

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Council Minutes
Hamilton and Wright County
February 3rd, 2009
12:00-1:00 at Building Families

Attendance: Justin Jones, Rosie Messerly, Lori Price, Michelle Olson, Tiffany Larson, Amy Muller.

The Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Council held their bi-monthly council meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd 2009, 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 item of discussion was an update on the PCAI grant projects. Amy Muller is currently facilitating a six session series of *Positive Solutions for Families* with the Stratford schools in Hamilton County. Amy will be finishing up the series by the end of February. The Young Parent Support Group in Wright County is held every 2nd and 4th Thursday. It is currently held at the First United Methodist Church in Clarion. This group will go through May.

The Council also discussed an update on We Love Our Kids Day. Hamilton County has received grant money to have a safety fair. The Council decided participates in the fair by having information about the council out on the Parent Coordinator's table at the fair. Amy Muller will create a brochure for the council.

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. The Council was updated on the status of funding. Ann Stewart has written a grant for additional funding for the project. The Council will know what was funded by the next meeting in April. Lori Price suggested providing more safety items in the store for parents to earn points for.

The PCAI Council will have their next meeting on April 7th, 2009 at the Building Families offices starting at noon. Building Families will be providing lunch. Other important dates in April are the Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Conference, April 20th-21st. The PCAI grant strongly encourages members of the council to attend these events.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Muller, Parent Coordinator