



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is Girls Incorporated of Indianapolis and Girls Incorporated of Hamilton County?**

Our organization addresses girls' distinct needs using programs that capitalize on girls' strengths and developmental processes. Girls Inc. programming encourages girls in 1st grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade to build strong, healthy relationships, to be smart about college and career planning, and to make bold, empowered life choices. Utilizing an outreach model, we partner with schools, youth organizations, community centers and other community partners to deliver programs in the neighborhoods where girls live.

### **Is this organization associated with other Girls Inc. organizations?**

Girls Inc. of Indianapolis is an affiliate of the national Girls Inc. organization, which is headquartered in New York City and has more than 80 affiliates serving the needs of girls nationwide.

Girls Inc. of Indianapolis, and Girls Inc. of Hamilton County, is located at 3959 N. Central Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46205. Also in Indianapolis, located on Michigan Street, is the Girls Inc. National Resource Center.

### **Why girls only?**

An all-female environment gives girls the opportunity to try new things without worrying about peer pressure or gender stereotyping. We strongly believe that boys also have unique needs; our organization, however, has been meeting the needs of Central Indiana girls since its inception in 1969. We can offer schools the names of our partner organizations who are willing to conduct simultaneous programs for male students.

### **How does Girls Incorporated programming differ from programs provided by other youth organizations?**

Our programs are researched-based and address the most essential needs of girls. While some youth organizations tend to focus more on recreational activities, our programs are designed to provide girls with the skills and knowledge to prepare for their future. Our program facilitators hold professional degrees and participate in regular training opportunities to keep them current about girls' needs.



**How many girls does the organization serve? What are the demographics of girls served?**

In 2006, our organization delivered educational programs to 1,414 girls and reached an additional 4,723 girls through advocacy efforts. Approximately 75% of the girls we serve live below poverty level, with a household income of \$25,000 or less.

Age Groups

6-8	19%
9-11	33%
12-14	39%
15-18	9%

Ethnicity

African-American	44%
Caucasian	35%
Latina	5%
Multi-racial	7%
Other/unknown	9%

**How many, staff, board members and volunteers do you involve annually in your mission?**

We involve 13 staff members, 21 members of the board of directors and over 250 adult volunteers.

**How can a young girl get involved?**

We operate a full-day summer program and accept summer registrations from March through May. In addition, we offer year-round programming at many community locations throughout Marion and Hamilton counties. Parents or community partners may visit our Web site at [www.girlsincindy.org](http://www.girlsincindy.org) to view our program calendar page.