

Notes from Sac County Coalition Meeting held on October 13, 2014

Annette Koster shared a survey Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Early Childhood Iowa will be using to update the Community Plan. She asked for input. She also shared a brochure for early childhood programs in Sac County.

Ashlie Wiederin with 1st Five Imitative shared last year was a planning year, getting to know community resources, providers, and staff. The second year is the implementation year to “bridge” the gap between health practitioners and caregivers. Standardized screenings to identify possible child risk. Attended the Developing Accountability Conference. Serving multi-county area which includes Sac County.

Christy Jenkins New Opportunities Prevention program reported currently wrote for a grant for Sac County for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) project. Talks to continue plan to get information out, reach beyond impacts, knowledge is power.

Diane Berry with the SPIF SIGF grant to reduce underage drinking and adult binge drinking. The grant will close in December. Sustainability with TIPS training, more trainers will be added in Sac County the Sac City and Lake View police. The SPIF SIG Coalition has a meeting on October 15 from 8:00 to 9:00. Diane handed out a survey to be completed. If not going to attend the meeting please return your survey to Diane (scan/email). State received the Partnership for Success grant, waiting for grant to apply for Sac County.

Kim Neilson is the new librarian for Sac City. Grief kits are in at the library, looking to get on-line check out. The kit comes with a stuffed animal that stays with the child. Stop at the library in you have a need. Kim will check what age group the Grief kit is appropriate for.

The library and recreation center and ISU Extension have a full day of activities and lunch planned for school out days. Looking for additional partners to assist on Monday's help with physical activity and serving lunch. Sign up with Kyle Sotter at the Recreation Center.

Applied for Sac County Endowment grant to move the computer lab to be ADA compliant.

Mollie Scott with DECAT/CCPC shared the mini grants help support Watch Dogs at East Sac County Schools and Heads Up at OABCIG, Lake View Library summer reading, Summer lunch programs, New Opportunity back pack program and Resource Directories. The directory is on 211.

Mollie provided a Mental Health Disability handout and Child Abuse ranking data. Sac County is ranked 39th. Community Family Team Meetings brochure. Community Family Team Meetings are available to any family and offered through Therapy Place. Parent Partners will be coming to Sac County, Melanie Storm will be the contact person.

Carrie Coats shared about Family STEPS. Family STEPS is a program for birth-age 3 and high risk 4 and 5 year olds. Total families is capped at 25, currently have around 23 on caseload. She attended the Protecting Families Conference in Sioux City, Craig Hill was the presenter. To help prevent child abduction know where your children are at all time.

Amanda Krause with Lutheran Services in Iowa Pregnancy Prevention reported she is working with East Sac Community Schools providing a abstinence based curriculum. The curriculum addresses peer pressure and how to say no and STD's. Will return to school in December.

Jayne Wilhelm with Sac County Mentoring reported they are kicking off Community Based with a fall activity. Love-n-Logic started and is being offered the last two Thursday's in October. Matt N is working on a Crops for Kids fundraiser. Working with East Sac County FFA Program to work with farmers to solicit funds/grain. The AmeriCorps program was to create two sustainable fundraising programs in Sac County.

Retta Mitchell gave the presentation to the group. Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) is a free service that is state funded. CCR&R provides resources, education, and advocacy. Retta explained the training required for Registered Home providers (24 hours in a two year period). CCR&R providers base level trainings. Registered homes have three categories A, B and C. An A home can have 6 children with only 4 under 24 months and 3 under 18 months and 2 school agers. B Home can have 6 full time children, same infant rules, 2 part time children and 4 school agers. C Home is tow providers both having the same qualifications they can have 12 full time children, same infant rules, 2 part time and 2 school agers. Non-registered providers can have 5 children or less as stated in Iowa law. There are also unregistered/not recognized. Licensed Centers, Registered homes, and Non-registered homes are able to receive state subsidy payments for child care assistance.

CCR&R works with provider to meet the basic registration requirements and also improve in the quality. Providers may improve the quality in many ways here are a few: Child Net-series of classes and can result in certification, Quality Rating System (QRS) - increased quality by practicing/documenting identified practices. Quality Improvement Grants offered through BVCS Early Childhood Iowa, identified child care providers must have achieved a QRS level 2 or above to apply. Able to work with child care home/centers to implement Positive Behaviors Intervention Support (PBIS) for discipline, works similar to Love-n-Logic. Sac County is still in need of child care providers. Few in Sac County are Registered.

CCR&R works with licensed child care centers. Services room arrangement, Positive Behavior Initiative Support (PBIS) which offers discipline alternatives, training for staff, and technical assistance on a variety of subjects.

CCR&R provides referrals for child care to parents looking for child care through a data base of child care providers. The referral is set up to educate parents on what quality child care looks like, encourages the parent to visit and ask questions.

CCR&R assist communities by offering background data for businesses and groups, and keeping families in the workforce.