

Community Partnerships for Protecting Children

Description: Protecting our children from abuse is everyone's business. The Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC) project in Marshall and Hardin Counties is a new approach to child protection that involves the community. Learn what is being done and how you can become involved.

Training Objectives: Participants will learn what CPPC is, what the four strategies for community child protection are, how CPPC works in Marshall and Hardin Counties, and how you can be come involved.

Audience: General public, local decision-makers, government leaders, faith community

Presenters: CPPC Leadership Team

Child Abuse Prevention Programs

Description: Many strategies are used to prevent child abuse and neglect. Learn about the unique and effective programs that are provided in Marshall County and how to refer families to these services.

Training Objectives: Describe the Building Healthy Families home visitation program, Stork's Nest incentive program, Crisis Child Care program, and Sexual Abuse Prevention program (also available in Hardin and Tama counties). Learn how these programs impact child abuse and how you can help.

Audience: General public

Presenters: Child Abuse Prevention Services' Staff

Child Abuse and Neglect

Description: Child abuse and neglect is a societal problem that affects the entire community. When citizens understand child abuse, its causes and how it can be prevented, they are better equipped to help protect children within their community.

Training Objectives: Participants will learn about child abuse, its causes, prevention and what citizens can do to help protect children.

Audience: General public

Presenter: Jana Enfield, Executive Director, Child Abuse Prevention Services

Nurturing Healthy Sexual Development

Description: This presentation educates participants on the sexual development of children, and how to respond to children's sexual behaviors and questions in ways that promote healthy development.

Training Objectives: Participants will gain an understanding of the scope of child sexual abuse and the relationship between healthy sexual development and child sexual abuse prevention.

Audience: Parents, caregivers, professionals, general public – also available in Tama County at no charge

Presenter: Dawna Heil, Sexual Abuse Education Director, Child Abuse Prevention Services

Child Abuse and Domestic Violence

Description: Family violence and child abuse are linked. Violence in families affects children today and tomorrow.

Training Objectives: Participants will learn about the linkage between child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault and be able to identify at-risk situations.

Audience: Professionals in the human services field, counselors, teachers, and the general public

Presenters: Lynn Koch, DVA/SAC Victim Advocate and Janel Irvin, Seeds of Hope Victim Advocate

Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Alliance

Description: The Marshall County DEC Alliance was formed in 2007 to develop a community response to children being exposed to methamphetamine and other illicit drugs.

Training Objectives: Participants will learn about meth manufacturing and the effects that meth has on the user and the children in their care as well as the dangers to the community. Participants will learn about Marshall County's DEC response protocol, the Alliance's goals and projected outcomes.

Audience: Educators, health and human service professionals, community members, service groups, clergy

Presenters: Steph Whitmore, Marshall County DEC Coordinator and DEC team members

Safe Haven

Description: The Safe Haven Act is an Iowa law that allows parents to leave an infant up to 14 days old at a hospital or health care facility without fear of being charged with abandonment.

Training Objectives: Participants will learn why the Safe Haven was enacted, what responsibilities health care facilities have, what happens after the infant is dropped off, and what happens if the parent changes their mind.

Audience: Health care facilities identified in the law, health and human service providers, general public

Presenters: Jana Enfield, Executive Director, Child Abuse Prevention Services and Sheryl Kennedy, Administrator, Greenbelt Home Care

SAFE Place

Description: The SAFE Place project develops partnerships with area businesses and trains the staff at participating sites to know how to respond to any youth in crisis.

Training Objectives: Participants will learn about the SAFE Place campaign, why it is needed, and how businesses and community members can be involved.

Audience: Business leaders, youth, parents, adults, general public

Presenters: Youth and Shelter Services of Marshall County's Staff

Professional Training The Child Welfare System

Description: An overview of how children and families become involved with the Department of Human Services and the Juvenile Court system and what interventions and outcomes this involvement may lead to.

Training Objectives: Participants will come away with a better understanding of how children can be served through the child welfare system and how to connect children and families to those services. Participants will also be able to identify when child welfare services are not an option and how to access other services for children and families.

Audience: Educators, health and human service providers, child care providers, faith community

Presenters: Ken Baker, Child Protection Supervisor, Department of Human Services

Partnering to Support Families: Where do families go for help?

Description: This interactive discussion will address the community resources available for referring families at-risk.

Training Objectives: Participants will increase their knowledge of community resources and how to refer families to community-based resources

Audience: Educators, health and human service providers, child care providers, faith community

Presenters: Linda Havelka, Associate Director, Child Abuse Prevention Services and Ruth Krueger, Hardin County Director, Mid-Iowa Community Action



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Speakers Bureau

Providing Educational Opportunities In Marshall and Hardin Counties

Topics can be tailored to the audience and can be a 15-20 minute presentation or a full hour of training. To schedule in Marshall or Hardin Counties, please contact:

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