

## Floyd YMCA hosts public for Lights On After School

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Please stop by the Floyd County Branch of the YMCA of Southern Indiana (33 State St. in New Albany) between 4 and 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, for the annual "Lights On After School," a special visitation time to draw attention to the importance of supervised programs and after-school settings for children.

The Y and other sponsoring organizations (Ed Endres Boys and Girls Club, Bridges to Success of New Albany-Floyd County Schools, New Directions, After-School Alliance of the Step Ahead Council, 21st Century Middle School Program, and Our Place Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program) will join thousands of other Y sites across the country for the effort.

After-school youth programs have a vital, life-transforming impact on children and families, according to the National After-School Alliance, which oversees the effort. In Floyd County, it's a great example of collaboration for the benefit of all kids, according to Meredith Clipp-Rodriquez, school-age childcare director at the Y.

What you'll observe:

4 to 4:40 p.m. - Hundreds of kids will arrive by bus and then hear a brief program from the stage including New Albany Mayor Doug England

4:40 to 6 p.m. - Kids and their parents will visit 15 local vendors with kid-friendly activities; lots of energy! Civic leaders will be on hand also.

For additional information please contact Meredith Clipp-Rodriquez, school-age childcare director at the Y, at (812) 283-9622 / Ext. 115.