Kosciusko Leadership Academy



White Papers by Class Year

1982

Big Brother / Big Sister Agency - Kosciusko County's need for a Big Brother / Big Sister Agency **Flooding in Central Kosciusko County Lakes** - Provides several solutions to the problem of flooding for Barbee, Webster, Tippy

Gifted Children Have Rights Too - Assistance should be given to gifted students to keep them engaged in school

Housing Shortage? - Seeks to establish a means to restore healthy, affordable housing market in Kosciusko County

Landfills - Problems and Solutions - Problems with solid waste management in Kosciusko County and possible solutions

Long Term Programming for the Developmentally Disabled

Structuring a New Image - Provide position communication method for publicizing Kosciusko County **Warsaw Airport Expansion** - Community benefit from airport expansion

1983

My Views on Leadership - Thoughts on the function of KLA and its responsibilities to future leaders in the community

Times-Union Survey - How do readers of the Times-Union perceive its effectiveness

Unemployment in Kosciusko County - Taking a look at current and future job needs and what is being done to curb unemployment

Warsaw Through the Eyes of the Consumer - Interpretation of a survey conducted by the Chamber of Commerce

1984

Funding Local Government - Methods and sources of funding for local government and different ways in which revenues are spent

How Mentone Egg Affects Lives - Explore the impact of Mentone Egg on the County

Industrial Analysis of Kosciusko County - Survey and analysis to better understand the problems and need of the industrial sector

Project Inform - A slide show to inform about delinquent behavior

Quality Performance - Survey of County Manufacturing Companies - A survey of County manufacturing companies

The Big Pick - How to Break the Ice for KLA Participants - A study in how to effectively motivate others

Why Not Warsaw? - Research through personal surveys to discover people's perceptions of Warsaw **Winter Tourism in Kosciusko County** - Explore possible winter tourism ideas

1985

Apartment Housing in Warsaw - Study need for more housing in Warsaw and relationship between economic development and housing facilities

Child Care Kosciusko County - Study of child care situation in Kosciusko County **Industrial Specific Brochures**

What's a Kid to Do? - Increase public awareness of emotional abuse suffered by children

1986

A Guide to Child and Early Care

Directory of Kosciusko County Social Services

Energy Cost and Assistance in Kosciusko County

Hydroponic Agriculture in Kosciusko County

KLA Survey of Computer Use in Kosciusko County

Mobile Home Parks and Manufactured Homes - Issues, advantages, regulations, space

No One Deserves to Be Abused - State and County statistics related to spouse abuse

Opportunity for Business and Industry - Script for slide show

Significance of Agriculture - Importance of Agriculture to financial welfare of Kosciusko County

Structure of Indiana License Branch

The Jury System: Imperfect But it Works - How it works and why it is effective, though not perfect **Volunteerism in Kosciusko County** - Make it easier for people new to the community to get involved **Winona Railroad: An Interesting Part of Our Heritage** - Historical look at the impact in Kosciusko County

1987

Alumni Directory - See Alumni pages on this web site

Business and Education Bridging - Encourage direct communication between Business and Education on needed skills

Child Abuse

Directory of Religious Congregations

Fur Trade and Traders of Kosciusko County

Kosciusko County Bank / Savings and Loan Directory

Kosciusko County Indiana Leader in Livestock - Explanation of 30 minute video

Kosciusko County Lakes - Recreational quide to the Lakes in Kosciusko County

Trash and Waste Disposal in Kosciusko County

Directory of Periodicals - A directory of periodicals available the Grace College Library

Housing the Poor in Kosciusko County - Even in economic growth and general prosperity, there is a serious need for good housing

Kosciusko County Apartment Guide

Kosciusko County Directory of Government Offices

Kosciusko County Education - Past and Present

Kosciusko County Justices of the Peace

1989

Career Awareness and Life Planning in Kosciusko County Schools

Cultural Directions for Kosciusko County - Gives a proposed cultural direction and a means of fulfilling it

Environmental Impact in Kosciusko County - Paper and video to provide overview of environmental regulations and impact on Kosciusko County

Guide to Retirement Opportunity

Kosciusko County Emergency Services: Composite and Comparison

Newcomers to Kosciusko County - Identify individuals new to our community, assess their likes / dislikes / suggestions

Project Proud - List of projects and class members for 1989 Presentations

Recycling: A One Way Street

Scholarship Opportunity in Kosciusko County

The North Central Indiana Special Education Cooperative: Special Education Services

1990

Assessing the Work Ethic in the Community and Schools - Assessment of current and future work ethic trends in the County

Comparative Cost of Government Services - Examination and Breakdown of government services expenditures

Drug Attitudes and Usage Among Kosciusko County 7th - 12th Grade Students - Results from Pride Questionnaire

Emergency Evacuation / Transportation Procedures for Kosciusko County - Evacuation plans for potential disaster scenarios

Fund Raising for Community Development Projects - Tips on how to run a successful fundraising campaign

Impact on Kosciusko County Initiated by the Departure of a Business - Examines the potential impact of United Telephone's consolidation

Kosciusko County Human Resources Handbook

Organization of KLA White Papers for Public Access

Public Sewage Disposal - Lake Tippecanoe - Seeks to demonstrate the need for a central waste disposal system for the lake area

The Whole You - Taking Care of Yourself - Directory of services to improve your personal well-being **Project Proud -** List of projects and class members for 1990 Presentations

Child Care: A National Issue and a Local Priority - Explores the crisis of the need for quality child care

Christian Outreach for Single-Again Families in Kosciusko County - Steps to establishing meaningful services

Establishing a Kosciusko County Park System

Kosciusko County Rural Address System: Finding Your Way Around the County - Help understanding the rural address system

Kosciusko Future Leaders Academy - A plan to expose High School seniors to the best our community has to offer

Kosciusko Leadership Academy - assess the preparation of High School students for employment in the local Orthopedic Industry

Past / Present / Future of Child Care in Kosciusko County - Overview of Warsaw Child Services from 1968 to 1990

Quality of Water, Center Lake, Pike Lake, and Winona Lake

Victim Survivor's Program - Creation of Victim Survivor's program

1992

Awareness of The Americans With Disabilities Act - Four-fold plan to integrate people with disabilities into the mainstream of society

Financial Issues Affecting Women in Our Community - Examination of key financial concerns unique to women

Fund Raising of Non-Profits in Kosciusko County - Provides a calendar to assist local charities in more effective fundraising

KLA: Meeting Its Objectives? - Survey results from previous graduates pertaining to their KLA experience

Kosciusko County Convention Center: A Feasibility Study and Proposal

Kosciusko County Organ Donor Assistance Foundation: A Feasibility Study

Parking in Downtown Warsaw: Right or Privilege

Pierceton Community Services Networking - Plans to develop a consolidated community services center

Service Clubs 1990 in Kosciusko County: Are They Dying? - Study to assess the health of service clubs in Kosciusko County

Warsaw Community School Transportation System - Report aimed at communicating policies and practices of school transportation services

1993

Illegal Pornography Kosciusko County: How it Affects Our Neighborhoods - Chronicles the rise and impact of explicit material in our community

Kosciusko County 4H and Community Fair - Presents a systematic master plan for the fair **Kosciusko County Government Offices Directory** - Provides a brief description of each county office's basic functions and services

Break the Cycle of Teen Pregnancy in Kosciusko County - Seeks to establish a "Teen Parents Succeeding" program in Warsaw

High School CO-OP Programs: Are Local Businesses Utilizing This Valuable Resource - Describes the attributes of a successful co-op program

Involvement in Local Government - A tale of one experience in local government

Kosciusko County Fairgrounds - A Blueprint for Profitability - A proposed business plan to make the fair financially profitable

Kosciusko County School Clothing Bank: Is There a Need? - Program designed to provide used / new clothing items for school wear at no cost to students

"Partners in Need" A Compass for Community Action - Comprehensive needs assessment of our community, developed by the United Way

Politics - Its Two Branches - Explains how individuals can volunteer to ensure political progress **Telecommunication Evolution and Its Impact in Kosciusko County** - Impact of emerging interactive media on our community and our world

Year Round Education: A Review of Recent Studies - Presents the advantages of a year round education setting

1995

Assessment of Youth Needs in Kosciusko County - An aid to help youth organizations evaluate participation factors

Character Education / Place in Public Schools - Presents a strategy to implement character education techniques in our schools

Guidelines for a Transition Community - Presents the proposition that the challenges confronting our community are best solved by individuals, not government

KLA White Paper Directory - Directory of White Papers arranged by subject matter

Kosciusko County Greenway Proposal - A Blueprint for Success - Documents the need and benefit of establishing a Greenway plan

Kosciusko County Foundation - Transcript of an audio interview explaining the benefits of a community foundation

Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy 95-96 - By-laws, goals, and schedule for the 95-96 KYLA **Needs Assessment for Adults with Disabilities and Economic Disadvantages** - Assessment of services available

Young Minds Big Challenges: Our School System in the Future - How year round education can address deficiencies in our school system

Cinco De Mayo - Explains the significance of the festival to be held in Central Park

Fulfilling the Dreams of Tomorrow: Scholarships of Kosciusko County - Presentation detailing the scholarships available in Kosciusko County

Giving "Life" a Chance: A Shepherding Home Program - Information about establishing a "Shepherding Home" program for pregnant women

Hazardous Rail Crossings: A Life or Death Decision

"Help! I Need a Loan!": A Personal Financial Seminar for Kosciusko County High School Students

Reviving the Emergency Medical System - Proposal for a county-wide paramedic service

Road Map of Support Services: School to Life Transition - Provides help with school to life transition for students with disabilities

The Cutting Edge: Keeping Kosciusko County Families in Thin Ice - Plan for publicity and development of a local skating rink

1997

A Greenway in Your Community - Further development of previous White Paper on Greenway Proposal A Guide to Warsaw Area Housing Development

Affordable Housing Directory

Domestic Violence Getting Involved - Charts the steps to instituting a Domestic Violence Task Force in Kosciusko County

Is English the Missing Link? - Presents the learning challenges of children who speak English as a second language

Kosciusko County A Look Inside - Broad overview of housing, financial, social, medical, religious, and recreational aspects of our community

Remembering Those Who Have Forgotten: Alzheimer's Care in Kosciusko County

Small Business Resource and Training Center - Small Business training and micro loan program

SSpark Program: Sowing Skills, Passion, Altruism, & Responsibility in Kids

Too Small to be Big: Demographics, A Blessing or a Curse - Investigates whether or not a community of our size can attract new restaurant business

Wildlife Solutions - Exploration of deer hunting history in our state, local ordinances related to deer overpopulation

Behind the Scenes at Warsaw Community Development Corporation - Mission, goals, and projects of WCDC

Gold...Credit You Can Rely On - increase awareness of discount "gold card" issued to high school students meeting pre-set criteria

Highway Helpline Report - Proposes a joint effort between Sprint and the Kosciusko County Highway Department to address highway maintenance issues

KLA Alumni Directory - See Alumni pages on this web site

KLA White Papers - List of projects and class members for 1998 Presentations

Lake City Greenway Master Plan - Continuation and implementation strategy for Greenway Project

Re-Vitalizing Camp Mollenhour - History, mission, and goals of the camp

Surfin' for Dollars - local scholarships available to High School graduates

Winona Lake Restoration - Back to the Future - Details future restoration projects

1999

Creating Kosciusko's Next Frontier: Exploring the possibilities of Information for Key Sectors of Kosciusko County

COPS - Computers On-board Police Vehicles Save Time

Education to Careers: Closing The Gap - presents a job mentoring program

L.I.N.K Up for Kids - Linking Industry to the Needs of Kids - program that pairs students with tutors from local industries

Project L.U.S.T. - Liability for Underground Storage Tanks - Project addresses Pierceton's solutions to an abandoned gas station

Promoting Conservation Through Camp Mollenhour

Strike Up the Band - Etna Green Remembrance Park Project

Project Proud - List of projects and class members for 1999 Presentations

2000

Bringing KLA Brochure Into 21st - A new brochure for KLA

Career Information Center Proposal

Center for Arts and Culture in Kosciusko County - Proposal to renovate an existing building into a center for arts and culture

Financial Basics to School Age Children - Quizzes and materials that can be used to teach financial information

Job Shadowing for Career Exploration

Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy - Development of a Brochure

Need for a Teen / Preteen Resource Center

Youth Survey - Five question survey given to six focus groups of students regarding their perceptions of the County

Project Proud - List of projects and class members for 2000 Presentations

County Cooperative Project - develop teamwork between community clerk-treasurers

Educational Foundation: Researching the Need for a Strategic Plan Feasibility Study: Construction and Building for Baker Youth Clubs

Funding for a County Park

Juvenile Detention Dilemma - proposal and possible funding for a juvenile detention facility in Kosciusko County

Spanish Radio Station - Analyzes the content and communications needs that could be met **Project Proud** - List of projects and class members for 2001 Presentations

2002

Aiding Youth Through the Fair Queen Scholarship Pageant

Community Youth Mapping - exploring neighborhoods using a survey to find resources available to youth people, children, and families

Downtown Revitalization: Building Warsaw's Future

Expanding Childcare Options - need for quality child care expansion and building requirements for a center-based child care facility

Guide for Tutors, Mentors and Volunteers

Habitat for Humanity Brochure

Heart of Gold - honoring people for their acts of service to the community

Positive Choices for the 2nd Shift Community - recommendations to provide good, healthy choices for those working 2nd shift jobs

Public Transportation - analysis of needs and services in Kosciusko County

Red Light Violations: Stop U.S. 30 Red Light Running - research and traffic study to support use of cameras to stop voilations

Project Proud - List of projects and class members for 2002 Presentations

2003

A Directory for Volunteers

Civic Infrastructure and Downtown Revitalization

Community of Caring Volunteer Program - building a volunteer group able to assist elderly and disabled people in the county on a waiting list for services

Kick Butts: Kick the Habit Before it Kicks You - implementation of an anti-smoking campaign **Pro Bono Legal Services -** research on the availability of pro bono legal services to low income members of the community

Red Rover for Keeps - improve safety for student pedestrian traffic at busy intersections throughout the County

Warsaw Charter School - overview of charter schools in the country and Indiana, suggestions for evaluating possible charter school in Kosciusko County

Community Bark Park - proposal for a community dog park

Hispanic Youth Mentoring Program - using bilingual high school and college students to assist elementary students with learning English language

History On a Disk - collection and scanning of white paper projects since 1982 onto a CD (*later used to help build web site information*)

Jumpstarting Financial Literacy - educating youth on how to understand personal financial issues **Kosciusko County's Hidden Gem: Tippecanoe River** - encourage use of the Tippecanoe River located near Warsaw

Promoting Kosciusko County - doing a better job of promoting the County to prospective residents **Reality Spanish: Building a Communication Bridge** - using the Reality Spanish[™] program to improve communications

A Shoplifting Alternative for Juveniles - a program to help juveniles stop shoplifting Under One Roof - presentation on providing a building for a Community Service Facility

2005

Aging Wisely - Answering questions who may have never thought to ask.

Buried Treasure – Review of past White Papers and of funding resources in Kosciusko County **KLA Online** - Creating a KLA website

Kosciusko Career Link – On online tool to educate students on Kosciusko County career choices **Potawatomi Project** – Encourage greater use of the Potawatomi Wildlife Park located in Marshall County

Under One Roof – Providing a common facility for non-profit organizations in Kosciusko County **Warsaw Winona Lake** – A review of issues related to possible consolidation of Warsaw and Winona Lake into one municipality

2006

Diversity in Kosciusko County – Addressing the needs of a multi-cultural population

Impact of Population Trends in Kosciusko County – Study of 17 townships in Kosciusko County and which townships are likely to experience the greatest growth in the next two years

Kosciusko County Dog Park - Proposal for a county dog park

Fascination Place: A Generation at Risk - Study of Enchanted Hills and Fascination Place

KC - Work Here, Live Here, Grow Here

Knowing the Village – Factors which impact After-School activities participation

Life Skills Workshops - Proposal for public workshops in Kosciusko County

Tippecanoe Lake Area Sewer Project

Building College Dreams Before They're Teens

Building the Foundation to Help Rebuild Lives - Victim Service Center

KLA: A Review in Direction Kosciusko Outreach Services

Marketing KLA: Drawing on the Past, Driving Toward the Future

Ryan's Place

WCS Volunteer Network

2008

Ice, Ice Baby – Bringing Winter Recreation to Kosciusko County

Building Leaders Through 4-H - How 4-H builds leaders.

Stay and Pay - Addressing Shoplifting

Natural Resources RLF - Revolving Load Fund

"Get on Board" - Participation in local non-profit organizations

Outdoor Fun at Baker Youth Club - Providing outdoor equipment at Baker Youth Club

Sharing KLA – Improving KLA communications

2009

Kosciusko County Business Leadership Network Kickoff – Establishing a Business Leadership Network

Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice, Inc: Getting The Word Out – Increasing awareness of the services available

Live Here, Work Here - Encouraging people to both live here and work here

Splashpad! - Building a recreational Splashpad

The Micro Load Program – Providing micro loans in cooperation with non-profit organizations

2010

A Community Driven by Knowledge – Present information to the people who have first contact with those in need.

Boomerang Backpack – Provide free backpacks with healthy meals and snacks for elementary students over the weekend.

Here to Stay – Help students with career direction, encourage them to become a part of the local community after meeting their educational goals.

Interactive Recreation Map - Assist individuals in accessing the recreational opportunities throughout Kosciusko County via an interactive map on the Internet.

There's Room for You in Orthopedics - Provide a forum to educate and inspire local students to pursue a career in the Orthopedic Industry.

Warsaw Biblical Gardens – Enhance the experience of visitors to the Warsaw Biblical Gardens by providing a system for self-guided tours using cell phone technology.

Baker Youth Club Sign Project - Install a new electronic reader board sign.

Building Maintenance You Can Understand - A resource and guide to homeowners, churches, not-for-profit organizations, and individuals with limited means.

En Espanol - A Resource for the Spanish Speaking Community - Create a resource directory in Spanish, available in print and online

Good Readers - Healthy Choices - Incorporate Reach Out and Read's evidence-based model into regular pediatric checkups.

Kosciusko County Event Center - A proposed structure that will accommodate up to 600 people with many popular amenities.

Lakes Festival Expansion - Strategies to improve and expand the event.

Meth Treatment at a Local Level - Lay the framework for a meth rehabilitation program that begins with an individual's choice to beat the addiction

2012

1st Response Communication - Updating the radio system for First Responders.

Critical Incident Stress Debrief for First Responders- Managing stress for First Responders

Drug Disposal - Raising awareness of the safe disposal of prescription drugs

Growing Hope - Accessible, Long-term Fundraising for the Kosciusko Cancer Care Fund

Lakes Festival Messabout - Expanding the impact of the annual Lakes Festival

Shared Services in Non Profits - Implementing shared services in the nonprofit sector

Winona Lake Splash Pad and Limitless Playground - Continuing the progress on this project