

Promise Partners

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Empowering a caring community
that promises the well-being
of every child.

Introduction:

Promise Partners formed in 2008 to ignite the power of collaborative action to achieve the mission “*Empowering a caring community that promises the well-being of every child in Pottawattamie County.*” We are the cross-sector community board with public-private partnerships. We are committed to bring diverse stakeholders together to collaborate toward a common agenda and support a shared course of action.

We are currently leveraging over 1.8 million dollars into our county as the designated Early Childhood Iowa area (ECI), Decategorization Board (formal child welfare and juvenile justice system), Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC), Prevent Child Abuse, and Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visitation (MIECHV) serving Pottawattamie County. Our Board of Directors subcontracts and monitors the direct services for these funds. Without Promise Partners, these resources would not be available to our community.

Promise Partners’ role as the overarching coordinating board is to convene partners to raise awareness, align current efforts, identify gaps, identify evidence-based strategies, establish the data and communication hub, and seek additional resources.

Promise Partners objective is to promote practice and policy solutions that drive aligned action to achieve our mission in an effective and efficient manner for an empowered and thriving community.

Youth & Families Committee

Purpose

To support and encourage the well-being of all youth and families through education, networking, and collaboration.

Overall Roles and Responsibilities

Standing committee that focuses on networking, information sharing, and education of resources and/or emerging trends.

Plan and implement Community Projects.

- *Laundry Love:* Families and youth can wash their laundry at no cost. Families also have the opportunity to learn of community resources, eat a meal, and gather personal hygiene items.
- *Community Awareness and Education:* Panel presentations on identified relevant topics such as suicide prevention, parenting children with ADHD, and parenting tips related to electronic devices and screen time. Media information regarding safe disposal of medications, talking to teens about risky behaviors, and bullying.

Goals and Objectives *(State Fiscal Year 2019)*

To provide educational opportunities for committee members to learn about the following topics of interest during FY19:

- Latest Drug Trends
- Human Trafficking
- Poverty
- Other emerging topics and subject matter related to children, youth, and the community

To provide educational opportunities for committee members to learn about the community resources during FY19:

- Victim of Crime Assistance (VOCA), Heartland Family Service
- Safe & Together, DHS/Domestic Violence Partnership
- 2-1-1
- Other community services, programs, and organizations as identified

To implement community based projects that will assist families and children in need & expand networking and resource sharing amongst partners:

- Laundry Love Project

Meetings

The meetings shall be held the second Tuesday of every month, with the exception of July and December, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm in the Promise Partners 1st floor conference room, located in the Career's Building on the Iowa School for the Deaf Campus, 3501 Harry Langdon Boulevard, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Membership

The Committee seeks diverse representation from cross-sectors and systems as well as parents and consumers. All members need to review the committee charter and sign the membership commitment form annually. A list serve of members will be maintained and new members may join at any time. Members will receive agendas, minutes and materials via email.

Procedures

The committee shall appoint a chair and a secretary that shall serve a two-year term but can be reappointed for additional terms upon consensus of the members. Promise Partners shall provide a staff to co-chair the committee and provide backbone support.

The chair and co-chair shall have the shared responsibility of facilitating meetings. The secretary shall have the responsibility of emailing communication to committee members including meeting notices, agendas, and meeting notes.

Current Leadership includes:

- Chair: Jessica Rayment, Promise Partners
- Vice-Chair: Lorelle Mueing, Heartland Family Service
- Secretary: Tiffani Pinkerton, Heartland Family Service

A Steering Committee shall set meeting agendas, arrange speakers, and guide meetings. The Steering Committee shall meet prior to regularly scheduled meetings and/or communicate via email. Attendance and membership shall remain open.

Meeting minutes and agendas shall be sent via email to the list serve of members as well as posted at www.promisepartners.org.

Policies and priorities shall come from the Governance Board as recommended by Coordinating Council with input from members. Committees shall report activities and progress to the Board.

The committee will use a "Fist to Five" process for consensus.