

## Quick Peek

### Upcoming Events

- ◇ April 16, 6:00-8:30— MRT Training @ Iowa Valley Continuing Education Marshalltown
- ◇ April 18, 3:30 and 5:00—Community Forum at the Marshalltown Library to discuss CAPS and answer questions
- ◇ April 20, 12:15-12:45—Child Abuse Prevention Rally at the Marshall County Courthouse
- ◇ May 17, 5:30— Human Trafficking Education and Training at the Marshalltown Public Library. Supper provided, RSVP to Emma at [emma@capsonline.us](mailto:emma@capsonline.us)



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## Child Abuse Prevention Month Highlights



Every April agencies and individuals across the nation highlight the importance of preventing Child Abuse. Child abuse is an issue that does not discriminate based on race, religion, or socio-economic class. While it is important to recognize the impact of abuse, at Child Abuse Prevention Services we try to equip parents and children with the tools and knowledge they need to prevent abuse before it happens. This is not something that we can do alone, and we take special care during the month of April to recognize the positive things happening in our

community to protect our children.

New this year is one such opportunity. The Community Forum is taking place at the Marshalltown Public Library on April 18th. Community members can attend one of two sessions, at 3:30 or 5:00, to learn more about CAPS' efforts to prevent child abuse and take part in a discussion of ways that individuals can get involved. Light refreshments will be available to enjoy while hearing about CAPS programs and personal stories from CAPS staff.



Another opportunity for community members to take advantage of this April takes place at the Marshall County Courthouse. This annual Rally, scheduled for April 20th from 12:15-12:45 this year, will focus on recognizing a few special people who have had a tremendous impact on the lives of children and families in the community. These people are great examples of how the efforts of a few have a ripple effect and truly make a difference.



## Child Abuse Prevention Services

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**Sneak Peak**

**Prom Dress  
Flag  
Football**

**June 3, 2018**

**2:00 Kickoff at  
the MHS  
football field**

**Family friendly  
competition  
among teams  
from local  
businesses and  
agencies.  
Winner will be  
decided by the  
team which  
raises the most  
financial support!**

**Stay tuned for  
more  
information!**

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## Meet the Staff—Linda Havelka



Linda has been at Child Abuse Prevention Services for over 25 years and took on the role of Executive Director in March after Jana Enfield retired. Linda graduated from UNI with a degree in Business and now lives north of Green Mountain with her husband, Bill. Linda and Bill have two children, Brent, who works on the family farm, and Emily, who teaches at Fisher Elementary.

“It has been a month since I began my new role as Executive Director at CAPS. Although being the Executive Director comes with a lot of responsibility, I know I am not alone. Child Abuse Prevention Services has a very compassionate, hardworking staff that is dedicated to helping families in our community; a Board of Directors that believes in our mission and lends their leadership and expertise; and a community that believes in our work and that Great Childhoods make Great Communities.”

## A Word from our Intern

When it came down to choosing a location to do my internship, I knew that I wanted to be able to help a variety of people from different backgrounds who live in the same area that I call home. CAPS has given me the opportunity to interact with different individuals, groups, and agencies while I prepare myself to work in the field. The wide variety of clients that CAPS serves has helped me to better myself and those around me in more ways than I thought to be possible. I am extremely thankful that everyone treated me like a part of the CAPS team and used their knowledge to prepare me for my future. Being able to do my field placement with this group of women has been the most influential and beneficial aspect of my schooling and I will be forever grateful for this opportunity!

## Our Programs

Building Healthy Families ~ Refugee Health Connections ~ Strong Foundations ~  
Crisis Intervention Program ~ Crisis Child Care ~ Sexual Abuse Prevention ~  
Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention ~ The Nest