

**Indiana State University
Community Engagement Activities
Department Annual Report
2005**

Project Name:

Project PRE

Description

CAS has taken the lead in developing Faculty Learning Communities under the rubric of "The Good Life and the Good Community. The initiatives of faculty learning communities under Project PRE have resulted in significant collaborative work that will have special impacts on future teachers as well as the community. 1) The Urban Quality of Life FL community presented at "The Engaged Campus" on a quality of life assessment being implemented by two faculty members and two graduate students. The FLC has chosen to focus on methamphetamine use in the Wabash Valley, a project in alignment with Governor Daniels' recently approved meth initiative; 2) Migration--the Faculty Learning Community on migration in and out of the valley is focusing on oral narratives of life in the Wabash Valley. It is working with the Vigo County Historical Society and the Vigo County Library and will align with the History Department's initiative to develop an Oral History Center; 3) Child Welfare--the members of this FLC have discussed components about family violence that would be developed for courses most likely to be attended by teacher education students. The FLC is also actively pursuing the creation of a community-university partnership called the Prevent Child Abuse Council; 4) Political Quality of Life (with the American Democracy Project). This FLC

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

Community engagement through Project PRE and the FLCs will continue to grow in it's pervasiveness and impact both on campus and in the community.

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

CAS particularly supports these initiatives in light of their experiential learning methodologies that work well in the liberal arts and sciences.

Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class

all

Who from the community is involved?

Vigo County Public Schools
PDS Partnership
Vigo County Historical Society
Vigo County Library
Prevent Child Abuse Indiana State University

Who from ISU is involved?

1 faculty from HHP
3 faculty from COE
21 faculty from CAS

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
none directly	on campus	No