

Friday, February 2, 2007
Kalamazoo, MI -

The MICHIANA Coordinated School Health Institute completed a final intensive training session in Kalamazoo, MI, February 1. This was the seventh in a series of training opportunities for eight Michigan school districts and ten Indiana school corporations to learn leadership and management skills in the administration of Coordinated School Health Programs.

Nancy Yaw, CEO of the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Region recognized the Indiana Department of Education with a Certificate of Excellence for the Department's partnership role in the development, leadership, and financial support of MICHIANA. The MICHIANA project has been a joint training collaborative between the Indiana Department of Education, Indiana State Department of Health, the Michigan Department of Education, the Michigan State Department of Community Health and the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Region.

MICHIANA has been recognized as a national role model for Coordinated School Health Leadership training. A grant from the Centers for Disease Control has been instrumental in giving the Department the funds to be able to participate in this endeavor.

The training the ten Indiana school corporation teams have received has strategically placed those corporations in the lead to develop viable, efficient and effective Coordinated School Health Advisory Councils, a requirement of all school corporations by July 1, 2007. The Department will use these ten corporations as mentors and trainers as other school corporations begin developing councils.

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