



Indiana Parenting Institute, Inc.

Faith-Based Organizations In Action?

April is Parenting Awareness Month in Indiana. What do you plan to do?

Since 2007, this annual initiative has celebrated people raising children in communities across the region.

Every faith-based organization is asked to commit, to get involved, to *celebrate people raising children in Northwest Indiana* by choosing to actively sponsor, participate, and acknowledge parents and families throughout the month of April by:

- Hosting, parenting related workshops and seminars
- Making parenting information available in the church
- Supporting the NWI Parenting Resource Fair and Encouraging involvement and participation of their congregations
- Promoting, selecting, celebrating, and acknowledging at least two parents/families per Sunday during the month of April who most exemplify the



qualities and traits of an Effective and Responsible Parent in your church.

- Listing as a PAMI site for the month of April where parents, families, and children can come to hear lessons on effective and responsible parenting, participate in activities, and share family time together.
- Input into the yearly success of this community initiative by becoming a contributor or NIPA advisory council member.

IPI offers free organizing assistance for first-time faith-based participants. Call 219-714-2772.

As community outreach ministries, faith-based organizations are in a unique position to:

- Help nurture and protect the well-being of children and families in Northwest Indiana
- Encourage and support effective and responsible parenting
- Engage others to participate and help ensure the well-being of children and families
- Help parents be the best parent possible
- Support and deliver opportunities and resources that help parents, families, and children live their best life.

IPI provides four levels of services to faith-based organizations in support of parents and families in Northwest Indiana:

- Collaborative partnerships to bring parenting and family relationship education in to the church to help families at-risk and in need
- In-house faith-based parenting workshops or seminars
- Programs that celebrate parents as effective and responsible parent educators
- Planning and organizing assistance to become a Parenting Awareness Month Indiana (PAMI) resource site for families. [Learn more about PAMI](#)
- Planning and organizational support to run an [EARP Peer Support Group](#) for men and women and train group facilitators
- Keynote speakers for issues related to parenting and the benefits of parent education

Many things happen in communities when children are loved, cared for, safe, and have the opportunity to live their best life free from abuse and neglect:

- Less neighborhood crime
- Prison population decreases
- Less high school drop out
- More college graduates
- Fewer unintended and teen pregnancies
- Fewer children in the “juvenile system”
- Less juvenile delinquency
- Better school performance
- Fewer deteriorating neighborhoods
- Less drug, alcohol, and tobacco misuse
- Better lives for all

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