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## ACROSS OUR DESKS TO YOURS

### Loss and Legend: VC League's Passing

By Barbara Seitz de Martinez, Ph.D., M.L.S., C.P.P.

Indianapolis - Thornton Wilder said the highest tribute we can offer the deceased is not grief, but gratitude. Indiana and the nation lost one of their most outstanding prevention colleagues on December 7<sup>th</sup>, when Mr. Vincente Conrad League ("VC"), 58, passed away at his home in Indianapolis.

Over several decades VC inspired hundreds of Indiana prevention professionals with his grantsmanship expertise and his ability to teach others to write successful grant proposals. His expertise included program planning and proposal writing, management, organizational development, program evaluation, board development, diversity training, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, and violence prevention. VC taught "*Program Planning and Proposal Writing*" and "*Funding and Sustainability*" courses at the Indiana Prevention Resource Center (IPRC) and also conducted trainings and seminars across the state and nation. During his career he consulted with over 2,500 organizations across the United States, Canada, the Bahamas, and U.S. Territories. As a trainer with The Grantsmanship Center, he taught thousands in more than 200 five-day program planning and proposal writing trainings. In recent years he worked with Vincentè & Associates and the Black United Fund of Michigan, Inc., to evaluate the 100 million dollar federally-funded City of Detroit (MI) Empowerment Zone. He also evaluated the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Project for

the Hawaii Department of Education Central Oahu District in conjunction with the Hawaii Partners

in Research and Evaluation. Recently, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) featured him on their webcast "*Securing Federal Funding for Your Coalition.*"

VC played a major role in Indiana's successful application for a Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant, the largest prevention award in Indiana history, 11.7 million dollars over the next 5 years, received in 2005.

VC retired some months ago from his position as president of Vincentè & Associates, a consulting group based in Hayward, California, and returned to his native Indianapolis. He was chair of the board of directors of Prevention Partnership, Inc., Chicago, IL. VC was a founding member of the American Association of Grant Professionals and also served on its board of directors.

Through his fund-raising and that of those he taught and mentored, VC brought millions of dollars to prevention. Through his teaching he passed on his wisdom and grantwriting skills. VC had no children, but he impacted thousands of youth, whose lives are better because of him. Though we suffer a great loss, VC left a great legacy. VC, we thank you. ###



### Upcoming Events

#### January 9-13

- Washington, DC Building on Success: Providing Today's Youth with Opportunities for Better Tomorrow. <http://www.juvenilecouncil.gov/2006NationalConference/index.html>.

#### January 13

- Columbus, IN Positive Action Training.

Call (812) 342-8888 to register.

#### January 31

- Indianapolis, IN Meth and its Health Impact. Register today at <http://www.maphtc.iupui.edu/>

From the staff at the IPRC, we wish you a delightful holiday

