely on local sponsorship for funding. The program is sponsored locally by:

Capitol Federal

Community Foundation

Brown vs. the Board of Education Foundation

United Way

Washburn University

Scholars were accepted on a first come first serve basis, and many more are on a waiting list to participate in the program. An open house will be held at 5:00pm June 14th to kick off Freedom School.

Scholars will participate in activities that promote educational and moral growth through reading, character building activities, and team activities. Volunteers are needed to read aloud to scholars throughout the summer (contact Erma Officer to volunteer).

Announcements:

RCIL ~ Mikel McCary – RCIL will be celebrating their 25th anniversary with a celebration to be held June 5th from 11:30 – 1:30 pm at the Topeka Public Library.

Topeka Parole Office ~ Kelli Martinez – The Topeka Parole office needs volunteers to serve as interviewers for mock interviews once a month during employment seminars. Contact Kelli Martinez to volunteer at 291-0505.

Topeka North Outreach ~Theresa Gartner – TNO has scholarships available for kids to attend summer camp.

SRS ~ Karen Peterson - 4,097 LIEAP applications were approved totaling \$2,936,000.

Topeka Rescue Mission ~ Jeff Karas – TRM is full (both buildings).

Community Action – Alice Schimmel – SRS will begin taking applications for the Back to School Fair on June 15th. Community Action has rent money available for homeless individuals.

Community Resources Council – Nancy Johnson – The Complete Streets kickoff will be June 22-24 with the meeting on the 24th open to the public at Landon Middle School at 6:30 pm. CRC also introduced the new MAACLink Administrator, John Castello.

Attendance:

John Castello – Community Resources Council
Rebecca Williams – Community Resources Council
Nancy Johnson – Community Resources Council
Rachel Munoz – TARC
Sarah Collier – KCSL-Healthy Families
Alice Schimmel – Community Action
Jan Craig – SCHA/Gatekeepers
Teresa Holmer – SCHA /Gatekeepers
Jeff Karas – Topeka Rescue Mission
Karen Peterson – Topeka SRS
Theresa Gartner – Topeka North Outreach
Debra McClelland – ERC
Kelli Martinez – Topeka Parole Office
Mikel McCary- RCIL
Karne Cochran – RSVP
Larry Hinton – United Way
Erma Officer – Antioch Family Life Center

Dates & Locations for 2009 Meetings:

July 10th – RCIL
August 7th – KCSL
September 4 – OPEN
October 2nd – KS Gas Service
November 6th – Westar
December 4 – The Topeka Workforce Cntr