

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

June 2nd, 2009

12:00-1:00 at Building Families

Attendance: Angie Gardner, Kim Mohr, Barbara Amador, Ray Artrip, Becky Coffelt, Marj Wonderlich, Justin Jones, Tiffany Larson, Amy Muller, and Ann Stewart.

The Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Council held their bi- monthly council meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd, 12:00, at the Building Families offices. Building Families provided lunch and a room for the council to meet. There were 10 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 served 15 parents and 19 children have been served.

Love Our Kids Day, held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, was a successful event with 144 parents and children attending the event.

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. Ann will use the \$1500 and funds from the CAPP grant to purchase these items. The Stork's Nest Planning Committee met on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The Committee discussed the points system, cards with directions to go with the items, activities that could be used to earn points, and the tracking of the use of the store. The council had great input with suggestions for the Stork's Nest. We could use "bucks" instead of punch cards. This allows the activities that parents are involved in stay more confidential. Ray Artrip also suggested instead of doing a community wide baby shower for the stork's nest to focus on civic and church groups.

An addition to the agenda was we wrote the grant from Prevent Child Abuse Iowa for next year. For Hamilton County, funding was requested to provide 2 series of parenting classes as well as in-home services. In Wright County, we asked 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 August 4th, 2009 at the Building Families offices starting at noon. Building Families will be providing lunch.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Muller, Parent Coordinator