

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

Attendance: Barbara Amador, Tiffany Larson, Michelle Olson, Marj Wonderlich, Janine Sharar, Kathy Getting, Amy Muller, Rosie Messerly, Nicole Jones, Ann Stewart and Lori Price.

The Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Council held their bi-monthly council meeting on Tuesday, December 1st, 12:00, at the Building Families offices. Building Families provided lunch and a room for the council to meet. There were 11 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 and ended in November. The group served 11 parents and 15 children age 0-5 and 5 children above the age of five.
 - Riverview is provided a \$10 gift card for the parents who attend.
 - Parents with children 0-3 received Storks Bucks.
 - Positive Solutions for Families was completed at DSOAC for clients in Hamilton County in August and September. The group served 6 parents and 3 children age 0-5 and 10 children above the age of five.
 - PCAI has helped serve 16 parents, 18 children age 0-5, and 15 children above the age of five with their funding in Hamilton County.
- Wright County
 - Provide a six session series of *Positive Solutions for Families* within Wright County-Started *Positive Solutions for Families* October 26th and will end November 30th. This group served 4 parents, 8 children age 0-5, and 2 children above the age of five.
 - Will collaborate with a high school to provide teen moms with parent education, *Great Beginnings for Families*.

The next item for discussion was an update on the PCAI funding. The Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Conference has been scaled back to one day, May 3rd, because of funding. Amy told the council to please let her know if any members would like to attend the conference, PCAI funds will be able to pay for a few people to attend. Amy and Ann were going to check into how many spots were available. Hamilton and Wright County's PCAI funds have been cut minimally and will be used until they are used completely.

Tiffany Larson, Community Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator, gave an update on her and the Parent Coordinator's collaboration to bring parenting education to teen mothers in Wright County. Tiffany and Amy have met with Clarion High School's school nurse and have discussed the possibility of facilitating parent education with a teen group this coming spring.

The Stork's Nest is operating at the Upper Des Moines Opportunity office in Webster City. UDMO told Amy that the Stork's Nest has not been utilized lately, but parents have told them they are saving Storks Bucks to use for Christmas. Tiffany has been to a Kiwanis group and a Rotary group and spoke about the Stork's Nest. The Kiwanis group donated \$150 to the Stork's Nest for future purchases.

A training for *The Period of PURPLE Crying* will be held in April in Iowa City. Amy told the council that if they were interested in attending to reply to the contact on the flyer. Ann also confirmed that Hamilton County was not chosen as a pilot county to start to implement *The Period of PURPLE Crying* in medical and health facilities and agencies

The PCAI Council will have their next meeting on February 2, 2009 at the Building Families offices starting at noon. Building Families will be providing lunch.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Muller, Parent Coordinator