

**Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Council Minutes**  
**Hamilton and Wright County**

April 7th, 2009

12:00-1:00 at Building Families

Attendance: Lori Price, Kim Mohr, Barbara Amador, Kathy Getting, Michelle Olson, Tiffany Larson, Amy Muller, and Ann Stewart.

The Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Council held their bi-monthly council meeting on Tuesday, April 7th, 12:00, at the Building Families offices. Building Families provided lunch and a room for the council to meet. There were 8 people who attended the meeting.

The first item of discussion was an update on the PCAI grant projects. Amy Muller has finished a six session series of *Positive Solutions for Families* with the Stratford schools in Hamilton County. Over the six sessions 15 parents and 18 children were served. The Young Parent Support Group in Wright County is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. This group will go through May. To date, 15 parents and 19 children have been served.

The council also discussed April as prevent child abuse month. The council thought a letter to the editor and information placed in newspapers and the radio station was appropriate to draw awareness.

Hamilton County has received grant money to have a safety fair called Love Our Kids Day. The council decided to participate in the fair by having information about the council and child abuse awareness out on the Parent Coordinator's table at the fair.

The next item for discussion was an update on the Stork's Nest. A Stork's Nest is a "store" where parents of children can earn points by attending parent education and support groups and other community programs to "buy" items (diapers, educational toys, and other essentials) from the Stork's Nest. Ann Stewart wrote a grant for additional funding for the project and received \$1500. The council helped Ann identify some important items needed for the Stork's Nest. Ann will use the \$1500 and funds from the CAPP grant to purchase these items. Tiffany and Lori volunteered to help plan a community wide baby shower to provide more items for the Storks Nest.

Last on the agenda was to write the grant from Prevent Child Abuse Iowa for next year. For Hamilton County, funding will be requested to provide 2 series of parenting classes as well as in-home services. In Wright County, we will be asking for funding to expand a Prevent Child Abuse Council to hold in Wright County, funding for 2 series of parenting classes, in-home services, and the Storks Nest to have in Wright County.

The PCAI Council will have their next meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 at the Building Families offices starting at noon. Building Families will be providing lunch. Other important dates in April are the Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Conference, April 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. The PCAI grant strongly encourages members of the council to attend these events.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Muller, Parent Coordinator

