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MCCOY launches interactive Youth Activity Directory

INDIANAPOLIS – The Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc. (MCCOY) recently launched a new interactive database highlighting more than 600 listings of local youth programs in central Indiana. This database has been launched in conjunction with the release the 2019 Youth Activity Directory (YAD) booklet.

For more than two decades, the YAD has served as a resource for parents and caretakers who need assistance in finding programs that can help their children and teens grow in positive ways. The 2019 edition of the books are now available to the public, as is the new digital version that can be found on MCCOY's website. Together, these tools should help more young people identify the programs that meet their individual needs.

The YAD includes information such as program descriptions, contacts and pricing. Both versions of the YAD list programs that vary in ages of youth served as well as areas of interest. In addition to summer and afterschool activities, other listings include special needs camps, volunteer opportunities and leadership and mentoring resources. The online version has filters that make it easier for families to search by region, price, age range, and other categories, all in an effort to make the directory more user-friendly.

"MCCOY is well-known for our work creating and disseminating the Youth Activity Directory," said John Brandon, president and executive director of MCCOY. "We have always tried to find ways to make this resource more useful to the families and youth-service providers who need access to this kind of information. We're delighted to provide multiple versions of the directory, free of charge, to meet the needs of all young people in our community."

To view the online database, click <u>here</u>. To order copies of the booklet or to view the PDF, click <u>here</u>. YAD booklets can be picked up at MCCOY's office located at 1375 W. 16th Street. Organizations can also submit their youth programs for inclusion in the YAD by clicking <u>here</u>.

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This year's cover art was designed as part of a contest among students at Franklin Township Middle School West. The chosen cover art was created by Maythazin Minthu.



The Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc. (MCCOY) is the youth services intermediary for central Indiana whose mission is to champion the positive development of youth through leadership on key issues and support of the youth worker community. MCCOY's vision is that every young person in central Indiana has opportunities to thrive, learn, engage and contribute.

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