

Crawford County Coalition Notes, Virtual Meeting

April 21, 2020

Child Abuse Prevention Council Update: Proclamation by County Supervisors, Pinwheel gardens around Denison, Denison Newspaper Insert. Grant received for Family STEPS for Fiscal Year 21. Common Sense Parenting did not receive the grant.

Dr. AlTo: No updates

Mollie Scott, Decat/CPPC: CPPC mini grants. New sign up for Emergence training will be sent out. Updating Crawford County Resource Directory send email to Mollie S, look for updates, Amy Trucke and Jennifer Chapman have been working. Will print when ready.

Gina VA Community Outreach: Last year VA started a phased in approach for suicide prevention. 70% of veteran that die never come to the VA. Phase one is community outreach. Phase two job titles changed to community engagement and building partnerships in NW Iowa, attend existing Coalitions that have an emphasis on mental health. Hear to learn today. Build a Coalition around suicide prevention for the community (not limited to veterans).

How can we help each other?

- Stakeholders invested in mission.
- Familiarize resources
- Benefit community
- Have framework to build coalition for suicide prevention
- Community sustainability

Mikayla Morris, Pregnancy Prevention, Lutheran Services in Iowa: Schools closed through May meeting this am about Return to Learning get class going. Work on at next Regional Meeting. In need of point of contact for Crawford schools. Would like to provide curriculum in the schools. Currently connection with Charter Oak. Crossroads of Crawford County, Janette Clausen work together with Lutheran Services in Iowa on community grant received for pregnancy counseling.

Sarah Nelson, FaDSS, West Central Community Action: Working from home during COVID-19, able to offer support. Work with Job Corp on hold as the girls in Denison are currently on leave. Families prefer texting, still taking referrals.

Carol Ehlers, ISU Extension & Outreach: ISU Iowa Concern Hotline 800-447-1985 open 24/7. New family finance phone number is 712-730-3884 Carol Ehlers- ISU Extension Family Finance Specialist. The hotline is confidential offer some legal support, food preparation, housing and mortgage, referral support one-on-one various manners dealing with debtedness what rights are, receiving calls focusing on stimulus funds: Secretary of State website, IRS, Social Security, SSI, DE. Able to provide services: postage, phone, email, Zoom. Specialist independent business to pay if have employees direct clients to answer line, be specific with need will give to filed specialist to follow up with. New home forbearance, contact the person who holds your mortgage, on hold for 6 months, Chase credit card payment extend a month. Help with permission to post on social media types, ability, post on web, tweet, newsletters etc.

ISU Extension offers DHS approved child care trainings. One approved is Preschools and Penny's. If have offers to get a training on-line, contact, will contact campus to move up as a priority.

Iowa Concern Hotline: 1-800-447-1985

[https://www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/Finding Answers Now:](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/FindingAnswersNow)

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/disaster-recovery>
xehlers@iastate.edu

Mackenzie DeJong, ISU Extension, Family Life Specialist: Science of Parenting Team launched a podcast. Follow on Facebook, Twitter, or your connection to podcast. Articles have addressed mental health, parenting, etc.

The Science of Parenting: www.scienceofparenting.org

<https://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/scienceofparenting/>

More programming online including: Relationship Education on Mondays,
Empower relationships meetings:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/news/empower-helping-couples-take-care-themselves-during-covid-19>

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/news/suicide-prevention-program-available-virtually-agribusiness-community>

Also offering ERS & ITERS classes go to the DHS website. Currently all courses are online, visit website to see what colleagues across that state are be offering.

<https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/TrainingRegistry/Public/>

Ivy Nelson, Senior Employment, West Central Community Action: decided as an agency not to run the Senior Employment program in the future. Senior Workers on emergency sick leave, still getting paid for 20 hours a week. Will inform when able to get back to work.

May 1st moratorium scheduled to end. May 31st take applications. Change in LIHEAP increase expenditure for ESPT. Sept 30 2020 increased \$1,000.00 looking for households that were denied, over income if laid off, encouraging applications, accepted by phone, mail, fax or email. If know of someone in need of help contact Jodi Holm.

Jodi Holm, West Central Community Action: If families do not have internet access, they can leave information in entryway. Governor's decision May 1st may use appointment only. June 1st clothes room if in need contact Jodi to arrange pick up with size etc. TAP Mon – Thurs no certificate if nice doors should be open. Hunger Fighters April 28th will have two lines for distribution. Please reach out with needs, working with Louise G at Courthouse.

Sara Edhom, Plains Area Mental Health: New electronic health record released. During COVID-19 using online platform Zoom, safe and confidential. Paperwork on-line if possible, sign scan, schedule to drop off. Offices are closed but able to arrange Zoom or phone calls, limited to what insurance covers.

School Based phone calls are being made. Students are bored but doing well. Some concern over family dynamics, in contact with weekly (62) they are also able to call if they need support.

<https://plainsarementalhealth.org/forms/> email forms to: clientconsents@pamhc.org and an intake will be scheduled.

Janette Clausen, Crossroads of Crawford County: Maintaining with open cases by phone. Shift focus for pregnancy counseling, policy and procedure, website. Grant through Heartbeat. Have until the spring of 2021 to raise matching funds for the grant. Already considered an affiliate.

Devin Mahoney, Parent Partner: Continue to provide services as usual, phone and/or Zoom. Emmale Bolin Coordinator takes the referrals. Have one client in Crawford County, clients seen to be doing fine. DHS has stopped in person visits. Mental Health accommodating services well, support with teleconferencing and court hearings.

Shawne Wittrock, Child Health Specialty Clinic (CHSC): CHHS is still taking referrals, had already been doing telehealth visits. Dr Susan Pike on Tuesday and Hanna Stevers (not sure on spelling) on Wednesday. New PA at University of Iowa is available ½ day on Thursday. All new appointments are 90 minutes. Return 45 minutes. Call office or email. Family Navigator is checking in on families.

CHSC Referrals can be left via voicemail at 712-792-5530 or via email at Jodie-Bueltel@uiowa.edu

Kendal Esteves, LSI Recruiter Foster Adoptive: Continuing to have Orientation and Classes, if you know of someone or you yourself are interested please register. Orientation Webinar for Denison is tonight 4/21/20. Other sites include Glenwood and up North, and Carroll on May 12th. Class will be offered in June. Family First Act still in need of more Foster Parents especially those that will take children with higher needs. Extended a thank you to Mollie Scott for the referral.

Foster Families no longer receiving home visits. Foster Care Closet is still taking donations, case worker able to distribute.

Annette Koster, Early Childhood Iowa: Contacted by the Schleswig community about building and starting a child care center. Have had a meeting to discuss board member recruitment, and scheduling a community meeting. Was cancelled due to COVID.

Conference scheduled for April 25th has been changed to a two hour webinar. Instructors from the University of Nebraska will teach about literacy. Register on the i-power website <https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/TrainingRegistry/Public/>

Next meeting June 16th