Twenty-Fourth Annual IUN Forum on Child Abuse & Neglect
Engaging Families and Communities

Friday, April 25, 2014 ~ 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM (Central Time)
Bergland (Savannah Center) Auditorium ~ Indiana University Northwest

8:15 – 9:00 Pre-Registrant Sign In/On-Site Registration - Coffee and Donuts Available – Networking

9:00 Welcome and Introduction – Elizabeth Guzman-Arredondo, St. Monica Home Chancellor William Lowe, Indiana University Northwest
Jane Bisbee, Deputy Director – Field Operations, Indiana Department of Child Services

9:15 Keynote – Ms. Susan Badeau - Orchestrating Systems to Work for Children and Families

11:00-12:00 Breakout Session I

1. Jane Bisbee – New Initiatives for the Indiana Department of Child Services
2. Susan Badeau – Effective Family Engagement
3. Susan Kelly – Leading Change: Making and Sustaining a Positive, Effective Culture
4. Tom Branson – Gang Education, Awareness, and Prevention: Lake County
5. Natalie Lukich and Ellen Michelin – Options and Opportunities for LGBTQ+ Youth
6. Danny Lackey – Bullying and Cyberbullying

12:00 Lunch Break / Networking

1:00-2:00 Breakout Session II

7. Susan Badeau – Nurturing and Healing Family Connections for all Children
8. Jeff Miller – Lake County Magistrate (Juvenile Court) [Meet Your Local Official Series]
9. Maritza De La Cruz – Update: The Lake County Child Mental Health Initiative
10. Georgia Geis – Volunteering for Children and Families
11. Christina Hale and Monica Solinas-Saunders – Sexual Assaults and Indiana Teens
12. Mimi Gardner – The Lake County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team

2:15 Closing Plenary [Bergland (Savannah Center) Auditorium]

Presentation of Prevent Child Abuse Lake County’s (PCALC) Annual Dr. Richard W. Hug Cherish the Children Award
Closing Address – Ms. Susan Kelly - Engaging with Families and Learning from their Wisdom: Working Together to Keep Families Strong and Children Safe

3:30 Adjourn

Co-Sponsors
Prevent Child Abuse Lake County (PCALC) ~ Mental Health America of Lake County ~ Lake Area United Way NWI AHEC ~ The Villages ~ Early Learning Partnership of NWI ~ Indiana Department of Child Services IUN School of Public and Environmental Affairs ~ IUN School of Social Work ~ IUN School of Nursing PUC School of Nursing ~ Ivy Tech School of Nursing ~ Sigma Theta Tau ~ Geminus Community Partners Edgewater Systems for Balanced Living ~ St. Monica Home of Franciscan St. Margaret Health ~ Indiana Kids First Trust Fund ~ The Lake County CASA Program ~ IUN Center for Urban and Regional Excellence
Keynote Speaker
Susan Badeau

Susan Badeau is a nationally known speaker, writer and consultant with a heart for children and a desire to help adults and children build bridges of hope following the pain of trauma or loss. She has worked for many years in child services and serves on several national boards. She writes and speaks extensively to public and private agencies, courts, parent groups and churches. Susan and her husband, Hector, are lifetime parents of twenty-two children, two by birth and twenty adopted (three, with terminal illnesses, are now deceased). They have also served as foster parents for more than 50 children. They have authored a book about their family’s parenting journey, *Are We There Yet: The Ultimate Road Trip: Adopting and Raising 22 Kids*. She has a website – [www.suebadeau.com](http://www.suebadeau.com) - and may be reached by email at sue@suebadeau.com. She lives in Philadelphia.

Special Guest
Mary Beth Bonaventura

Judge Mary Beth Bonaventura is well-known to the IUN Forum audience. As Senior Judge of the Juvenile Division of Lake Superior Court she has made presentations at the Forum since the 1990s. Having attained a national reputation in the juvenile justice field, Judge Bonaventura was appointed Director of the Indiana Department of Child Services in the spring of 2013 by Governor Mike Pence. Judge Bonaventura, a life-long Lake County resident, was born in East Chicago. She received her undergraduate degree from Marian University in Indianapolis and her Juris Doctorate degree from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois.

Update: Judge Bonaventura will not be able to join us this year as originally scheduled. Ms. Jane Bisbee, former Director of DCS Region 1 (Lake County) and current DCS Deputy Director for Field Operations will present the Department’s vision for families and children and describe some new DCS initiatives.

Closing Plenary Speaker
Susan Kelly

Susan Kelly is an internationally known, award-winning consultant, speaker, writer, researcher, and policy analyst who currently serves as Senior Director of Strategic Consulting for Casey Family Programs in Seattle Washington. In this role she works to find ways to assess and support systems improvement in organizations and agencies providing child welfare services. Before joining Casey, she was Senior Associate for the Center for the Study of Social Policy in Washington, DC where she worked to strengthen state and national efforts to implement family centered, community based child welfare strategies. Before that she held numerous high level positions in child welfare services in Michigan including providing staff support for the Michigan Taskforce on Overrepresentation of Children of Color in Child Welfare. Ms. Kelly holds a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Michigan and a Master of Religious Education degree from the Catholic University of America. She was recently honored with the Leadership for Children Award by the Children’s Defense Fund.
1. **New Initiatives for the Indiana Department of Child Services**  
Jane Bisbee – Deputy Director – Field Operations, Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS)

Ms. Bisbee returns to the Forum again this year to share the DCS vision for Indiana’s children and families in this workshop. She will also provide details on new and recent DCS initiatives designed to help achieve that vision.

2. **Effective Family Engagement**  
Susan Badeau – Keynote speaker, former Commissioner of Children for the City of Philadelphia

Keynoter Susan Badeau offers this workshop to help participants delve deeper into the themes of the morning keynote. She will demonstrate effective family engagement techniques and lead participants in interactive activities designed to help them understand the core elements of successful family engagement – practices that make a positive impact on outcomes for children and youth.

3. **Leading Change: Making and Sustaining a Positive, Effective Culture**  
Susan Kelly, Senior Director of Strategic Consulting, Casey Family Programs, Seattle, WA

This reflective session will challenge participants to focus on their personal leadership styles, skills, and competencies. Understanding that effective leaders can create positive and lasting change, Ms. Kelly will focus on the power of leaders to insure the changes they envision through effective communication, collaboration, action and commitment to success.

4. **Gang Education, Awareness, and Prevention**  
Tom Branson – Project Director, Lake County Violence Intervention Program (VIP)

Mr. Branson will give an overview of his work with the Violence Intervention Program, a cooperative effort of Geminus Community Partners and the Sheriff’s office to educate the public about gangs in the region. Participants will learn the risk factors for gang involvement, signs of gang involvement, and ways to avoid involvement from Mr. Branson and a former gang member who will tell his story.

5. **Options and Opportunities for LGBTQ+ Youth**  
Natalie Lukich, Member, Munster Chapter, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and the Pride Initiative  
Ellen Michelin, Member, Munster Chapter, PFLAG and the Pride Initiative

This session will review information about sexual orientation and gender identity needed by peers, family, and other adults to help support LGBTQ+ youth. It will focus on planning for and navigating adolescence and young adulthood. Topics will include school issues, finding supportive medical care, understanding social media, and options for college and beyond.

6. **Bullying and Cyberbullying**  
Danny Lackey, Director of Diversity and Student Support Services, Merrillville Schools

Recent research placed Indiana 3rd in the nation in the incidence of bullying and cyberbullying in its schools. In 2011, one of every four Indiana students reported being bullied in the past year. This session will review the recent changes in Indiana’s Anti-Bullying Laws. In particular, it will focus on the role of schools in making sure that all students have the opportunity to be in a learning environment that is free from bullying.
7. **Nurturing and Healing Family Connections for all Children**  
   Susan Badeau --

   Children grow and thrive best in families. But many families experience stressors that threaten to undermine the safety and stability of their children. This session will feature Ms. Badeau’s Five Steps and Five Questions framework to help participants gain an understanding of how to support nurturing, healing, and lasting family connections for all children.

8. **Meet Your Local Official: Lake County Magistrate Jeff Miller**  
   Jeff Miller, Magistrate, Lake County Superior Court – Juvenile Division

   Magistrate Miller will discuss the role of the Juvenile Division in the overall child welfare and juvenile justice systems and current trends in issues coming before the court. This session is part of a series designed to allow IUN Forum participants to meet and get to know key local officials in the child welfare system by interacting with them in a relatively informal setting.

9. **Update: The Lake County Child Mental Health Initiative**  
   Maritza De La Cruz, Program Manager, Circle Around Families, Geminus Corporation, Convener

   Representatives of the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addictions (DMHA), Indiana DCS, the Villages, Geminus Corporation, Regional Mental Health, and Edgewater Systems for Balanced Living will discuss their cooperative effort to provide wraparound services through the Lake County System of Care to low-income mentally ill youth whose families cannot afford intensive services.

10. **Volunteering for Children and Families**  
    Georgia Geis, Member, IUN Forum Program Planning Committee, Convener

    Representatives of the United Way Regional Volunteer Center, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana, Lake Area United Way, the Lake County Court Appointed Special Advocates Program (CASA), and Prevent Child Abuse Lake County (PCALC) will review the many opportunities for volunteers to serve children and families. The panel will also address issues of volunteer organization and administration for agency managers.

11. **Sexual Assault and Indiana Teens**  
    Christina Hale, Indiana State Representative, District 87, Indianapolis  
    Monica Solinas-Saunders, Assistant Professor – SPEA, Indiana University Northwest

    This session will review findings of a recent shocking study of sexual assaults on Indiana teens. Indiana State Representative Christina Hale of Indianapolis will describe her recently-approved legislation on the issue. Professor Solinas-Saunders will lead a discussion of excerpts from the PBS documentary on the topic: *Shadows of Innocence: Sexual Assault Among Indiana’s Youth*.

12. **The Lake County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team**  
    Mimi Gardner, IUN Forum Program Planning Team Member, Convener

    The Lake County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, a group consisting of the Lake County Prosecutor, local judges and other law enforcement personnel, DCS officials, social service workers, clergy, and local politicians, is charged with reviewing policies, processes, and services related to domestic violence in Lake County. A panel of team members will discuss their activities, findings, and plans for prevention efforts.
CEU units are available for foster parents and licensed social workers. This event is free but because of space constraints for certain breakout sessions and the need for a lunch count, pre-registration by Monday, April 21st is strongly recommended. Registration begins on April 1. You may register by e-mailing iunforum@gmail.com. Please provide your name, organization name, address, phone, e-mail, the numbers for the breakout workshops that you wish to attend and indicate whether or not you need a formal CEU certificate or only a Certificate of Participation. Generally, foster parents and DCS workers need only the Certificate of Participation. Walk-ins are welcome, but walk-ins and those who register after April 21 cannot be guaranteed the availability of free lunches (the IUN cafeteria will be open, however) and some breakout sessions may fill early. CEU Certificates will be available at the conclusion of each session.

Capacity in the Bergland Auditorium is limited. Doors to the Auditorium will open at 8:30 AM. Those who pre-registered will be seated first until 8:45 AM. Walk-ins will be seated after 8:45 on a first-come, first-served basis along with pre- registrants who arrive after 8:45. Overflow areas will accommodate those unable to be seated in the auditorium. Individuals who cannot be in attendance but would like to participate may do so by joining a live web-streaming of the event at http://www.indiana.edu/~video/stream/liveflash.html?filename=2014_Child_Abuse_Forum

CEU units and certificates of participation are not available for those participating online.

Guest wi-fi services will be provided by the University. No registration is needed. Simply turn on your device’s wi-fi and select “ATTwifi”. No password is required but you may need to open your web browser and agree to AT&T’s policies to complete the connection.

IUN parking is available in the main lot (off 33rd Street - north of the Student Activities Building). Campus police will suspend enforcement of the usual rules requiring stickers for this event. Do avoid, however, the “reserved” spaces.

If you have any questions, please call the Mental Health America of Lake County office at 219-736-4955.

Registration begins on April 1, 2014
Email your information to iunforum@gmail.com
Here is a checklist of the items to include in your email:

Note: Use the workshop numbers and names in THIS flyer. There have been a few changes from an earlier version.

- NAME
- ORGANIZATION NAME
- ADDRESS
- PHONE
- EMAIL
- BREAKOUT SESSION I (11:00 AM) -- NUMBER CODE OR SESSION TITLE
- BREAKOUT SESSION II (1:00 PM) -- NUMBER CODE OR SESSION TITLE
- CEU NEEDED, CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION, OR NONE
(See above for notes on what participation credential, if any, you may need)