



NEWS RELEASE

CONTACT:
Kathy Funke, Director
News & Information Services
812/465-7005
FAX 812/465-1956

**For immediate release
April 19, 1999**

Openings still available for USI second annual Asthma Camp for area youths

Openings are still available for the University of Southern Indiana second annual asthma camp for area youths ages 5 to 12 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, June 7 - June 11.

Funded by the Foundation for Community Health, the camp serves children who have been diagnosed with moderate to severe asthma. The camp provides supervised activities and asthma management education. Project director Julie St.Clair, instructor in nursing, said that asthma is a major health issue with seven percent of young people ages 18 and under experiencing various degrees of asthma.

Co-director Gina Schaar, instructor in nursing, will participate throughout the program as camp nurse. She is prepared to manage any health care issue and administer emergency procedures should the need arise. Co-director Barbara Miller, director of the Daniel Wertz day care program, is scheduling many safe activities for participants. Respiratory therapy students will teach a daily education program to learn more about asthma and improve personal management. Camp counselors will be USI students majoring in respiratory therapy or nursing.

Last year's activities included water games, a visit by Mesker Park Zoo reptiles, and a trip to Lloyd Pool.

Campus activities will be held near the Grimes Haus and Westwood Lodge located on the east end of USI campus. Registration is open and cost is \$50 for the program. There is a \$3 per hour charge for before class care and a \$4 charge for after-class care. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call Julie St.Clair at 812/465-1169.