

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Council Minutes
Hamilton and Wright County
August 4th, 2009
12:00-1:00 at Building Families

Attendance: Barbara Amador, Becky Coffelt, Tiffany Larson, Amy Muller, Rosie Messerly, Nicole Jones, and Lori Price.

The Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Council held their bi-monthly council meeting on Tuesday, August 4th, 12:00, at the Building Families offices. Building Families provided lunch and a room for the council to meet. There were 7 people who attended the meeting.

The first items of discussion were newly funded PCAI grant projects. Below are summaries 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. A series is scheduled to start in September with Riverview child care center.
 - Collaborate with DSOAC to provide a series of *Positive Solutions for Families* for DSOAC clients in Hamilton County.
- 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
 - 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 Committee discussed the points system, cards with directions to go with the items in English and Spanish, activities that could be used to earn points, and the tracking of the use of the store. A letter was sent out to potential providers to participate in the Stork's Nest project. A meeting will be held August 11th at 11:00 at Building Families to answer provider's questions and give more insight to the project. Examples of the items for the Stork's Nest were provided for the council to see.

The council also discussed current child abuse trends in our area. They were presented with potential curriculum which included a pamphlet and cd for new parents to take with them from the hospital and/or prenatal classes. Some other ideas suggested by the council were having a demonstration kit/ demo baby given to the hospitals/ prenatal classes, a tip sheet for new parents about to gently bathe and dress a new baby as well as tips to calm the parent, and a media campaign in local newspapers and radio.

There will be a PCAI Regional meeting held August 24th from 9-noon in Ames, which council members were strongly encouraged to attend with Amy Muller. The PCAI Council will have their next meeting on October 6th, 2009 at the Building Families offices starting at noon. Building Families will be providing lunch.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Muller, Parent Coordinator