

Kosciusko Leadership Academy

White Paper Projects 2014/2015

2015 GPS 2 Success

The Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce and the Kosciusko Leadership Academy will be hosting a career fair titled “GPS 2 SUCCESS” at the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center on April 14, 2015. Over 2,500 high school juniors and seniors will be attending during school hours, and the event will be open from 3:30 – 7:00 PM to the general public.

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Breaking the RECycle

KLA White Paper Team examines the current state of recycling in Kosciusko County and links recycling with job creation and less landfill waste. The proposal identifies an opportunity to reduce the usage of plastic bottles by advocating the adoption of filtered, bottled water dispensers in Warsaw Community Schools.

Exploring county wide curb recycling program

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Community Drug Awareness and Response

Improving and protecting the future of Kosciusko County's family and corporate environment through greater community involvement in prevention, treatment and detection of drug activity.

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Health Research in Kosciusko County

Explores the possibility of establishing a Health Research Center in Kosciusko County to assess the health and wellness needs of the community, evaluate the effectiveness of current health related programs, and provide recommendations on how to best distribute community resources to solve health problems. The Center would also focus on educating citizens about wellness and networking with various health related entities toward common goals.

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KIDSS: Kids in Need of Services & Support

The development of a Kosciusko County advocate to assist children in need prior to CASA or court appointed services. Besides what is happening inside the home, our youth face tremendous pressures outside of the home as well: bullying, social media anxiety, self-esteem, and academic pressures are just a few of the daily battles our youth are facing. With so many needs on a variety of levels, it is time to create a resource to which these needs can be referred, identify the help needed, and intervene on behalf of the child.

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Kosciusko County River Tourism

A business opportunity for a true entrepreneur who seeks to add to the outdoor opportunities provided by our beautiful lakes, streams, and rivers. Specifically, a detailed start-up plan with detailed research and realistic actions will be outlined in hopes to start a successful kayak and canoe business on the Tippecanoe River here in Kosciusko County.

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