

INFORMATION STATION

YHFS Program Highlight – Family Team Decision Making

The Family Team Decision Making Meeting is a comprehensive process for engaging families upon entry into the child welfare system which includes parents, children, extended family members, and support persons as defined by the family to find strength-based, permissible solutions to situations that the family is currently engaged in. The YHFS Facilitator is a neutral person, who organizes, prepares for, conducts, and reports on all activities involved in a Family Team Meeting. These services are provided through a contract with Young House Family Services and the Iowa Department of Human Services. Young House Family Services currently has 3 Family Team Meeting Facilitators who facilitate Family Team Decision Making Meetings for DHS in Quad County area including Louisa, Des Moines, Henry and Lee County.

These Facilitators include Julie Fitzpatrick, Carrie Yates and Rita Vineyard (pictured) who is celebrating 25 years of service with YHFS this month!



LEARN MORE ABOUT AMP!

Check out the AMP (Achieving Maximum Potential) website: www.ampiowa.org! Young House subcontracts with YSS (Youth and Shelter Services) in Ames to facilitate two AMP Chapters in Southeast Iowa. The AMP motto is: “Nothing About Us, Without Us.” The program works to empower youth, ages 13–18, who are involved in foster care, residential care, adoption or out of home placements by giving them a voice. AMP youth are always exploring ways to give back to the community. If you are in need of help with a community project or would like to provide refreshments for an AMP meeting, contact the YHFS AMP facilitator, Miranda Messenger (mmessenger@younghouse.org).

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Christamore Celebrates Talents at Family Fun Day

Every quarter for the past 2 years, the Christamore Family Treatment Center has been hosting Family Fun Day for the clients and family members of the residential program. With funds raised by the clients and staff by means of “Tips Nights” and various other fundraisers the program provides a meal and fun activity encouraging family involvement, engagement and relationship building. Family Fun Days have included Bingo Nights, Minute to Win It games, Holiday Open Houses and more recently a Family Talent Show. On June 20th, Christamore provided dinner and show featuring the various talents of the clients and their families. The show highlighted a number of talents ranging from guitar solos, painting, improve, skateboarding, and singing. This event has been successful in building supportive relationship and promoting family engagement.



A client and her family perform the hit song “Cups” at the CFTC Family Fun Day!

*“The person who in My name welcomes this child, welcomes Me...”
~ Luke 9:48*

1st Assembly of God Hosts a Baby Shower for Jesus!

June 1st – 16th the First Assembly of God Church in Burlington hosted a Baby Shower for Jesus intended to gather items for the Young House Family Services Community Closet. This event replenished the Community Closet with much needed infant items including diapers, rash cream, blankets and diaper wipes.

Without the support of our community partners, the IMPACT program would not be able to help the children and families in need through the Community Closet. Thank you 1st Assembly of God for your gracious event and donation!



Picture above, Dulcie Marroquin dressed up for the kick off to the Baby Shower for Jesus!

Vision Works Tips & Tools:

When adding a new client in VisionWorks, always search for the client first!

Helpful Hint: search only by the first 2–3 letters of the last name to help avoid spelling errors that may lead to double entry.

Examples that can lead to errors:

- *Karla Smith is the client's name, but you search for Carla Smith or C. Smith*
- *Mackenzy Jones is the client's name, but you search for McKenzie Jones or Mc Jones*

In both of these examples, the client's name would not show up in your results, and you may enter them in VW a second time. If you search with only the *first 2–3 letters of the client's last name*, results will include the actual name of the client (you can compare DOB and other demographics), avoiding double entries.

Now Enrolling: PIHP HITS 85!

Enrollment into the Young House Pediatric Integrated Health Program (PIHP) is well under way! The PIHP team has been hard at work informing clients and the members of our communities about the wonderful benefits of the program and has started enrolling members into PIHP. As of July 1st, PIHP has enrolled 85 members and is well on their way to their goal of 400 members by October 1st, 2014.

PHIP has also added several new members to the team! Abby West has been hired as the Nurse Coordinator. Abby worked for the Des Moines County Public Health Department for the last 18 years. She has a great deal of experience providing health promotion and educational programming to children and adults. Heidi Swenson has been hired as a Family Support Specialist. Heidi is advocating within the school system and understands the Individual Education Program quite well. Monica Bowlyow has also been hired as a Family Support Specialist. Monica is a graduate of both SCC and Iowa Wesleyan College. She has experience working with children and families. Feel free to stop by, say hi and welcome them to the Young House family! We are excited to welcome all three of these new employees to our PIHP.

Don't forget you can help the Pediatric Integrated Health Program reach their goal! If you are working with a child with Medicaid benefits who is experiencing emotional or behavioral health issues, contact Heather Brueck at 319-752-4000 ext. 141 today to see if they qualify for this FREE program.

IT Help Desk Reminder!

If you are experiencing an IT issue, call the IT Help Desk at Extension 136 or via email at helpdesk@younghouse.org



Did you know?

- The month of July is named after Julius Caesar by a decision of the Roman Senate in 44BC as July was the month of his birth. Before that, it had been known as Quintilis (fifth) as it was the fifth month in the old calendar
- July is National Hot Dog Month, National Blueberry Month and National Ice Cream Month. Yum!
- Although six months have passed, July 1 is not the mid-point of the year. The exact halfway point comes at 1pm BST on July 3 in a non-leap year.

Community Events

- Summer Reading Program is taking place during the month of July at the Burlington Library. Movies, zoo animals, crafts and more. Check out the library website for dates and more info.
- July 9th, 16th, & 30th - Young Guns Shoots @ Big Hollow. Free family shooting including rifles and archery.
- July 13th, 10am -2pm, Strong Cars for Kids Car Show & Burlington YMCA.
- July 18th, Friday Night Cruise on Jefferson St.
- July 23rd, 7:30-8:30pm, Nature at Night at Starr's Cave Nature Center
- July 25th, 5 & V Cinema, Featuring the Lego Movie at dusk.