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Power of We Consortium
Reach Studio Art Center
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St. Vincent Catholic Charities
Women's Center of Greater Lansing

June 5, 2009

Dear Community Partner:

Thank you for your commitment to participate in the kick-off of the **Peace & Prosperity Movement: Power of 9 Summer Edutainment Series** on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at The Venue Live, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., 6810 S. Cedar St., Lansing. The Movement is an outreach and engagement project of the **Ingham Change Initiative** to help youth make connections with elected officials, community leaders, and resource networks. Event partners include: Ingham County Youth Commission, Lansing Community College High School Diploma Completion Initiative, Michigan State University, Black Men Incorporated of Greater Lansing, REAAL, The New Citizens Press, Pioneers for Peace, Harambee Consulting, Power 96.5 FM, One Love Global and others.

The attached flier was distributed to middle and high school students in Lansing and Holt and is being circulated via social networks. Youth between the ages of 12-17 are invited to participate in nine free events from June 23 – September 12. The Venue Live has graciously offered the use of the facility and promotional support at no cost for these events.


The nine events utilize entertainment as a platform for message delivery and advocacy to promote positive outcomes for our youth such as: peace, diversity, inclusion, healthy lifestyles, dropout prevention, preparation for higher education, and entrepreneurship. Each event will feature local organizations and service providers who specialize in the issue area and have resources for youth.

Small group activities will be held at the Human Services Building in Lansing, for up to 12 youth between the ages of 12-21, to more closely focus on systems and policy change and the power of the media. These sessions are designed to further engage the young people who participated in the Youth Voices: Changing Public Policy forum in April with legislators, public officials and community leaders who engaged in dialogue about dropout prevention.

A parent appreciation reception and orientation to the summer event series will be held on June 16, 6-8pm, at Body & Soul restaurant, 3015 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. in Lansing. The parent appreciation reception is free and reservations are required at 517.676.7289.

The Ingham Change Initiative brochure is attached to provide additional information about this innovative policy change endeavor. Please contact me at 517.410.1014 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Angela Waters Austin
Coordinator

It is the mission of the Community Coalition for Youth to coordinate the development and implementation of data-driven, comprehensive, community-wide programs in a continuum of care for all youth in Ingham County.

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An Open Mic Experience for the under 18 crowd featuring DJ Radd 1

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THE **VENUE**
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what are you doing this summer?

A SPECIAL EVENING FOR PARENTS ONLY!
An Appreciation Dinner & Orientation Just for You

Come and find out what the FREE
POWER of 9
Summer Youth Edutainment Series
for youth ages 12-17 is all about!



Body & Soul Restaurant
Tuesday, June 16, 2009
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The event is FREE and limited to 100 parents
RSVP by June 10, 2009 (name, phone, # of parents)

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POWER OF 9 SUMMER EVENT SCHEDULE

“For Parents Only” – Appreciation Reception & Orientation to Power of 9

Co-hosted by: The New Citizens Press

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 16, 2009; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Body & Soul Restaurant

Event 1

“The Lift Off” – Power of 9 Kickoff & Youth Orientation

Co-hosted by: Ingham County Youth Commission, LCC High School Diploma Completion Initiative, Pioneers for Peace, Michigan State University, One Love Global, The New Citizens Press, Black Men Inc. of Greater Lansing (BMIGL) ...

Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2009; 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Location: The Venue

Event 2

“Life Beat: World Music and Dance” – Celebration of Diversity & Inclusion

Co-hosted by: The New Citizens Press

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2009; 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Location: The Venue

Event 3

“Live 2 Learn” - Opportunities in Higher Education

Co-hosted by: BMIGL, Lansing Community College HSDCI, Michigan State University

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2009; 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Location: The Venue

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Event 4

“No Limit Game Lounge” - Violence Prevention and Social Responsibility

Co-hosted by: Pioneers for Peace

Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2009; 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Location: The Venue

Event 5

“Learn 2 Live” –Health and Wellness/HIV & AIDS Prevention

Co-hosted by: REAAL featuring The Red Alert Fashion Show

Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2009; 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Location: The Venue

Event 6

“The Lab” – Entrepreneurship101 – Social Innovation & Job Creation Workshop

Co-hosted by: Old Town Businesses/Message Makers

Date: Saturday, August 15, 2009; Time TBD

Location: Lunch at Sir Pizza following the workshop

Event 7

“The Limelight” – MAD Skillz Talent Showcase – Media, Arts & Design as Advocacy

Co-hosted by: The New Citizens Press

Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2009; 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Location: The Venue

Event 8

“The Lane Blazers 3-on-3 B-ball Smash” – Pioneers for Peace Recruitment

Co-hosted by: Pioneers for Peace

Date: Saturday, August 29, 2009; Time TBD

Location: Hunter Park

Event 9

State of Our Health: Through the Voices of Our People” – Community Health Symposium

Co-hosted by: The New Citizens Press

Speakers/Presenters: State of Michigan Representative Robert Dean

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2009; 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: The Bread House (Bethlehem Temple)



PPM Leadership Training Schedule**

Human Services Building – 5303 S. Cedar, MSU Extension Conference Room

Tuesday, June 16 @ 2:00 p.m.*	PPM Leadership Training/Power of 9 Orientation
Tuesday, June 23.*	Disparity & Public Policy Reform Ingham Change Initiative
Tuesday June 30	Media & The Power of Perception
Tuesday July 7	Media Advocacy Workshop
Tuesday July 21*	Education Policy & Leadership
Tuesday July 28.*	Justice & Leadership
Tuesday August 4*	Health Policy & Leadership
Tuesday, August 11*	Focus Groups
Tuesday August 18	Public Policy Outreach Activity
Tuesday August 25*	Wrap-up/Assessment

* Evening event scheduled from 6:30-9:30 p.m. @ The Venue Live; see event schedule for complete listing.

** The time for the Tuesday training sessions will be determined at the June 16th orientation.

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The mission of the Ingham Change Initiative is to provide policies and practices that will assure all youth in Ingham County have successful life outcomes.

Why Change Is Needed

In 2007, 33% of male youth in Ingham County were of color and 67% were Caucasian.

Data collected in Ingham County reveals significant disparity in opportunity and outcomes for youth across systems, particularly for young men of color:

HEALTH & CHILD WELFARE

- 67% of male youth (0-19.9 years old) who died in Ingham County were males of color, while 33% were White males
- Just 17.4 percent of youth in Ingham County are African American, yet 48 percent of Ingham County children in foster care are African American

EDUCATION

- 54% of males of color in Ingham County graduated from high school, compared to 74% of White males

JUVENILE & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- 74% of male youth arrested in Lansing were males of color, compared to 24% White males
- 63% of male youth petitioned for prosecution in Ingham County were males of color, while 35% were White males



What Change Is Needed

The Ingham Change Initiative will undertake advocacy and outreach activities to shape policy and practice that will achieve the following goals:

Health

- Lower death rates
- Increase access and availability of mental health treatment
- Improve health care coverage and adequate health care delivery

Child Welfare

- Reduce rates of youth placements in out-of-home care
- Improve the monitoring of youth's health status by foster care caseworkers

Education

- Elevate high school graduation rates
- Improve availability and visibility of post-graduation educational opportunities

Employment

- Improve financial, housing, and employment opportunities

Juvenile & Criminal Justice

- Lower detention, adjudication, and out-of-home placement rates
- Improve the rehabilitation and re-entry process

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