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### **The Center for Whitley County Youth chosen as “Program of the Year”**

At the annual banquet on Monday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Nest Event Center, the Northeast Region of the Governor’s Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana announced that they had chosen The Center for Whitley County Youth as the “Best Program of the Year”. The Whitley County Drug-Free Indiana council nominated The Center for the award, and The Center was selected from among the other Northeast Indiana county nominations to receive the award. The Center was chosen for its positive contributions to Whitley County youth as preventative programming that helps engage hundreds of local students in positive activities and relationships that aids in the prevention and decrease of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol abuse by teens.

The Center facilitates NiteLife, After-School Central, and Summer Central and hosts other programs such as Campus Life, Boy Scouts, youth sporting teams, and several youth ministries. All of these youth activities happen at their 201 W. Market St. location, in downtown Columbia City.

“We’re pretty proud of this award, as it recognizes us for the real impact we’re having on local youth and the community, and real-life impact is what we strive for” – Jeff Wike, Executive Director

For more information about this award, Center programs, or the programming impact in the community, contact Jeff Wike at The Center or visit the website [www.thecentercc.com](http://www.thecentercc.com).  
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