

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Council Minutes

Hamilton and Wright County

August 5th, 2008

12:00-1:00 at Building Families

The Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Council held their first bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 5th, 2008, 12:00pm, at the Building Families offices. Building Families provided lunch and a room for the council to meet.

There were 8 people who attended the council meeting. Parent Coordinator, Amy Muller, provided a power point presentation. The first item of the agenda was what Prevent Child Abuse Iowa was about and some history of how PCAI started. Amy also presented child abuse statistics from Hamilton and Wright County.

The next item on the agenda was what the Hamilton and Wright County PCAI Council would be doing to help prevent child abuse. The council will be completing a needs assessment of Hamilton County. Council members will be attending several events having to do with children and child abuse, as well as possibly plan a family event for the c community.

Building Families has received two Prevent Child Abuse Iowa grants. In Hamilton County, Parent Coordinator, Amy Muller will be doing six sessions of a series call *Positive Solutions for Families*. In Wright County, the Parent Coordinator will be developing a Young Parents Support Group. This group will be held twice a month from September to May.

The council also wants to be made known in the communities and therefore would like to make a brochure, place information on the Building Families Website and get parents in the community involved in the council.

Council members present received dates to conferences and special events for children. These dates included PCAI Regional Meeting on August 13th in Waterloo, Community Partnerships for Protecting Children Conference on October 6th in Ames, Child Congress in February, Day on the Hill in February, and the PCAI Annual Conference on April 20-21. At least one council member is required to attend each of these events.

The next council meeting will be held October 7, 2008 at the Building Families Offices from 12:00-1:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Muller

Parent Coordinator