

**Indiana State University  
Community Engagement Activities  
Department Annual Report  
2007**

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Project Name:  
Red Cross Disaster Training

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**Description**

Students learn to handle disasters through joint ISU-Red Cross class. Social workers are often on the front lines when it comes to caring for those in need. This course is designed to further train social work majors to serve in a front-line capacity in the event of a disaster. A joint effort of the ISU Social Work Department and the American Red Cross Wabash Valley Chapter, Social Work 400 teaches students how to conduct disaster damage assessment, save lives with CPR, and connect military families through the Red Cross.

After learning skills such as how to manage a Red Cross disaster shelter and provide disaster relief to families, students participate in a mock disaster to practice their skills and test their knowledge.

Participants learn skills and achieve certifications that they can take with them after graduation and use elsewhere. Students are taught that it is not just

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

This project will continue every semester and is integral to our program.

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

We build opportunities for community engagement into our courses here at ISU, and this project is a concrete example of how the university and the community can benefit each other by working together.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

Robyn Lugar

**Who from the community is involved?**

Red Cross; a tremendous opportunity to help better prepare our community for disasters and other emergencies by expanding the number of trained people at ISU, with both the necessary knowledge and practical hands-on experience," said Bonnie Liu.

**Who from ISU is involved?**

It has attracted a diverse group of students, such as international students as well as ISU faculty and staff.

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
50	ISU	Yes

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Project Name:

Mapping a Continuum of Community Services for Children/Families in Vigo County

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**Description**

Expanding on a pre-existing partnership between ISU's IT unit, Lifeline, and the Child Welfare Learning Community, the objective of this project is to develop a "map" outlining the continuum of community services (i.e.: prevention, at-risk, crisis) available to children and families in Vigo County and to train service providers in making use of this information to provide more comprehensive referral information and to ensure greater coordination of services. Although there are print listings of community services that are currently available, community leaders have indicated a need for up-to-date information on services that is easily accessible. The final product will provide much more in-depth information on current services, allowing community leaders and ISU researchers to identify areas of need in the community and also to evaluate progress; data crucial in securing grant funding for community progress.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

Integral to the core philosophy

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

This project is cutting edge in that it will provide the community with an interactive and up-to-date description and guide to social services in our community.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

Dr. Liz O'Laughlin, Department of Psychology and Dr. Rhonda Impink, Department of Social Work

**Who from the community is involved?**

Social Service Agencies

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Project Director(s) & Department(s): Dr. Liz O'Laughlin, Department of Psychology and Dr. Rhonda Impink, Department of Social Work Graduate Fellow: Chelsea Weyand

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
5	ISU	Yes