



Muncie Action Plan to bring Web of Support Initiative to the community at their annual report to the community



Derek Peterson trains Muncie community members about the Web of Support

In every iteration of Muncie Action Plan (MAP), community members identified developing a “mentoring program” as a priority. Yet, it has been one of the most challenging action items within the plan to address.

“People want to be sure kiddos have mentors in order to prevent them engaging in risky behaviors,

and they also want mentors for themselves,” said MAP Board President Jenni Marsh.

Derek Peterson is an international speaker and founder of the Institute for Community and Adolescent Resiliency who has studied the value of positive adult role models and mentorship. Through his research for the federal government, Derek discovered several key factors—including how many mentors youth need in order to reduce risky behavior and become more resilient, healthy, happy adults.

“Derek’s approach is not a program—it’s a grassroots initiative that builds a culture in which youth are empowered to identify and recruit supportive adults, and those adults have diverse support systems to support the youth’s success,” Marsh explained.

MAP is pleased to be bringing this work to our community. With funding from United Way of Delaware, Henry and Randolph Counties, George and Frances Ball Foundation, and Ball State University’s Office of Community Engagement, Derek Peterson is coming to Muncie for two open to the public evening presentations. Childcare will be provided by the YMCA at both of the evening presentations.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Muncie Central High School auditorium, Marsh will give a very brief update from MAP and Derek will present the Web of Support.

On Thursday, Jan. 30, from 6-8 p.m. at Muncie Central High School’s auditorium, Derek will present the Web of Support again.

These two public presentations will follow two sessions of two-day intensive trainings in which youth and adults will learn how do this work. Over 100 people will be trained over these two sessions.

“Annually, MAP’s Task Force Chairs have addressed a crowd of our loyal attendees and provided a report on the great things happening in Muncie,” Marsh said. “This year, we wanted to maximize our time with the community sharing this important approach—and helping our community discover the mentoring it has been longing for.”

Get Involved!

As the [Muncie Action Plan](#) (MAP) enters into a second decade of leadership in our community, we are looking to individuals who are willing and eager to share in the leadership of this community inspired organization. Local issues are being addressed by one of five task forces providing a variety of interest for those wishing to serve on the board or committees best suited for their talents.

[Task Force 1: Linking Learning, Health, and Prosperity](#)

[Task Force 2: Fostering Collaboration](#)

[Task Force 3: Strengthening Pride & Image](#)

[Task Force 4: Creating Attractive Desirable Places](#)

[Task Force 5: Managing Community Resources](#)

For more information on becoming involved with the board or one of the five task forces, email Krista at mapcoordinator@muncieactionplan.net

Coming Up In 2020

Leadership Academy and the Office of Community Engagement at Ball State for the 5th Annual Neighborhood [I.D.E.A Conference](#) on March 7th, 2020 at Ivy Tech's Fisher Building Downtown. This is an opportunity for Muncie's most active local leaders to gather to listen, learn, and meet like-minded individuals to share ideas and best practices. New this year, newly elected Mayor Dan Ridenour will present the State of the City address as the afternoon keynote.

MAP Neighborhood

Meetings:

Updated for 2020

MAP Neighborhood Presidents' Council:

6pm, 3rd Tuesday, Fisher Building, Ivy Tech

Anthony-Northside: 6:30pm, Thursday of odd-numbered months, Community Fellowship Church

Blaine/Southeast: 6pm, 2nd Tuesday, Serenity Club, 1218 S. Brotherton St.

Forest Park: 6:30pm, 3rd Friday, Delaware County Senior Center

Gilbert: 7pm, 2nd Monday, Inside Out, 300 N. Madison Street

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Industry: 6pm, 4th Thursday, Price Hall, 704
S. Madison Street

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Ludingwood: 2pm, 3rd Saturday, Woodlands
Nursing Home, 3820 W. Jackson St.

Minnetrista/Central: 6pm, 1st Tuesday,
Minnetrista Cultural Center

Northview: 6pm, 3rd Monday, Northview
Elementary, 807 W. Yale Avenue

Old West End: 6:30pm, 4th Tuesday, Friends
Memorial Church, 418 W. Adams Street

Riverside/Normal City: 7pm, 4th
Wednesday, Hazelwood Christian Church
Fellowship House, 1400 W. University Ave.

South Central: 7pm, 4th Monday, Bridges
Community Services, 318 W. 8th Street

Thomas Park/Avondale: 6pm, 3rd
Wednesday, Ross Community Center, 1110 W.
10th Street

Western Woods: 6pm, 1st Wednesday,
Westview Elementary, 3401 W. Gilbert Street

Whitely: 5:30pm, 2nd Monday, Muncie Area
Career Center, 2500 N. Elgin Street



Task Force 1: Linking Learning, Health, and Prosperity

MAP TF1/BY5 has increased resources and program to underserved families by over 60% and has increased access to high quality child care in Muncie/Delaware County by 22% since 2013.



Task Force 2: Fostering Collaboration

MAP TF2's efforts have created and sustained over 27 active neighborhood associations in the community of Muncie.



Task Force 3: Strengthening Pride and Image

MAP TF3 has worked together with communications partners to create Mymuncie.org, signage and delivering the good news of the opportunities Muncie has to offer.



Task Force 4: Creating Attractive and Desirable Places

MAP TF4 has strengthened Muncie's resiliency and code enforcement, helped to create the Muncie Cultural Train, Canan Commons and continues to work with Downtown Development to attract new business.



Task Force 5: Managing Community Resources

MAP TF5 has worked with Delaware County GIS department and helped to create Bike Muncie, Scout Muncie, has overseen Tuhey Pool Watterpark's transformation, reservoir projects, among other land resource improvements.



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