

## **Pathfinder Services, Inc. Kicks Off Disability Awareness Month Activities at Kids Kampus with Superintendent Tracey Shafer**

Pathfinder Services, Inc. kicked off Disability Awareness Month activities at Kids Kampus on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Kari Goetz and Michelle Duncan, both of Pathfinder Services, Inc., spoke about this year's theme of "Disable the Label". After the presentation by Goetz and Duncan, Huntington County Community School Corporation's Tracey Shafer read several books on disabilities to the children. The presentation and story time took place with the children from four years through twelve years of age at Kids Kampus.

Goetz highlighted the following in her presentation to the students, "Just because someone has a disability does not mean that he or she does not have the "Ability" to do everything that you do." Goetz then encouraged the children to help Pathfinder Services "Disable the Label" in regards to disabilities.

Goetz and Duncan answered questions the students had regarding Disabilities, distributed brochures and stickers promoting "Disable the Label" and Celebrate Disability Awareness 2009. Mr. Shafer then read several books to the students and took any questions the children had.

Later this month Pathfinder Services, Inc. will speak to fourth and fifth graders at Lancaster Elementary school, children at the Roanoke Public Library, and to four and five year olds at Little Blessings Child Care in Huntington

Pathfinder Services, Inc. is a local not for profit organization specializing in working with people with disabilities, and has been serving Huntington County since 1966. Pathfinder Services, Inc. serves over 2,000 individuals with and without disabilities throughout Northeast Indiana. For more information on the services of Pathfinder Services, Inc. please call their Huntington office at (260) 356-0500 or visit [www.pathfinderservices.org](http://www.pathfinderservices.org).



*Tracey Shafer, Huntington County Community School Superintendent, reads a book to school age children at Kids Kampus*