

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa SAC COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Date: February 4, 2013 **Time: 10:00 am** Location: Sac County Annex (South)
Chairperson: Ranell Drake

SIGN-IN AND INTRODUCTIONS: Mike Fischer, Administration/ESC; Becky Halbur, Counselor/ESC; Jenny Sorensen, HeadStart; Jackie Duffy, Sac County Health Services; Ranell Drake, Sac County Brandie Ledford, Sac City Public Library; Kristi Neumann, CAASA; Mollie Scott, Kids World, Inc.; Annette Koster, BVCS Early Childhood Iowa.

AGENDA REVIEW: Jackie D made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jenny S, a voice vote was held, all in favor.

APPROVAL of PREVIOUS MINUTES: A motion by Molly S to approve the minutes, seconded by Mike F, a voice vote was held, all in favor.

Kristi Neumann from CAASA presented to the council. Handouts included: CAASA tear off, CAASA wish list for pantry items, brochure about the services offered and brochure for New Leaf in Cherokee and Second Chances in Spencer used furniture and home décor second hand stores.

The second hand stores support CAASA and the items can be purchased or used for victims of domestic abuse. Donations can be made at the stores locations. Pantry items are located at office sites (Storm Lake).

Jenny Alhers is the adult advocate and will have an office in Suite 4 of the South Sac County Annex basement on Tuesday's. July 1st changes for CASSA due to cuts across Iowa. CAASA is in the process of writing grants. Going to a regional based service area, will have one Domestic Violence and one Sexual Assault counselors to serve both adults and children.

Kristi N reported some police/County Attorney (Dickinson County) involve CAASA right away. If involved right away victims tend to follow through with counseling sessions. The counselor also serves as their advocate. They are able to inform families, be advocates, and can be with teens, parents cannot be in room during depositions.

Kristi N shared about Sexual Assault teams that are being organized. She is facilitator for Girl Circles, and a trainer for Darkness to Light. Darkness to Light is three hour training. If interested contact Kristi at 712-732-8120 or

Kristin@caasaonline.org.

AGENCY - COMMUNITY SHARING/NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN COMMUNITY:

Annette K shared the new Iowa Early Learning Standards have been released. She shared a sample page from the standards. An email was sent with a link to the standards.

Brandi L shared the Sac City Library purchased Every Child Ready to Read that relates to the Iowa Early Learning Standards and teaching parent's child songs, crafts that relate to stories, flannel boards. The library is working to incorporate this into story hours.

The library is writing for a STEM grant (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical) to add to their collection. Offer science kits to children, looking for an additional \$1,500. Family Literacy Fair will be held. Summer reading program will be *Mad Science – Dig into Reading*, looking for way to partner with schools to gain advertising and interest in the program.

Kristi N New Opportunities, Inc. doing a pilot project at Ridgeview Middle school at the end of the month offering different educational sessions.

Mollie S thanked Love N Logic partnership and Kristi N for presenting the Darkness to Light to her staff.

Jackie D extended an invitation to join the Wellness Coalition on February 14, 2013 at the Sac City Recreation Center, 7:30 am. Hoping this will provide access to grants revolving around wellness. Coalition looking to do events after Lighten Up Iowa including pet walking, and burst to thirst.

Kristi N shared CAASA will be hosting Women's Night Out fundraisers February 21 and Feb 23 one night is in Cherokee the other night is in Spencer. \$25.00 a person a presenter will present How to Shoot Skinny Rabbits, if interested call Kristi N pre-registration required.

WRAP-UP & ADJOURN: Mollie S made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Becky H, a voice vote was held, all in favor. Motion Carries.

Next meeting: April 8, 2013.

Respectfully submitted Annette Koster

2000 Days: There are approximately **2000 days between the birth and the first day of kindergarten**. The first **2000** days of a child's life can have a **PROFOUND** and **LIFELONG** impact on **physical and emotional wellbeing, readiness to learn and succeed**, and ability to become a **productive citizen**.