

## **News Release**

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# **GLCYD announces 53 U.P. nonprofits in SOSY Program**

**MARQUETTE** – Great Lakes Center for Youth Development is excited to announce a year of capacity building opportunities through the SOSY Program. Throughout the 2009-2010 program year GLCYD is working with 53 U.P. nonprofits to strengthen their capacity to deliver community programs and services.

The SOSY Program is a federally funded capacity building effort under the authority of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Community Services, Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program. The program provides capacity building services through free trainings, organizational assessments, technical assistance and sub-award opportunity grants. The program is targeted to faith and community-based nonprofit organizations providing direct-service delivery in their communities in at least one of the following national human service priority areas: at-risk and Native American youth, low-income individuals seeking more access to state and federal benefits and tax credits; low-income individuals working to secure and retain employment, earn higher wages, transition from welfare to work or obtain better-quality jobs; low-income individuals and families in need of financial education; the homeless; and elders in need.

Just over 100 organizations applied to be in the SOSY Program. The 53 organizations that qualified represent 14 U.P. counties and programs and services delivered in all 15 counties. Eighty-five percent of them are youth-serving organizations.

SOSY stands for Strong Organizations, Strong Youth and ties to the GLCYD mission to help create and nurture healthy communities for youth by providing services, training and other opportunities to strengthen U.P. nonprofits.

### **SOSY Program Organizations**

#### **Alger County**

Alger Parks & Recreation Department

#### **Baraga County**

Baraga County Community Foundation

#### **Chippewa County**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Inc.

E.U.P. Learning Center, Inc.

EUP Community Dispute Resolution Center

Kinross Charter Township - Recreation Center

North Star Habitat for Humanity

United Way of the EUP - Poverty Reduction Initiative

#### **Delta County**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area

Clear Lake Education Center

Forum for Youth Initiatives, Inc

The Ubuntu Circle

#### **Dickinson County**

Caring House, Inc.

Dickinson Area Community Foundation

Habitat for Humanity Menominee River



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**Gogebic County**

Cole's Foundation  
Friends of the Ironwood Carnegie Library  
Salvation Army

**Houghton County**

Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter Home for Abused Women  
Dial Help, Inc.  
Keweenaw Family Resource Center  
Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative

**Iron County**

Forestland Group Homes Inc.  
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Association

**Keweenaw County**

Keweenaw Krayons, Inc

**Luce County**

Disconnected Youth Initiative  
SPEAKS Education

**Marquette County**

Alzheimer's Association  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Marquette/Alger Counties  
Cedar Tree Institute  
Community Hand-UP  
Fire UP Network

Gwinn United Methodist Church  
Hiawathaland Council Boy Scouts of America  
Iron Range Hockey Association  
Lake Superior Village Youth & Family Center  
Liberty Children's Art Project  
Little Friends' Children's Center  
Marquette Adult Day Services  
Marquette Alger Resolution Service  
Michigamme United Methodist Institute  
Presbytery Point Camp, Inc.  
St. Christopher's Preschool  
Superior Arts Council  
Superior String Alliance  
Superior Watershed Partnership  
Targeted Restart Incorporated  
The Upper Peninsula Children's Museum  
Upper Peninsula Partnership for Safety

**Menominee County**

CASA of Menominee County  
Greater Marinette-Menominee YMCA

**Ontonagon County**

Porcupine Mountain Folk School

**Schoolcraft County**

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