

## Crawford County Coalition Minutes

ZOOM Meeting held on June 16, 2020

Members Present: Annette Koster, BVCS Early Childhood Iowa; Jodie Holm, West Central Community Action; Misty, HPS; Sara Nelson, FADSS; Mackenzie DeJong, ISU Ext; Natalie Reynolds, Parent Partner; Julie Florian, Health Promotions; Abby Paterson, PCA Iowa; Emmalee Bolin, Parent Partner; Devin Mahoney Parent Partner; Mikayla Morris, LSI; Bailey Hill, CCR&R; Carol Ehlers ISU Ext; Kendal Esteves, LSI Foster Care

Child Abuse Prevention Council Update: April Activities: The child abuse prevention insert was not published, related to COVID-19. The Crawford County Supervisors declared April as Child Abuse Prevention month. Crawford County Home Health, Hospice & Public Health “planted” pinwheel gardens in Denison.

Abby Patterson shared about a change in the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Contract. The change requires that the Council and the Sub-Contractor (Crawford County Home Health, Hospice & Public Health – CCHHH&PH) both carry liability insurance and was provided in the example with the RFP. The Council has no employees, office, vehicle, and talk to an insurance agency about coverage needed. Discussion was held in regard to options. CPPC signed a Letter of Agreement that the Child Abuse Prevention Council so coverage would not fall under CPPC. RFP allowed for the Council to designate the program providing the service to be the contractor for the grant. A motion was made by Mollie Scott and seconded by Emmalee Bolin to designate CCHHH&PH to as the contract holder for the Parent Education (Family STEPS) contract with Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Council. A roll call vote was held, all in favor, motion carries. Annette Koster will talk with CCHHH&PH about this decision.

Dr. AITo: No updates

Pregnancy Prevention, Mikayla Morris: Virtual training held in July *Power Through Choices* the training is geared toward children in the Foster Care System. Trying to expand services/trainings offered in Crawford County by the **Community Adolescent Pregnancy Program (CAPP)** see flyer.

Mollie Scott, Decat/CPPC: Immersion training moved to September 15, 2020 Registration deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>. Location ISU Extension & Outreach.

CPPC conference will possibly be virtual.

Kendal Esteves, LSI Recruiter Foster Adoptive: [kendal.esteves@lsiowa.org](mailto:kendal.esteves@lsiowa.org)

Classes will start in Carroll at Family Resource Center are full. Have a few people needing a class. The class needs to be offered within a 60 mile radius of where they live. Upcoming classes in Sioux City and Council Bluffs. Thank you for assisting in recruiting for the Orientation classes. Foster Families no longer receiving home visits. Orientation classes include background checks and have started to ask inquiring questions to vet people in class to make sure this is what they want/expectations of Fostering.

Foster Care Closet is still operating, foster care parent tell worker and worker collects and distributes. Toiletries, underwear, etc needed. If you know of any community group who want to do a drive contact LSI – project raise funds.

Dawn Luetje sent the following update: RRTS, Licensing, Home Study or Recruitment / Preservice training questions please contact Amanda Kraus at 515-571-5009.

For Foster/Adoptive Family Support or Matching of Children needing a foster care home contact Becky Groeneweg 712-320-2052 or Teresa Kanning 712-249-1840. All other questions can be directed to the LSI office at 712-263-9341.

Julie Florin and Misty Tobacco Prevention: Tobacco rescinded 5 year grant, asked Julie to stay on for one more year, funding end of August. Quitline has sensation materials or available on IDPH website. <https://smokefreehomes.iowa.gov/tools-resources/quitline-iowa>

I-STAT Misty, finishing up grant year. Start I-Step with youth groups. The current grant used by Job Corp will finish June 30<sup>th</sup>. Looking for new I-Step groups for the upcoming year. Working through summer if want products on youth vaping contact Misty. My Life My Quit provides teen based prevention.

Mollie S commented she had participated in Your Life Iowa training (managed by the substance abuse bureau). IDPH promotional new site, 30 minute link on how parents talk to children. <https://yourlifeiowa.org/>

Jodi Holm, West Central Community Action: Started opening doors by appointment. Clothing maybe next week. LIHEAP next month. Receiving calls for when the next Hunger Fighters drive through food pantry will be held.

Sarah Nelson, FaDSS, West Central Community Action: Providing virtual type visits, taking referrals. Parent receive state assistance, program help with goal setting. Need: helping clients find child care, struggle with in home and centers find quality day care.

<https://humanrights.iowa.gov/dcaa/where-apply>

Bailey Hill, Child Care Resource & Referral: Last month DHS released survey to child care providers. CARES Act monthly stipends are available, child care that remained open and rejuvenation fund to reopen. Of the 12 day care centers Bailey serves only two remained open. Children Imagination Station set to re-open on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Stipend funds through June & July, DHS paying for COVID income level, some co-pay per unit. CARES Act paying through July. Providers currently open to receive Child Care Assistance (CCA) allowing unlimited access to hold child care slots due to virus. Currently providing technical assistance and able to offer virtual visits.

Question about Foster Care Parents providing child care. Informally can they become licensed Foster Care if not a Registered (licensed) Child Development Home? Bailey will find out the answer for Kendal.

Emalee Bolin, Natalie Reynolds; Parent Partners: Serving families in Crawford County. Seeing clients face to face practicing safety protocol in place, everything is voluntary. Can also offer virtual visits. ISTAT Treatment Court set to start back in August. Recruiting new Parent Partners (PP) can do supplemental trainings – Building a Better Future – Cultural Competency coming soon. PP mentor other parents involved with DHS – court.

Family First Act focusing on fewer removals start July 1<sup>st</sup>. Child Safety Conference piloted work together, hopefully near future.

Natalie two clients in Crawford. Have had a couple close successfully during COVID.

Carol Ehlers, ISU Extension & Outreach: New ISU Extension Specialist to serve Crawford County:

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Extension's toll-free Iowa Concern hotline (800-447-1985) to have someone get back to you. For more information visit Human Sciences Extension's Managing Personal Finances in Tough Times webpage.  
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/disaster-recovery>

#### Key Topics

- Financial assistance with paying bills (basic needs)- utilities, accessing food, rent/mortgage relief, transportation issues (limitations, regional transit, reliable car)
- Mental health issues- financial and stress, end of services; payment of services
- Jobs/income loss- insurance, childcare availability
- Lack of emergency funds, savings
- Financial assistance/homelessness
- Coordination of services
- New to using services- awareness of availability of relief

Mackenzie DeJong, ISU Extension, Family Life Specialist: [mldejong@iastate.edu](mailto:mldejong@iastate.edu)

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](http://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>

Abby Paterson, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa: [apatterson@pcaiowa.org](mailto:apatterson@pcaiowa.org)

Training moved to virtual. New Contractor Training Wed July 22, 2020 at 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

Planning Regional Meetings for the fall. Possible topics messaging and marketing. New projects send request for training topics, speakers that will be helpful to families.

Spring Conference not sure at this time if it will be in person or virtual type format.

Angie McColugh, Region XII Housing [fss@regionxiiha.org](mailto:fss@regionxiiha.org) reported at the Sac County Coalition HUD currently does not have a wait list.

Next meeting August 18<sup>th</sup> watch for available format.