

## North Central Region YAB Meeting April 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes

### **Attendance**

#### **Youth**

Maria, Christopher, Vincent, Shavon, Lavaysha, Monica, Sara, Davina, Christian

#### **Staff**

Bob, Tony, Monica, Kimberly, Cindy

### **Welcome and Introductions**

### **IL Retreat Update**

#### **Fostering Connections Letter of Support**

- Discussed the Fostering Connections Act, it's purpose, and the letter to Secretary Dichter to support the proposed changes
- Youth and staff signed the petition if they wanted to

#### **Getting More Participation**

- We discussed the counties in our region and how we could get more involvement
- Suggestions were to write a letter to counties and/or have youth attend life skill groups in other counties, possibly with Cindy Gore, to present about the YAB and encourage them to attend meetings

#### **Changes in the System**

- Youth discussed presenting to caseworkers in our region on changes they would like to see in the system. Much focus was put on youth being allowed to spend time with friends, possibly overnights, without clearances needing to be run on everyone in the house

#### **Upcoming Events**

- We talked about possibly having 2 meetings this summer, one being a volunteering activity or team-building on the ropes course, and the other a regional meeting with updates from the statewide