
Vision Statement

Security and success for children by strengthening families and communities



The Council continues to seek new opportunities to serve county residents.

The Planning Council strives for county wide participation.

Meetings are open to the public and are held the second Monday morning of every month at 10:30 am at the Lyon County Annex Building. If you are interested in attending a meeting or joining the Council, please contact:

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LYON COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL



Mission Statement:
To promote countywide programs using ongoing assessment of needs, to encourage community partnerships, and to provide safe and healthy environments for children and families

The Lyon County Planning Council serves in an Advisory Capacity for:

The Northwest Iowa Decategorization-Department of Human Services Governance Board

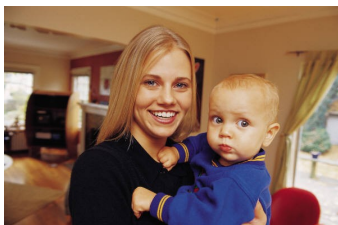
The Planning Council assists in gathering information regarding the strengths, gaps in services and needs of Lyon County with regards to children and families. When funding is available, the council recommends to the Decategorization Board programs to meet those needs focusing on families with children ages 6-18, with special emphasis on parenting skills and support; preventing abuse; childcare needs and issues.

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa

The council serves as the Prevention Council for PCAIowa. The council functions under the Northwest Iowa Council for Families and Children, and has at least one member on that Board.

Community Partnership for Protecting Children

The Planning Council encourages the involvement of many members of the community to come together to protect children through neighborhood or community networking.



Northwest Early Childhood Iowa

The Planning Council serves as a county resource to Northwest Early Childhood Iowa in reference to services to children ages 0-5 years of age.



Current Council Members:

The Planning Council attempts to have a wide cross section of representatives throughout the county, current Council members include:

Brenda Deutsch, Child Care

Sue Haggard, Mental Health

Jeff Jager, School Liaison CL/GLR

Amanda Ahrenstorff, DHS

Joanne Smith, School and Community, Vice-President of Council

Melissa Stillson, Health Dept./Healthy Families

Ron Vincelli, Substance Abuse

Anna Letsche, ISU Extension & Outreach

Lisa Rockhill, Lyon County Mental Health, Council Secretary

Kandace Koll, Community, Council President

Melissa VanHolland, Council Treasurer, Ex-officio

Sister Judi Angst, Religious Community/ATLAS

Programs previously recommended by the Council for funding:

- Love & Logic & Parent Nurturing (Parenting Programs)/County Wide
- Healthy Families-Home Visitation Program/County Wide
- Summer Enrichment-Summer Activity Programs/County Wide
- After School Programs-Central Lyon/George-Little Rock Schools
- Preschool Scholarships-County Wide
- "Girl Power" - Teen Enrichment Program-CL/GLR Schools
- 1-2-3 Magic-Parenting/Discipline Program-County Wide
- Annual Health and Education Fair-County Wide
- Car Seat Safety Program-County Wide
- "Bus Stop" Program-Inwood
- Summer Reading Program-Central Lyon
- Writing Camp- West Lyon
- "Terrific Transitions"-School Ready Program-CL/GLR Schools
- "Family Meals" Program-GLR Schools
- High School Mentoring Program-GLR Schools
- "Sensory Training" Child Development Program-County Wide