

CASS/MILLS/MONTGOMERY

March/April 2009

Boost4Families

Important Dates

Mills County Legislative Coffee
Engineer's Building- Glenwood
March 29th, 11:00 AM

RFP's posted/sent out
April 1st, 2009

Montgomery Co. Local Planning Group (LPG)
First Christian Church, Red Oak.
April 6th, 1:00 PM (3rd qtr reports due)

Cass County LPG
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Atlantic
April 9th, 12:00 PM (3rd qtr reports due)

Advisory Council Meeting
Mont. ISU, Red Oak
April 14th, 1:30 PM

Mills County Local Planning Group
Engineer's Building – Glenwood
April 17th, 12:00 PM
(3rd quarter reports due)

Prevent Child Abuse Conference
Des Moines
April 20th and 21st

RFP's due to Boost4Families
April 30th, 2009 – by NOON

Mont. Co. LPG
First Christian Church, Red Oak
May 4th, 1:00 PM (presentation of RFP's)

Cass Co. LPG
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Atlantic
May 7th, 12:00 PM (presentation of RFP's)

Advisory Council Meeting
Mont. Co. ISU, Red Oak
May 11th, 1:30 PM

Mills Co. LPG
Engineer's Building, Glenwood
May 15th, 12:00 PM (presentation of RFP's)

DECAT/Empowerment Proposal meetings
ISU Extension (Red Oak)
May 21st, 9-4 PM

Boost4Families will be accepting proposals for funding for FY10 – Request for proposal will be posted on website April 1st, 2009

Boost4Families will be announcing the availability of funds for prevention, early intervention, and family well being projects in Cass/Mills/Montgomery Counties.

Applications will be accepted for projects which will enhance child-well being, reduce the likelihood of child abuse, and promote positive family and community relationships. Applicants should consider funds to be “one-time” funds with little or no opportunity for sustaining funding.

Projects proposed should reflect the Boost4Families principles that:

- All children need to be given the best possible start in life in order to become self-reliant adults;
- Nurtured children become nurturing adults;
- Positive childhood environments create an upward cycle of health, non-violence, and responsibility that is carried forward to each new generation;
- A wide array of services must be provided in order to fully address diverse social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual needs;
- Services that reduce the likelihood of child abuse and promote family and community relationships

Proposals due: April 30th

[Please Contact Amy or visit website for proposal](#)

UPDATE!!

Boost4Families has a website! Check it out!!

www.boost4families.org



Did you Know??

In 2008

Parents As Teachers

- Served 521 children, 343 families and made 3,015 home visits total for all three counties

Preschool Tuition Grants

- The 10 school districts in Cass/Mills/Montgomery Counties approved 181 children for tuition grants. These grants helped children attend preschool that couldn't otherwise afford it.

Preschool Transportation

- 184 utilized the preschool transportation service offered through Boost4Families, Southwest Iowa Transit and the 10 school districts (19,164 rides for the year). 49% of participant surveys reflected that their child wouldn't have been able to attend preschool without the transportation service.

Child Care Development Specialist

- The Child Care Specialist that covers Cass/Mills/Montgomery Counties provided 224 on-site to childcare providers (both homes and centers). These on-site visits served 3,887 children.

Mark your calendar for the following date!!!

Boost4Families Board Meeting

Thursday, June 18th, 7:00 PM

This is the meeting to review the FY10 Budget and FY10 Program Proposals. Please plan to attend, your vote is very IMPORTANT!!

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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.