

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Council Minutes
Hamilton and Wright County
October 6th, 2009
12:00-1:00 at Building Families

Attendance: Barbara Amador, Tiffany Larson, Michelle Olson, Chelsea Klaver, Josephine Acosta, Angie Gardner, Amy Muller, Rosie Messerly, Nicole Jones, Kim Mohr, Ann Stewart and Lori Price.

The Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Council held their bi-monthly council meeting on Tuesday, October 6th, 12:00, at the Building Families offices. Building Families provided lunch and a room for the council to meet. There were 12 people in attendance.

The first items of discussion were the funded PCAI grant projects. Below are summaries and the progress of the funded projects with each county. Amy Muller, Parent Coordinator with Building Families, will be facilitating and completing these projects.

- Hamilton County
 - Provide a six session series of *Positive Solutions for Families* within Hamilton County. The series started in September with Riverview child care center. So far six parents and 10 children have been served
 - Riverview is providing a \$10 gift card for the parents who attend.
 - *Positive Solutions for Families* was completed at DSOAC for clients in Hamilton County in August and September.
- Wright County
 - Provide a six session series of *Positive Solutions for Families* within Wright County; we will be focusing on Belmond.
 - Creating a PCAI Council in Wright County, Tiffany will be starting this soon
 - Will collaborate with a high school to provide teen moms with parent education, *Great Beginnings for Families*.

PCAI grants will not serve families who have a founded child abuse charge. PCAI grants will also not fund in-home families

The next item for discussion was an update on the Stork's Nest. The Stork's Nest is operating at the Upper Des Moines Opportunity office in Webster City. Programs that are involved in the project in attendance confirm they have been giving "Stork's Bucks" to parents and families who participate in their programs. Amy distributed more brochures and there was discussion about having the brochure in Spanish. There was also discussion about fundraising to continue to stock the Stork's Nest. Ideas such as; a community baby shower, bell ringing, raffle, money/ angel tree were addressed. The council believed there need to be more information provided to the community about the Stork's Nest. Amy will follow up with Rotary, WC Hype, Lion's Club, and Kiwanis to hold a Stork's Nest presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Ann Stewart discussed the progress in the curriculum *The Period of PURPLE Crying*. Ann discussed her contacts made with the Iowa Department of Public Health and the University of Iowa. They have offered training on Shaken Baby Syndrome as well as an introduction to the curriculum. The council suggested several entities in Webster City which could be invited to the training, some including Hamilton Hospital, Public Health, Doctor Offices and clinics, and child care providers. Ann will request training and get it set up with her contact.

The PCAI Council will have their next meeting on December 1, 2009 at the Building Families offices starting at noon. Building Families will be providing lunch.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Muller, Parent Coordinator