

Notes from Sac County Coalition 12/8/2014

Presenter for the month was Amanda Hadley with the Family Development Center in Sac City

Amanda H: Currently in the middle of heat assistance and toy drive, both are income based.

SHARE is open to everyone. A minimum of 30 package meals are required to deliver, Sac County usually has around 40 families. An email is sent out to the group monthly.

Heat Assistance in November everyone can apply, appointments are preferred. Program is income based, a medical waiver may be available to assist with income eligibility. Weatherization is connected with Heat Assistance, put on list comes out of Carroll.

Christmas toy distribution will be on Friday 12/8/14. Currently have 75 families, still accepting donations. Donations money, toys for 12 and under until 12/11/14.

Sign up for Christmas Food Basket now being accepted, looking for donations anything to put into baskets. Thanksgiving has 15 nominations, using different process for Christmas.

Food Pantry accepting donations, canned fruit, cereal, paper products (toilet paper/towels etc...) and personal care items. Back pack weekly program continues with close to 50 children per week. Take to schools on Fridays to be sent home with children. Use the Des Moines Food Bank for assistance. Trying to start mobile food pantry (next year). Looking for volunteers to assist with this program. Locations not determined at this time.

Clothing Closet: Jayne Bennet, Senior Worker, donations accepted.

Retta Mitchell, Child Care Consultant: Looking for child care providers to serve Sac County. Working with current providers with the Quality Improvement Program (QIP). Child Care Providers must meet certain steps to qualify. Work with non-registered child care providers. Kids World is looking for staff, have people contact Kids World for application. Recently at the Federal level the Child Care Block Grant was passed it has provision for child care safety. The Iowa DHS is currently reviewing the language to see how this will affect Iowa. Some items that will be address may include: subsidy pay eligibility to go from a 6 month eligibility to a 12 months with a graduated off system, pre licensure before start child care for those accepting subsidy.

Jayne Wilhem, Sac County Mentoring: Love n Logic classes will be available in the spring. Ida County showed interest in sending participants. Currently have 90 mentor matches. Keep the date August 6, 2015 on your calendar for the Sac County Mentoring Table Affair fundraiser. Working on the "Bucket Lady" as the speaker for the event. May be able to share cost with the Manson school. The Community Based Mentoring Program will be participating with Carroll Broadcastings Christmas Wish program.

Diane Berry, SPIF/SIG grant: Jayne W shared materials from the SPIF/SIG Coalition group. The grant is wrapping up in December. A grant has been wrote for Sac County due Wednesday 12/10/14.

Tips training coming up on Dec 17th 8:00-9:00 at the Sac County Law Enforcement Center.

Matt Nasco, AmeriCorps Vista Worker: Working on sustainable grant opportunities for the Sac County Mentoring program. Crops 4 Kids is the most current fundraiser, without out a finish date. Farmer's

area able to hold grain and donate when sell. Partnership with East Sac County Future Farmer of America (FFA) and various grain elevators.

Becky Halbur, East Sac County School Councilor: Working cooperatively with Mentoring program. Watch Dogs is going well in buildings twice a week. Have around 70 plus participating.

Love n logic was able to get a grant for a family taking the class with autism. Thank you for spreading the word about the grant. The family will use the I-pad to work on verbal and communication apps.

CASSA did some presentations in the school on safe touch, had six referrals to DHS following the presentations.

Professional Development teachers are working on performance task.

Group: Discussion on the ACE Study, having speaker come to Sac County. Look into Iowa ACES Team 360'. Who would be the audience? What aspects? A presentation is being put together in Carroll to spread the word on ACE's. April 8th, still need location, social emotional low to work with children. Trauma Informed Care Project, Sonny Behren Orchard Place was suggested.

Laura Ecer, Child Health Specialty Clinic: Child Health Specialty Clinics are developing roles for Care Coordination and a Family Navigator for families with children that have special needs. The Child Health Specialty Clinic will also be offering mental health services through tele-conference in the Carroll and Fort Dodge offices. Will need to initially see a doctor in the office.

Jackie Duffy, Sac County Health Services: Planning a January Wellness Coalition, reaching out for more involvement with in Sac County. The flu is in the County. Over 500 immunizations were given, still available. The immunization still protects, but as heard on the news a new strand has mutated. Would like to figure a way to provide flu shots in the schools.

EBOLA education to community, physician's offices. The State of Iowa is working on which hospitals would be able to take patients.

Ashley Wiederin, 1st Five: Care Coordinator for 1st Five starts next week. The Care Coordinator help with increase in referrals. Next goal involving the rural clinics. Putting together ACE screening tool for medical providers. Tools from University of Iowa and the ACE Team, day long, community resources to address; what seeing, how we implement, idea swap, partnering. Date set April 8th, working on location. Paula Klocke will take over during medical leave.

Shawne Wittrock, Child Health Specialty Clinic: Working as a Family Navigator and Autistic Program. Family to family support with Early ACCESS through Child Health Clinic, serve birth to age 21. Practicality items special health needs, physical needs, collaborate with 1st Five. Services are free.

Jenny Sorenson, Head Start for Sac & Calhoun Counties: Sac City 3 & 4 year olds based on family income or special needs. Application process taken year round, currently serving 19 in Sac County have the capacity to serve 20. Office is out of the Outreach Center.

Rannell Drake, County Supervisor: The road is open between Wall Lake and Odebolt. Share an engineer with Calhoun County, will be retiring, and will be re hiring.

Krisit Neuman, CASSA Sexual Abuse Education: Family Crisis will be taking on the domestic violence cases and CASSA will be sexual assault. 1-800-382-5603 is the domestic violence hotline.

Trainings offered

- Darkness to Light – Grant through Sac County Child Abuse Prevention Council. Goal was to have 75 participants trained this quarter, was eight short of goal. Trying to have more schools participate. Becky Halbur stated the training was good when held at East Sac County Schools.
- Nurturing Healthy Sexual Development
- Care for Kids curriculum to train teachers to use, prevention primarily 3 -8 years olds.

Mollie Scott, Decat/CPPC: Family Team meeting Sac County had two referrals for the community based program. Therapy Place, Deb Smith provided the service. Mollie shared the 24/7 Dads training information and a Glossary of Acronyms commonly used in human services.

Annette Koster, BVCS Early Childhood Iowa (BVCS ECI): Shared data she updated for the BVCS ECI Community Plan.

Next meeting date: February 9th, 9:00 am Sac County Law Enforcement Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted: Annette Koster, I apologize for any miss spelled names.