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Thank you to our Funders!

We were recently awarded grants from the Marshall/Hardin Decategorization Board to support crisis intervention and refugee assistance services and from the Iowa River Valley Early Childhood Area to support our Building Healthy Families program.

Keep up to date by liking us on Facebook and visiting our website!



We are still here to help!

Child Abuse Prevention Services is continuing to serve families, although services may look a little different. Here is what we are doing to ensure we provide support to those who need it, while keeping families safe and healthy:

- All “visits” with families are done virtually or over the phone
- Families can still access The Nest by simply calling in their order and picking up their items at our main entrance
- Families are referred to appropriate community services depending on their needs
- Assistance with coordinating the use of local resources is done via phone
- Families enrolled in programming have received fun activity bags to help keep their kids engaged in learning
- Families enrolled in programming who have been financially impacted due to COVID-19 have been provided with free diapers, wipes, and formula that have generously been donated by the community
- Our home visitors have been using Facebook to read stories, share activities, and provide educational information to our followers
- We have filled nearly 200 “orders” for Nest items, diapers, wipes, and formula!

As we look to the future, we continue to assess how to safely deliver services and assistance to children and families. If you know a family in need please encourage them to contact us. We are here to help!



Child Abuse Prevention Services

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Do you know a family who needs financial assistance as a result of COVID-19? CAPS can help! Please tell individuals and families to call 641-752-1730 if they are in need of assistance.

Assisting the Community

CAPS has had the honor of administering community funds from Marshalltown Area United Way, Community Foundation of Marshall County Disaster Recovery, and private donations since April to assist those who have been impacted by COVID-19. During this time CAPS staff have taken approximately 70 applications over the phone. A protocol has been established for determining eligibility for funds in order to maximize the number of individuals that can be assisted. Assistance is provided with rent/mortgage payments, water and sanitation bills, as well as providing gift cards to assist with grocery items. Individuals are also provided with referrals to other community services to ensure other needs can be met. Approximately 80 referrals have been given to other sources of community support. While our community was impacted greatly by the virus, the collective action of community leaders and service providers is a great testament of how strong and resilient we are!

Looking to the future....

Child Abuse Prevention Services will continue to monitor and assess the risks associated with COVID-19, and will implement appropriate safety measures to ensure the health and safety of our staff, as well as the families we serve. All staff currently have masks, and are required to wear a mask if there is a need to have face to face contact with an individual. At this time we have set Monday, July 20th as a tentative date for re-opening the office, and protocols for re-opening are being developed. Some of these safety measures will include limits on the number of individuals allowed to enter the CAPS office, asking patrons to wear a mask when entering the building, limiting access to one area of the building, and sanitizing surfaces between office visitors.

Thank you Jill Hergenrader!

Jill is the sister of our Board President, Julie Hitchins and she has generously donated her time and talents by sewing masks for our staff and families. Thank you so much Jill!



Have a great
Summer!

