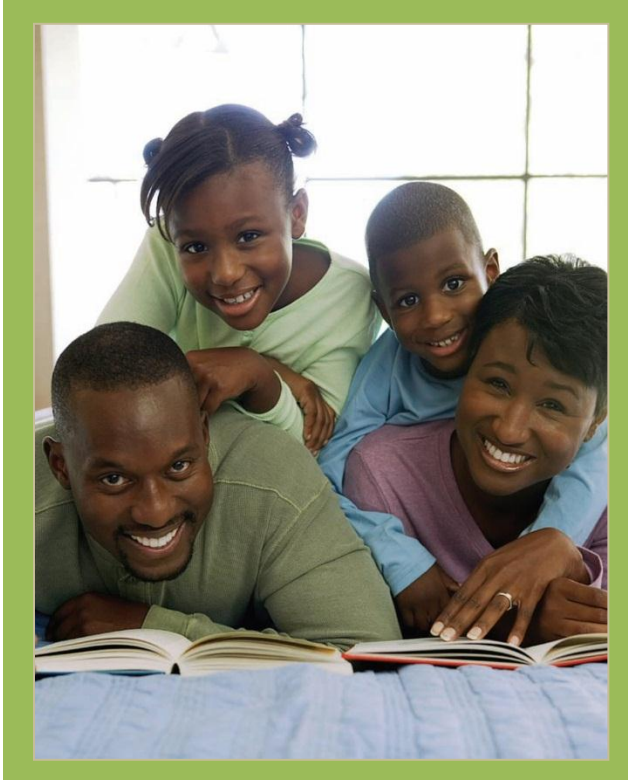


Celebrating People Raising Children in NWI



PAMI 2011 Activities & Events

- April 1: **PAMI 5th Annual Kick-Off Breakfast**
Celebrating Indiana Parenting Institute (IPI) graduates, as well as community organizations advancing the welfare of families in NWI at the Genesis Center Plaza One Bistro in Gary.
- April 2: **MoneySmart Workshop**
Get all your financial questions answered by Harris Bank: savings, housing, budgeting, management. Roosevelt High School – Gary, 10a-10p
- April 16: **Celebrating Family: a Day of Togetherness**
(PAMI's Parent Education & Resource Fair)
A Day of Family Fun and Knowledge.
Enjoy activities for the children, a place to hang out and learn for the tweens & teens, and relevant information and access to resources for parents & the whole family. With special guests! Diamond Club | RailCats Stadium | 10a-3p
- April 22: **IPI Board Reception**
A meet-and-greet with IPI's Board of Directors at the Indiana Welcome Center, as well as an opportunity to learn more about IPI and those we serve. Cocktails and Gourmet Culinary Delights will be served. And there will be a Silent Auction, Music and other entertainment.

Plan now to set aside time in April to participate in a **variety of parenting programs and activities** taking place at locations throughout the City of Gary, including neighborhood libraries, churches, schools, health care facilities, city resource centers, and other locations as

PAMI is...

the opportunity for NWI to come together collectively to celebrate and bring attention to the importance of effective parenting within our community.

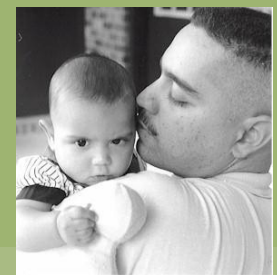
Effective parenting is vital to the survival of our community. Without it, we are vulnerable to the consequences of parental neglect: teen pregnancy, juvenile delinquency, violence, crime, school dropout, substance abuse, runaways, and other social, health and behavioral outcomes that prevent children from reaching their full potential, and in the end lead to community deterioration.

...making parenting good!

PAMI Goals

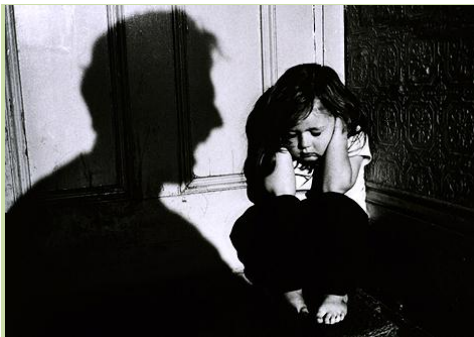
- Call attention to the need for effective and responsible parenting
- Raise awareness that society benefits from parent education
- Raise awareness of the critical role parents and community play in preventing child neglect, teen pregnancy, school dropout, drug and alcohol abuse, STDs, and crime.
- Encourage and assist in the development of parent networks
- Celebrate parenting
- Provide user-friendly PAMI literature and support

"the 'celebration of parenting' as a tool to encourage best parenting"



announced.

PAMI events and activities are sponsored by state and local agencies, schools, churches and stakeholders in service to families and children.



“Make the difference in a child’s wellbeing today!”

Why PAMI?

In 2006, the Center for Disease Control, child protective services, investigated 3.6 million reported cases of child neglect and abuse. More than 900,000 (12.1 per 1,000) children were classified as victims. Nearly 80 percent (79.9%) of perpetrators were the parents of children Birth2Eighteen years, acting alone or with another person. Children are more likely to suffer from neglect (62.8%) than any other form of maltreatment, followed by physical abuse (16.6%), sexual abuse (9.3%), psychological maltreatment (7.1%), and medical neglect (2.0%). Mothers are more likely to neglect or abuse their children than fathers. However, fathers sexually abused their children almost five times more than mothers. Children ages 0-13 years are abused most frequently.

Further, children raised in neglectful and abusive 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 social problems.

In response...

In March 2007, Mayor Rudy Clay of the City of Gary, Indiana approved a proclamation submitted by From-the-Heart Parenting, Inc., the Northwest Indiana Chapter of the National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc., and Love Feast Church to establish April as Parenting Awareness Month in Gary, Indiana to celebrate and call attention to the need for effective parenting in our community.

The parent is the most important teacher and role model a child will ever have. The best predictor of how well a child will do in the future is in the level of commitment and care given to the child by the parents.

A caring, supportive, and involved community is a major force in protecting the welfare of children, and preventing unhealthy and inappropriate parenting behaviors that put children at risk of neglect and abuse by the parent.

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 of parents in raising children to become productive citizens with the potential to achieve sustainable lifetime success.



Get involved!

Accomplishment and delivery of PAMI to the community necessitates a collaborative effort from citizens and organizations that are in the business of educating and helping people live more meaningful lives – for collectively, we already have the tools, the knowledge, the resources, and the power to make a significant impact.

- Support effective parenting through your various media.
- Post a PAMI “Help a parent. Save a child.” poster in your business.
- Purchase street banners for downtown Gary: APRIL IS PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH INDIANA. [YOUR ORGANIZATION] IS A PROUD PAMI SUPPORTER.
- Provide opportunity for PAMI organizing liaisons to speak at your organization and garner support for PAMI.
- For schools: Initiate an essay contest within the school on “Why My Parent is a Cool Parent.” Host assembly to announce winners and use opportunity to promote effective parenting with guest speakers.
- Publish announcements and parenting articles in newsletter and newspapers about PAMI and effective parenting
- Provide parenting recognition awards and prizes
- Celebrate parents and parenting through locally planned events

Volunteers and supporters are need to ensure that Gary parents know the value and importance of their role in raising children that will help elevate and sustain our community for the years ahead.

