

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

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

12:00-1:00 at Building Families

The Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Council held their bi-monthly council meeting on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, 12:00, at the Building Families offices. Building Families provided lunch and a room for the council to meet.

There were 13 people who attended the meeting. The first item of discussion was an update on items from the October agenda. The PCAI community assessment was distributed and results have been compiled. The Council discussed some interesting findings and how the results will better help the Council help parents in the community.

The Council also discussed an update from last meeting's agenda on the Hamilton County Public Health Safety Fair. Hamilton County has received grant money to have a safety fair. The Council decided participate in the fair and discussed some ideas to hand out at the fair.

Amy Muller, Parent Coordinator, gave an update on the PCAI Grants with Building Families. In Hamilton County, the Parent Coordinator has held two parent education classes with Stratford schools with 6 parents at the first class and 7 at the second class. The Young Parent Support Group in Wright County has two families that regularly attend. The group is held at the First United Methodist Church in Clarion every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

The next item for discussion was about implementing a 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. The Council discussed what the Stork's Nest would provide for the community. Nicole Jones suggested using a punch card and after so many punches parents can earn a trip to the Stork's Nest. Justin Jones explained what Upper Des Moines Opportunity provides in their Baby Nook, which serves children 0-2 years of age, and was interested in expanding it to provide a Stork's Nest. The Council has decided to apply for community grants to support Stork's Nest. There was a meeting scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 at the Building Families office to help Ann Stewart write the grant to the foundations.

The PCAI Council will have their next meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at the Building Families offices starting at noon. Building Families will be providing lunch. Other important dates in February are the Child Congress February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and the Early Childhood Day on the Hill February 12<sup>th</sup>. The PCAI grant strongly encourages members of the council to attend these events.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Muller  
Parent Coordinator