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Indiana Commission for Women



Moving Indiana Women Forward - June 2011

Upcoming Events

June 21 - ["Women in Diplomacy," visit with Liechtenstein Ambassador Claudia Fritsche.](#)
June 22 - [Advancing Women in Business Seminar - Bedford, IN](#)
June 29 - [Advancing Women in Business Seminar - Elkhart, IN](#)
June 30 - [Advancing Women in Business Seminar - Lafayette, IN](#)
July 9 - [Unite 2 Fight: Get Moving 2 Beat Cancer](#)
[For more events, visit our site.](#)

Community Spotlight

Spotlighting a women's organization that is making Indiana a better place to live, work and raise a family connects women to resources and opportunities available in their communities and throughout the state. This month, ICW would like to recognize the [Rocky Road Sisterhood](#), "a membership organization committed to helping widows make the transition into life without a spouse." At the Rocky Road Sisterhood, widows are encouraged to volunteer, develop friendships, participate in educational opportunities, but most importantly, offer support to sisters dealing with a major lifestyle change. Though this organization

Hoosier INsight Listening Sessions Update

All 17 reports from the spring listening sessions are posted to our [website](#). Over 270 participants took part in the listening sessions and over 525 people have responded to our survey. It has been a worthwhile experience to visit communities across Indiana to speak with women and men who are committed to moving Indiana women forward. We appreciate all of the great comments and suggestions for positive solutions given during each session and through our survey. But, we still need your help! In an attempt to hear from as many people as possible, ICW has taken a good look at those who participated in or replied to our efforts to see who we may not have heard from yet. Two specific groups that come to the forefront are girls and immigrant women. So, ICW has decided to conduct two more listening sessions targeting these groups later this summer. Please stay posted by following us at [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) to hear more about these special listening sessions as details are confirmed! We are also extending the survey in order to reach out to women in counties that are not represented yet. If your county is listed below, we haven't heard from you! Please consider completing the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WomensIssues2011> so that your voice can be added to the conversation!

Counties needed: **Benton, Boone, Cass, Clark, Clinton, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Decatur, Fountain, Franklin, Fulton, Grant, Greene, Harrison, Howard, Jackson, Jasper, Jay, Lawrence, Marshall, Martin, Miami, Montgomery, Newton, Noble, Ohio, Orange, Parke, Perry, Pike, Posey, Pulaski, Putnam, Randolph, Ripley, Rush, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Starke, Sullivan, Switzerland, Tipton, Vermillion, Wabash, Warren, Washington, White**

Later this summer, the compilation report of all the sessions and survey will be completed. In the fall, we will present the findings at a statewide debriefing meeting. During that meeting, those in attendance will help to prioritize the suggestions for community action and next steps we received into a plan of action that can be shared by communities, organizations, and agencies to move Indiana women forward. If you are interested in being updated on the Hoosier Insight initiative, helping with the program,

is based in Evansville, Indiana, the Rocky Road Sisterhood encourages you to start a chapter in your own community.

participating in the debriefing meeting or scheduling someone from ICW to speak to your community organization, please contact Kristin Garvey at kgarvey@dwd.in.gov or 317-233-6303.



Advancing Women in Business Seminars

It's time for ICW's favorite summertime activity! The Lieutenant Governor's Advancing Women in Business Seminar Series has been scheduled for the following dates and locations:

June 22 - Bedford, IN

June 29 - Elkhart, IN

June 30 - Lafayette, IN

Lt. Governor Skillman speaks at each of the events, and you can count on the ICW to be there too! Many experts including the Small Business Development Center will be there to answer your questions about starting or maintaining a small business. Not to mention, there will be networking galore! Bring your business cards because you will find tons of great women just like you. For more details and registration information, visit the [Office of Community and Rural Affairs website](#).

Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBE) Resource Fair

Save the date! The Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBE) Resource Fair will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, from 8AM - 2:30PM at the the Indiana Government Center South Conference Center, Indianapolis, IN. The resource fair is part trade show and part workshop experience geared toward minority and women business owners who are seeking essential educational resources and who are interested in learning about procurement opportunities available with state agencies, universities, and private sector corporations and organizations. [Deborah C. Stephens](#), author of *One Size Fits One: Building Relationships One Customer and One Employee at a Time*, will be this year's keynote speaker. The MWBE, a division of the Indiana Department of Administration, promotes minority business enterprises (MBEs) and women's business enterprises (WBEs).



Healthy BONES...Osteoporosis Prevention

Osteoporosis is a debilitating disease, which most often affects women. [The National Association of Commissions for Women \(NACW\)](#) recently launched a Healthy BONES project, and the ICW is on board letting Hoosiers know how to prevent osteoporosis from happening to them and providing resources with information regarding the disease. Please read the ICW blog by visiting [WordPress.com](#).

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