



The Heart of PAMI is Local Events and Activities

You can help make PAMI a community success story. Whether you are a broad coalition, small organization, or a community group - such as churches, schools, state and local agencies, businesses, or individuals - you can bring PAMI into your organization and celebrate it in a variety of ways:

- Display a PAMI poster and bookmarks, local calendars, and resource lists
- Local community or county-wide PAMI kickoffs on April 1st of each year announcing events, activities, honors, etc.
- Resolutions/declarations by councils, boards, commissions, etc.
- Conferences, programs, forums, fairs
- Themed family nights
- Events to showcase local programs and resources
- Parenting features in local media
- Exhibit products/services at the Annual Parent Education and Resource Fair
- Underwrite a parenting event
- Churches can nominate and select a "Parent of the Year"

"Training parents to succeed."

PAMI Has the Support of:

Governor Mitchell Daniels
Lt. Governor Becky Skillling
City of Gary Mayor Rudy Clay
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Parenting Awareness Month Indiana



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**People Raising
Children in NWI**

Indiana Parenting Institute

Celebrating PAMI Since 2007

Each year the Indiana Parenting Institute, Inc. (IPI) engages businesses, schools, churches, organizations, and state and local agencies in coming together to acknowledge the vital role parents perform in raising children to reach their full potential to become productive citizens of our communities.

Reasons to Care

The Center for Disease Control reports that child protective services investigated 3.6 million reported cases of child neglect and abuse in 2006. More than 900,000 children (12.1 per 1,000) were classified as victims. Nearly 80 percent (79.9%) of perpetrators were the parents of children Birth2Eighteen years.

Children raised in abusive and neglectful home environments tend to adopt behaviors that lead to school dropout, violent crimes, out of wedlock pregnancies, juvenile delinquency, drug and alcohol abuse and other maladies that lead to neighborhood deterioration and the social problems that impact society. A significant percentage of inmates in U.S. prisons are victims of abuse as children. Additionally, one out of every three abused or neglected children will grow up to become an abusive parent.

Why You Make a Difference

A caring, supportive, and involved community is a major force in protecting the wellbeing of our children. As individuals and organizations committed to helping parents and saving the lives of children, YOU can make a difference.



WHY PAMI?

PAMI exists to educate and engage parents and communities in celebrating people raising children and to promote awareness of the need for effective and responsible parent education to eradicate poverty, grow vibrant communities, and equip children with sustainable life skills to lead future generations.

PAMI takes place in the month of April each year through locally-planned, family-based events and activities.

PAMI advocates for:

- Showing children love, concern, and respect at all times
- Giving kids a safe place to live and play
- Helping children express their feelings appropriately and listening to them
- Giving children appropriate choices whenever possible
- Having reasonable rules that are understood

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- Being responsible, and teaching children to be responsible
- Spending time with children
- Setting examples by what you say and do
- Working with schools and the community to make them better for children
- Asking for help when needed

For Parents

In a society where resources are abundantly available to aide and strengthen family wellbeing, PAMI presents an opportunity to learn about and connect with these resources to help you and your family. PAMI is also a time for parents to re-dedicate and embrace their children with unconditional love, concern, and respect.

PAMI Starter Kits

Starter kits are available on our website, www.indianaparentinginstitute.org, for individuals, organizations, and others interested in being a PAMI Site Supporter.

PAMI Calendar

Do you have a planned PAMI event scheduled during the month of April? Drop us an email and we will add your event to our online calendar and promote it along with other PAMI events and activities. Email us at:

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