

UPDATE #2 -Indiana Initiative: New Directions for Student Support (7/12/04)

This is a brief update, as well as an ongoing invitation for everyone to participate as the work moves forward.

[All info and updates on the Summit Initiative across the country and specifically in Indiana are on the web – go to <http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu> and click on Summits on New Directions.]

As you know, the **IN Steering Group for New Directions for Student Support** endorsed the creation of two workgroups: (a) one focused on information sharing and (b) the other on identifying school districts that are ready to move and enhancing decision maker interest in New Directions for Student Support. These are up and running and you are invited to join in. Let us know your interest.

A. Information Sharing. On 6/29/04, an email invitation was sent to all who attended or were interested in attending the IN Summit on New Directions for Student Support to join in **launching a campaign to inform a broad range of partners about the imperative for new directions**. Inquiries were made to determine who would be attending conference, workshops, meetings over the coming months and whether these folks would be willing to share information on New Directions for Students Support. The response was good. Listed below are the venues at which respondents plan to share information about the initiative:

- >Project Peace: Peer Mediation Training for Middle Schools, sponsored by the IN State Department of Education and the IN State Bar Association, 7/27-28
- >Aggression Replacement Training (in Ft Wayne and Marion)
- >IN Department of Education alternative education regional meetings in Indianapolis on 10/1, in Seymour on 10/8, and in Ft. Wayne on 10/15.
- >IN School Nurses Fall Conference, Indianapolis on 9/21
- >School Social Work Association on America conference in DC, 7/8-13
- >IN School Social Work Association conference, 11/12
- >Midwest School Social Work conference 7/9.
- >National Student Assistance Association Board Meeting in Baltimore, 7/7-9
- >New England School of Prevention Studies, Newport, RI, 7/26-29
- >National Prevention Network Conference, Kansas City, 8/23-25
- >IN Safe and Drug Free School Coordinators, 8/30
- >National Student Assistance Association Board Meeting in Nashville, 8/24-26
- >IN Association of School Psychologists Executive Board Meeting, Indianapolis, 8/21
- >IN Association of School Psychologists conference, Indianapolis, 10/10-12
- >Center for Leadership and School Reform for Superintendents, July
- >American Association of School Administrators Women's Leadership Conference in Washington DC, November

If you have not already responded to the following ongoing invitation, we hope you will do so:

Will you be attending any meetings where you can share information on the IN New Directions for Student Support Initiative?? Please let us know. If you would like us to send copies of the flyer on New Directions for Student Support for you to share, we would be happy to do so (email ltaylor@ucla.edu with your request).

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Other ways information on the New Directions for Student Support initiative is being sharing:

- >Referencing the New Directions initiative in their federal grant application for Safe Schools/Healthy Students
- >Including information in the IN School Social Work Association email and hard copy newsletter; and in the IN chapter of the National Association of Social Workers newsletter.
- >Sharing initiative flyer with board of managers who are school superintendents and discuss how they might assist in the circulation
- >Sharing the flyer with colleagues
- >Presentation at an upcoming School Board meeting (7/14)
- >Inclusion in Courses for Masters degree in special ed at Ball State

If you want materials to share at meetings you can either download and copy them or we can send you hardcopies (let us know how many you need for distribution and we will send them to you: email ltaylor@ucla.edu.) Brief info. material we have developed so far include:

>the flyer mentioned above – it is a new one pager which is online. It can be used as is or easily adapted as a way of sharing info on the *New Directions for Student Support* initiative. Download it at <http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/summit2002/flyerjune04.pdf>

>New Directions for Student Support: A Comprehensive Learning Supports System Talking points Q & A document (<http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/summit2002/q&a.pdf>)

>Brief article that was published in the *Journal of the National Association of School Boards of Education* (NASBE) entitled: "*So you want higher achievement scores? It's Time to Rethink Learning Supports*" <http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/summit2002/schoolboard.pdf>.

Look these documents over to see if you think they work well in letting others know about the New Directions for Student Support initiative. If you think we need something else, please help by briefly describing what you think we should develop.

Summit Co-Sponsors

We are pleased to let you know that a number of the Summit co-sponsors are including an article about the *New Directions for Student Support Initiative* in their newsletters and electronic communications. For example, the National Association of School Psychologists has included it in its newsletter to school psychologists across the country.

If you would like a draft article to adapt for inclusion in your communications networks, please let us know and we will send one to you. (ltaylor@ucla.edu).

If you would like us to include other organizations as a co-sponsor, please let us know who to contact.

Finally, let us know of your progress in working on New Directions for Student Support and any strategies you have for moving the initiative forward in Indiana.

Send all Email responses to Ltaylor@ucla.edu