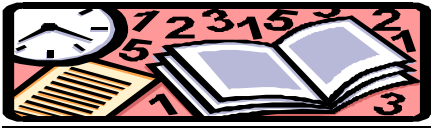


Boost4Families



Important Dates

Board Meeting

November 25th, @ 6:30 PM (dinner), 7:00 (meeting)
Webster Elementary, Red Oak

Montgomery County Local Planning Group

First Christian Church, Red Oak
Monday, Jan. 5th, @ 1:00 PM

Cass County Local Planning Group

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Atlantic
Thursday, Jan. 8th, @ 12:00 PM

Mills County Local Planning Group/Combined meeting Mills County Community Coalition

Mills County Engineer Building, Glenwood
Friday, Jan. 16th, @ 11:00 AM

Empowerment Early Childhood Congress

Feb. 10th and 11th
Des Moines

Early Childhood Day on the Hill

Feb. 12th
State Capital, Des Moines

(All meetings are open to the public)

Mark your calendar for the following date!!!

Boost4Families Board Meeting

Is set for Tuesday, November 25th at
Webster Elementary, in Red Oak

Dinner is at 6:30, and meeting will start at 7 PM

Please plan to attend, your vote is very

IMPORTANT!!

Boost4Families Neighborhood Network Mini-grants

“ Boost4Families announces the availability of mini-grants for community projects designed to keep children safe, and engage communities in getting to know their neighbors.”

Boost4Families has offered prevention services for children, youth and families who live in Cass/Mills/Montgomery counties since 1995. Boost4Families supports quality services that are family centered and strength based, resulting in safe and healthy children and families. In 2004, Boost4Families was designated a Community Partnership for Protecting Children site. It is through this grant opportunity Boost4Families has developed mini-grants to be awarded to neighborhood projects, which focus on keeping kids safe and engaging neighbors around neighborhood based projects.

The deadline for applying is November 21st, 2008. Awards will not exceed \$1,000 per project. Contact Amy Chastain if you have additional questions or to receive a copy of the proposal application at 712/527-1578, or email achasta@dhs.state.ia.us



NEWSLETTER IDEAS

If you have articles or ideas to add to this newsletter, please contact Amy Chastain. We would love to include program updates or community events in this publication

UPDATE!!

Family Team Meetings

Family Team Meetings are being offered to the community by trained/approved Facilitators in Cass/Mills/Montgomery Counties. Please notify Mills County Public Health (712) 527-9699, if you would like to host or facilitate a Family Team meeting.

Boost4Families has a new website

Check out our website. It is www.boost4families.com.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN POVERTY

Boost4Families is very excited to be able to fund a pilot program to provide support for Families in Poverty in Cass, and Mills Counties. It is our goal to be in Montgomery County very soon!

TRANSPORTATION

Boost4Families is happy to announce that students that receive tuition grants from Boost4Families, are eligible to receive free transportation to and from preschool. If a child needs transportation, but does not receive tuition grants, students may ride for a small fee. For more information, please contact your school district or Amy Chastain.



BOOST4FAMILIES 2007/2008 -

Empowerment Funded

- Parents as Teachers in Cass/Mills/Montgomery Counties
- Preschool Tuition Grants for all 10 school districts. (\$75 per student, per month)
- West Central Development Center/Child Care Specialist (in all three counties)
- Nishna Valley Preschool
- Pooh Corners Preschool
- Child Care Nurse Consultants (all three counties)
- Preschool Transportation in all three counties.
- Circles4Success (Support for families in Poverty) in Cass and Mills County
- Little Lambs Preschool
- Preschool dental services for Cass County

Funded Programs:

DCAT/CJJP/CPPC Funded

- PAL (Parents and the Law)
- ACES, Success Club, Villisca, Kids Come First (Before/after school programs) in all three counties
- Neighborhood Networks/Family Team Meetings
- Circles4Success