

## Promise Partners

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### 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, 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.

## Child Abuse Prevention Committee

### Purpose

The committee’s primary purpose is to ensure that *all Pottawattamie County’s children will be healthy and safe from child maltreatment.*

Research shows an increased risk for long-term physical, mental and financial health outcomes for people exposed to household dysfunctions such as domestic violence, substance abuse, or mental illness, or who have suffered child abuse or neglect without meaningful social supports. Risk factors for these social determinants of health are reduced when systems work together to implement trauma-informed practices that support the well-being of children and families.

This committee will focus on approaches to reduce the risk of children’s exposure to toxic stress and improve protective factors through early access to concrete supports, evidence-based parenting support, and social supports for families. The committee will coordinate with the efforts of the other committees under the Promise Partners umbrella.

Under Promise Partners’ overarching infrastructure, committees will:

- Share a common language and understanding of the problem and a joint approach to solving it through agreed upon actions based in current research.
- Use data-based decisions and shared measurement following the Results Based Accountability framework.
- Committee activities must be differentiated while still being coordinated through a mutually reinforcing plan of action. This is but one of multiple committees under Promise Partners.

- Create open and consistent communication across sectors, agencies, members, and committees to assure mutual objectives are met without duplicated inefficient efforts.

## Overall Roles and Responsibilities

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- Review child maltreatment data and trends annually
- Identify best practice and research on evidenced-based strategies to reduce child maltreatment \*\*
- Identify current resources/services and alignment to reduce child maltreatment in the county (Primary, secondary, & tertiary prevention) \*\*
- Identify gaps and needs in a comprehensive community plan to reduce child maltreatment \*\*
- Review and share data on all current strategies to reduce child maltreatment
- Align work plan with other Promise Partners committees as well as with the state efforts.
- Coordinate with other committees to raise community awareness and build public will

\*\* These roles & responsibilities will be led by the Coordinating Council with feedback loop from this PCA committee

## Goals and Objectives

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- ❖ Raise awareness and commitment to promote safe, stable nurturing relationship and environments and prevent child maltreatment
- ❖ Use data to inform actions
- ❖ Create the context for healthy children and families through norms change and programs
- ❖ Create the context for healthy children and families through policies

*To be further determined by committee planning process*

## Meetings

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The meetings shall be bi-monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 11:30 to 1:00 at the Promise Partners conference room unless otherwise notified. August 15, October 17, December 19, February 20, April 17 (tentative), June 19

## Membership

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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

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The committee shall appoint a chair and a secretary that shall serve a three-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.

Meeting minutes and agendas shall be sent via email to the list serve of members as well as posted at [www.promisepartners.org](http://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 “Fist to Five” to gauge consensus.