

## Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc.

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### GOODWILL TO HELP MENTOR TEENS **Justice Department Grant to Fight Juvenile Delinquency**

Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana is proud to launch a new service designed to assist youth in overcoming disadvantages and avoiding delinquency. The effort is part of a national mentoring initiative known as Goodwill GoodGuides™ that helps teens finish school and transition into productive careers through the guidance of trusted adults.

“Goodwill has a long history of helping people find work,” said Kendall Price, program manager. “A crucial part of that history is making sure that families are strong. Goodwill GoodGuides™ can help keep youth who are at-risk get on the right path, away from trouble and toward a better future. That’s good for everyone involved.”

The Goodwill GoodGuides™ service in central Indiana is made possible through a two-year, \$299,723 grant to Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana. The funding is part of a \$19.1 million award to Goodwill Industries International from the U.S. Department of Justice and dispersed to 56 independent Goodwill agencies around the country.

The overall goal of the Goodwill GoodGuides™ service is to help youth build career plans and skills and prepare for school completion, post-secondary training and productive work by providing structured and supportive relationships with trusted adult mentors. It targets youth between the ages of 12 and 17 who are least likely to have trusting relationships with adults due to risk factors such as school failure, prior delinquency, family violence and other barriers.

“With Goodwill GoodGuides™, we will be able to offer expanded mentoring services to the youth of our community,” Price said. “Goodwill will recruit, train and support volunteer mentors to engage youth in promoting their career development and life skills.”

The Goodwill GoodGuides™ service was recently launched in central Indiana. If you’re interested in becoming a volunteer mentor or know of a youth who would benefit from this service, please call (317) 524-4346.

Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana helps people find jobs and helps young people prepare for life and work. For more information about Goodwill’s services, visit [www.goodwillindy.org](http://www.goodwillindy.org) or call (317) 524-4313.

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