



Jasper County Cares Coalition

Meeting Dates (2nd Wednesday)

2025

Feb 12

Mar 12

Apr 9

May 14

Jun 11

Jul 9

Aug 13

Sep 10

Oct 8

Nov 12

Dec 10

Contact: jaspercocares@jasperia.org
Jasper Co. Office Building, Large Conference Room
315 W. 3rd St N. Newton, IA

Jasper County Cares Coalition post packet from 3.12.2025

Job Openings:

- City of Newton Police Department <https://www.newtongov.org/927/Careers>
- City of Newton other positions: Fire Department and seasonal openings <https://www.newtongov.org/226/Employment-Opportunities>
- House of Mercy: openings for mental health
- Mercy One Newton: several openings <https://jobs.trinity-health.org/mercyone/>
- Newton YMCA: <https://www.newtonymca.org/work-at-the-y.html>
- Proteus, Ag related, Summer Help, Amelia Garber ameliag@proteusinc.net
- Quakerdale, Ranch Manager and mental health providers, Beth Andrew, bandrew@quakerdalefamilyservices.org,
- Traditions Memory Care: Nurse and CNA. See website. [Accura](#)
- Jasper County: <https://www.jasperia.org/employment/>

Volunteers wanted:

- American Lung: Fight for Air volunteers in Des Moines, Emmaline.Krapfl@lung.org
- Discover Hope 517: Various opportunities, meals. <https://discoverhope517.org/>
- Jasper County EMA: CERT volunteers Kathy Ellis, kellis@jasperema-hls.org
- Jasper County Habitat for Humanity: Becca Decker, rdecker@gdmhabitat.org
- Jasper County Senior Nutrition, drivers, Kelli Van Manen kvanmanen@jasperia.org
- Newton YMCA: Coaches <https://www.newtonymca.org/volunteer-at-the-y.html>
- NAMI of Central Iowa: peer volunteers (mental health) pehler@aol.com
- Newton Village: volunteers for activities. Miranda Caldwell Miranda.Caldwell@cassialife.org
- RSVP: Senior drivers, Jasmine jnbailey@iastate.edu or Sarah, patter@iastate.edu

Are you looking for volunteers?

Megan, Juvenile Courts Services- Youth- Looking for service opportunities for volunteers.
Megan.garrett@iowacourts.gov

Other Announcements:

Add events to Community Calendar: <https://communitycalendar.jasperia.org/jaspercountyia>

Upcoming events or community calendar:
<https://communitycalendar.jasperia.org/jaspercountyia>

Affordable Housing: Community Health Improvement Plan follow up on March 19 at 9 AM.

- Capstone Behavioral Health: New driving class for OWI. Accepting substance treatment patients.
- Clearview Recovery: 3 openings for females (substance treatment). Funding available for no insurance. scott.pritchard@clearviewrecoveryinc.org
- Discover Hope 517: Wanting basket option fund raiser family oriented. Katie@discoverhope517.com
- EFR, Casey Keller, Offering Opioid Training, Narcan. Ckeller@efr.org
- EFR, Lauren, presentation April 28th at The Gathering Place, problem gambling. lasman@EFR.ORG
- Jasper County Habitat for Humanity: Becca Decker, rdecker@gdmhabitat.org 3 houses available to build in Newton
- Newton YMCA Daycare: has a few openings. Serenity.bookout@newtonymca.org
- Newton YMCA Healthy Kids Day, April 26, and Senior Health Fair, May 29.
 - Contact: sarah.pittman@newtonymca.org
- Parents as Teachers, Short Year, have openings. Felicia@shortyears.org
- Newton Healthcare Center changed names to Valley Vista. Changed in resource guide.
- IMPACT: Amanda Scalise, LIHEAP ascalise@impactcap.org
- Phoenix House: 8 available beds. Breanna.elliott@phnxhouse.com
- VA, Lori Reynolds, Military competency training on June 5th. Lori.reynolds@va.gov
- Jasper County VA is in need of someone to make flag memorial boxes.

updated 3.17.2025

Additional Child Care Resources or contacts

Lora Patton

Regional Director: *All counties in Region 4*

(515) 246-3566

lpatton@orchardplace.org

Leann Andre

Child Care Consultant Supervisor and ChildNet Certification:

Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Jasper, Lucas, Mahaska, Marion, Monroe, Polk, Poweshiek, Wapello, Wayne

(515) 309-5733

landre@orchardplace.org

Brenda O'Halloran

Child Care Consultant: *Jasper, Marion, Poweshiek*

(641) 820-1923

bohalloran@orchardplace.org

Tiffany Simmons

Regional Data Specialist: *All counties in Region 4*

(515) 204-9446

tsimmons@orchardplace.org

Looking for childcare?

Free Child Care Referrals: [Online referrals at your fingertips »](#)

(855) 244-5301

childcare@episervice.org

Child Care Assistance- <https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/CCA>

<https://iowaccrr.org/employers/>

<https://iowaccrr.org/communities/>

Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.) <https://iowaaeyc.b-cdn.net/app/uploads/2024/02/T.E.A.C.H.-Scholarship-Information-Booklet.pdf>

Scholarship program to assist in helping childcare workers get a formal education.

Kayla Hunziker

T.E.A.C.H. COORDINATOR

515-331-8000 ext 102

khunziker@iowaaeyc.org

WAGES\$ <https://iowaaeyc.org/programs/wages/>

Salary Supplement for staying in the program with IQ4K Rating of at least 1 out of 5.

Lauren Linnenbrink

WAGES\$ MANAGER

515-331-8000 ext 120

lauren@iowaaeyc.org

Healthy Child Care Iowa-Child Care Nurse Consultants, MICA has the current contract for this service.



Tara Berstler, RN Mid-Iowa Community Action (641) 328-3237 tara.berstler@micaonline.org

<https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci>

First Children's Finance-training, consultation, loan fund

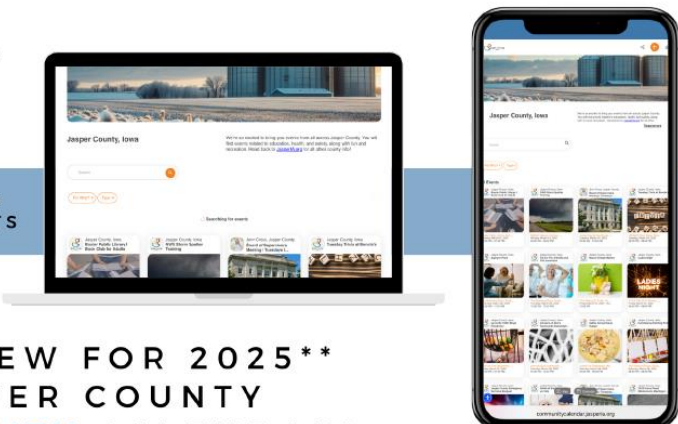
<https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/iowa/>

How to add events to the Jasper County Calendar.



CALENDAR

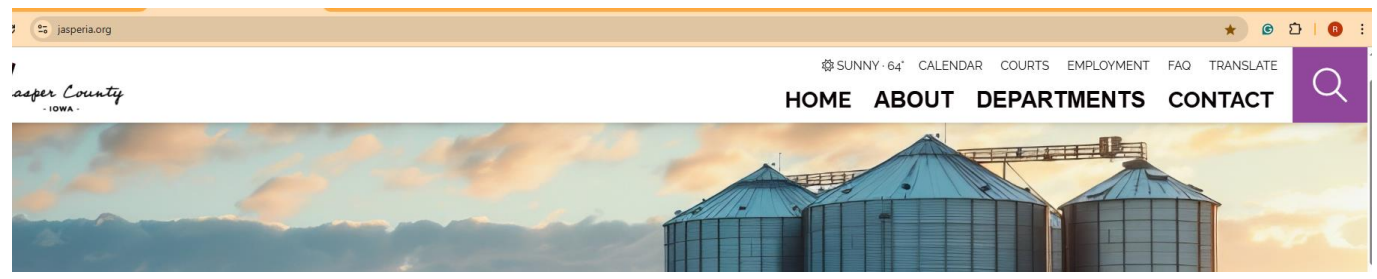
- COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS
- HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCE EVENTS
- KIDS & FAMILY GATHERINGS
- AND MORE!



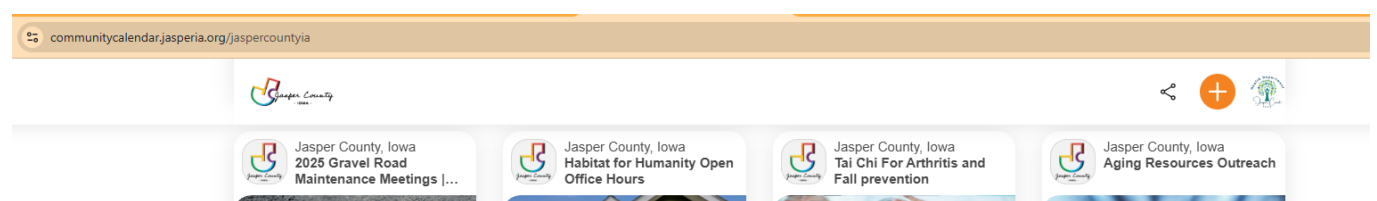
**** ALL NEW FOR 2025 ****
JASPER COUNTY
COMMUNITY CALENDAR!

Add Events to calendar

1. Go to website: [Jasperia.org](https://jasperia.org)
2. Click: calendar on top right.



3. Top right, click sign in or sign up and enter your information.



4. Click on + (orange) top right.
5. Event Title, Event Description. (Next)
You can copy from your Facebook event. Skip registration form. Click Save and Publish.

Add an Event

General details
Title, description, date and time, etc

Payment details
Tickets, Show price, Coupons, etc

General settings
Permissions and display settings

Registration form

Done!
Last step to go!

Organizer's mobile number.*
Provide the organizer's mobile phone number to ensure admins and staff can reach them when necessary

US/CA +1


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Organizer name*
Specify the name of the event organizer. If it's a department or organization, you can include that name here.

Public Health

Hide organizer's details

Add the organizer's photo
Include a photo of the organizer/organization for attendees to see who created this event.



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Save and Publish

Reoccurring events- repeat events easy!

Cancel: don't delete, edit and put Cancelled on the event.

Change information:

Click "Contact us" if issues.

	SIGN IN	Jasper County Cares Meeting 3.12.2025
	Jasper County Cares	as of 3.4.2025
	Name	Organization
	Ace Stonehocker	Aging Resources of Central Iowa
	Alexis Thompson	St. Gregory Recovery Center
✓	Amanda Scalise	IMPACT
	Amanda Sinclair	House of Mercy, Newton
	Amanda Wobken	MercyOne Central / Western Iowa
AB	Amelia Garber	Proteus
	Amy Hansen	IMPACT
	Amy Blanchard	Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation
	Amy Grunewaldt	CPPC/Decat Linn County
	Andi Borsch	Department of Human Services IHHS, Newton
AB	Angela Barnell	Parent Partners
✓	Angela Busick	Iowa, Probation/Parole - IDOC
	Angie Wells	Progress Industries
	Anne Peters	Home Instead
AP	Araceli Roberts	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
	Art Sathoff	Prairie City Schools- INTERIM until Aaron Becker starts
	Ashley Baker	Together for Good
✓	Becca Decker	Habitat for Humanity, Greater of Des Moines
BP	Becky Pryor	Jasper County Health Dept
	Beila Flickinger	student
✓	Beth Andrew	Quakerdale Family Services
✓	Bill Ehler	NAMI Central Iowa
	Bill Peters	DMACC- Des Moines Area Community College, Newton
	Bobbi Streeter	Pella Regional Prairie City Clinic
	Brad Magg	Candidate for Iowa House/Owner of Goldie's
	Brad Shutts	Jasper County Sheriff's Office
BO	Brenda O'Halloran	Orchard Place- CCR&R childcare resource & referral <i>Bunda & O'Halloran</i>
BZ	Brendan Johnson	Immanuel Pathways
	Brian Feist	Telligen
	Brooke Ramsey	HIRTA
	Bruce Showalter	Newton Housing Development
	Caitlyn Hecht	Care Initiative Hospice
	Cathy Drost	Iowa State Extension ISU
	Chelsie Slack	Progress Industries
	Chloe Barkema	Mercy One Newton
	Chloe Hird	Telligen
	Chris Clark	Optimae Life Services
	Chris Peterson	Baxter Schools
	Chris Pierson	Heartland AEA
	Christine Dawson	Newton Schools
	Christine West	Phoenix House- Newton <i>Breanna • 511:04@phnxhouse.com</i>
	Cindy Rybolt	Iowa Legal Aid <i>Lynnan Elliot, Rebecca</i>
	Clay Harrold	Baxter Schools
	Cody Daugherty	The Way

CM	Connie McQuiston	Jasper County General Assistance
	Corey Van Kooten	Jasper County Sheriff's Office/ LS SRO
	Craig Armstrong	Lutheran Church of Hope
	Dan Donohue	Newton Village
	Danielle Kenworthy	Short Years Program, PAT
	Danny Schnathorst	HIRTA
	Darcy Baughman	Drake University Head Start
	Daryl Dotson	Newton Schools, Berg Middle School Principal
	Deana Van Brocklin	Iowa Courts, Juvenile Court
	Deb Tupper	Pella Regional Prairie City Clinic
	Devon McAnally	MICA
	Drew Zwack	Clive Behavioral Health
	Elizabeth Reibsamen	Parent Partners
EK	Emmaline Krapfl	American Lung of Iowa
	Eric Kress	Central Iowa Workforce
	Erick Zehr	Newton YMCA
EB	Erin Ouverson	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
EG	Evelyn George	Newton, City of, mayor
JD	Felicia Hazelton	Short Years Program, PAT
	Gary Martin	Friends in Hope
GS	George Sorensen	Newton YMCA
	Hannah James	Accura Healthcare Administrator
	Jamey Robinson	Jasper County EMA Emergency Management Agency
JP	Jana Larsen	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
	Janelle Ballhagen	Blank Children's Hospital, Child Abuse Prevention
	Jarica White	CICS Jasper County (Mental Health)
	Jasmine Bailey	ISU Extension
	Jason Sodders	Iowa Courts
	Jeff Garney	ISU Extension
	Jenn Tielbur	Team CSA-Community Support Advocates
	Jennifer O'Halloran	Lynnville-Sully School
	Jensyn Hall	NAMI Central Iowa
	Jeremy Burdess	Colfax Police Department
	Jessica Lowe Vokes	United Way of Jasper County
JM	Jessica Miller	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
	Jill Halter	Baxter Schools
	Jill Robinson	Capstone Behavioral Health
	Jodi Blackford	Crisis Intervention Services
	Joe McQueery	EFR- Employee and Family Resources
	John Hoyt	Walmart, Newton
	Josh Price	General Assistance/VA
	Judy Monroe	Neighbors Helping Neighbors
	Julie Britton	Newton Police Department
✓	Julie Smith	Capstone Behavioral Health
	Justine Wyma	Lynnville-Sully School Nurse
	Kara Dirksen	DMACC- Des Moines Area Community College, Newton
	Karie Foster	ISU Extension
	Karin Mills	Nightingale Center
X	Kathy Dooley	Iowa Department of Public Health IHHS

KE	Kathy Ellis	Jasper County EMA Emergency Management Agency
KE	Katie Finch	Discover Hope 517
	Katie Kuhn	St. Croix Hospice
	Kayla Van Gorp	Iowa Healthiest State Initiative
	Katlyn LeMaster	Iowa National Guard
	Keith Isley	Progress Industries
KvM	Kelli Van Manen	Jasper County Senior Nutrition
	Kelly Kirk	community
	Kelly Sorenson	Newton Schools
	Kelly Yeggy	Iowa, Mental Health Advocate
	Kelly Zach	Salvation Army, Newton
	Kelsey Miranda	Discover Hope 517
KvM	Kendi McCollum	House of Mercy, MercyOne, Newton
	Kendra Perry	Colfax Mingo School Board
	Keri Powers	Hickory Recovery Network
	Keri Schippers	Mercy One Newton Medical Center
	Kim Brannan	Heavenly Excursions, NEMT
	Kim Zantingh	ITS Integrated Treatment Services
	Kris Reicks	Optimae
	Kristina Burma	MICA I-smile
KW	Kristina Winfield	Jasper County Health Dept
	Kristen Souza	PCM High School
	Kylee Steenhoek	Capstone Behavioral Health
LA	Larry Anderson	First Presbyterian Church
LA	Lauren Asman	EFR- Employee and Family Resources
LA	Lauren Pendroy	Mercy One Newton Medical Center
LA	Leann Andre	Orchard Place- CCR&R
	Lee Cochran	Jasper County Hunger Relief
	Leisa Zylstra	Park Centre
	Linda Anderson	Kid Assist
AP	Lindsay Porter	Colfax Mingo Schools
	Lindsey Anderson	Iowa Courts, Fifth Judicial District Court of Iowa
✓	Lindsey Sinn	Central Iowa Shelter, Rolling Hills
	Lisa Fiorentin	Pella Regional Prairie City Clinic
	Lori Eisbrener	Community member
LR	Lori Reynolds	State of Iowa VA
	Lori Ward	community- homeless
	Luke Skinner	Accura, Traditions Memory Care
	Mari Wilson	Park Centre
	Mariah Fox	Newton Healthcare Center NHCC
	Mark Thayer	Newton Clinic
	Martha Brightman Gasca	UCS Healthcare
	Mary Romberg	The Well Thrift Store/Newton
	Matt Dunsbergen	Lynnville Sully Schools- Sup
✓	Megan Garrett	Iowa Courts
	Megan Thompson	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
MVB	Megan Van Beek	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA

up Laura Patton Child Care Resource & Referral
 lpatt@orchardplace.org

	Melissa Adams	Crisis Intervention Services
✓	Melissa Gary	Jasper County Health Dept
	Mercedes Grimes	Optimae
MA	Meredith Hershner	Linn County Community Services
	Michaela Gunsaulus	Lynnvile-Sully Elementary School Counselor
	Michelle White	Aging Resources of Central Iowa
	Mike Gunsaulus & Poppy	Jasper County Sheriff's Office/Therapy dog
	Mike Hunsberger	Sheepgate - division of Adult & Teen Challenge of the Midlands
ME	Mindy Aman	Child Care Collaborative of Iowa, Mid Sioux Opportunity, Inc
	Miranda Caldwell	Newton Village
	Mollie Michelfelder	MercyOne House of Mercy
UP	Nicholas Pietrack	Jasper County Attorney's Office
	Nick Marois	Newton Village
	Nicole Dunsbergen	Newton Clinic
	Nicole Terry	Newton Library, City of Newton
	Nikki Hook	Sheepgate - division of Adult & Teen Challenge of the Midlands
	Paul Millhollin (Pastor)	First Presbyterian Church
	Paul Richards	Central Iowa Shelter, Rolling Hills, Homeless contact
	Paula Arkema	IMPACT Community Action Partnership
	Phil Grout	Hy-Vee - Newton and Grinnell
	Rachel Bardwell	Short Years Partnership
	Rachel Beierle	EFR- Employee and Family Resources
LS	Rachel Ferguson Luke Skinner	Traditions Memory Care
	Rebecca Becky Peterson	House of Mercy, MercyOne, Newton
	Rex Heisdorffer	Newton Fire Department
✓	Rita Baker	Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa
RE	Rob Burdess- Chief	Newton Police Department
	Robert "Robbie" Robins	Discover Hope 517
	Roxanne Petersen	NAMI Central Iowa
	Ryan Adams	Iowa Family Resource Collaborative
	Ryan Larson	High Mark Senior Living
	Sara Tiedje	Baxter School Nurse
	Sarah Patterson	RSVP (Senior Volunteer Program)
	Sarah Pittman	Newton YMCA
	Sarah Urias	Capstone Behavioral Health
SP	Scott Pritchard	Clearview Recovery
	Shawn Kinnison	Hospice of the Midwest
	Sheena Sullivan	Short Years Partnership
	Sheldon Henderson	First Christian Church
	Shelley Koons	Family Crisis Center
SS	Sierra Stevens	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
8	Steve Ashing	Jasper County EMA Emergency Management Agency
	Sue Nation	Jasper County Attorney's Office
	Terianne Marsh	Proteus
	Terra Cleveland	Aging Resources of Central Iowa
	Terry Sallis	ITS Integrated Treatment Services
	Tim North	Salvation Army Newton
45	Tim Salmon	Colfax Mingo Schools

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Jasper County Cares: February Subgroup Agenda

Affordable Housing 3/19/2025 at 9 AM-10:30AM



Agenda:

- Sign in / Introductions: Name, Agency, Announcements
- Jasper County Resource Guide <https://www.jasperia.org/resources/> updated
- Emergency Housing in Jasper County. Such as tornado.
- Housing referral sheet- **Main goal to complete.**
- Other information

Housing referrals: Jasper County flow sheet
Edited 3.17.2025, version 11, DRAFT

Goal: We offer resources to be self-sufficient. We will not enable people.
“What do we ask people?”

Name:
How to contact:
Who is in the home and ages:
Current living situation:
Where are they from?
Other support people? Who usually helps them?
Examples: Parent or guardian, siblings, children, grandparents, aunt/uncles, friends, neighbors, church, school, etc.
Current housing issue: Example: homeless, can't pay rent or mortgage, utilities, landlord
Barriers: Examples: criminal record, pets, no reference, no ID, no credit, no phone, no job, etc.
Will they accept help?
What resources or agencies have they already tried?
Get a release for every agency. A mental health and substance abuse release are separate.

Jasper County Resource Guide: <https://www.jasperia.org/resources/>

If after hours: 988 or <https://988lifeline.org/>

Homeless:

Do they want help? Yes or No

Refer to [Iowa Housing Help](#) and [CISS](#).

If on the streets, refer to [CISS](#), contact: Paul Richards or Lindsey Sinn.

Supplies for homeless: <https://www.joppa.org/services/>

See resource guide for food, etc.

Shower/laundry: Discover Hope during regular business hours

Shower after hours: Newton Y during regular business hours. 30 minutes limit.

Laundry: Neighbor Helping Neighbors

Shelters: Are they willing to go to a shelter if they have a ride? Yes or No

- [CISS 24-Hour Emergency Shelter](#)
- [Access Care Center Extending Shelter & Support:](#) Rapid Rehousing Marshalltown is the closest. Seek funding...
- [YSS-](#) Youth
- [PHC Iowa Shelter- Des Moines](#)
- Cooling and warming centers in the [resource guide](#).
- Also see transportation resources in the [resource guide](#).

Children involved:

- [Homeless Liaisons School District Contacts](#) Ages: 3-21
- [Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa](#): Pregnant and young children, if they need clothes, diapers, etc.
- [YSS](#): Youth Services in Des Moines
- [DHS](#): TANF Application, children if emergency
- Kids placed outside of the home: [AMP Iowa](#) or [Open Arms Foundation](#)
- See [resource guide](#) for childcare resources

Rental List: [Rentals](#) and [Newton Rentals](#)**Seniors or Disability:**

Refer to [Aging Resources of Central Iowa](#).

Options see resource guide: [Housing for seniors](#), [Long Term Care](#), and [Assisted Living Adult Day](#)

[Progress Industries](#): Group Homes

[Capstone BH](#): Group Homes and Apartments

Health Issues:

- Refer to their primary medical provider for orders or referrals, [Medicaid](#), Mainstreet Rural Health
- Consider [Aging Resources](#)
- Consider [Primary Health](#)
- For those with cancer: [Mission Cancer Foundation Cancer Financial Assistance Coalition](#)

Veteran: Refer to [Jasper County VA](#)**Utilities or Rent Assistance or Can't pay Mortgage:**

- Refer to [IMPACT](#) help apply for [LIHEAP](#), \$300/year rental assistance
- Other: [General Assistance](#) 1 time
- [Salvation Army](#) \$200/year
- Do they have a church?

Mental Health: Refer to Jill at [Capstone Behavioral Health](#) and [Optimae](#)**Substance/Addiction:** Refer to [Discover Hope](#), Katie Finch. (non-medical)

- [Capstone Behavioral Health](#) can screen
 - refers to places such as [Clearview](#), [Sheepgate](#), or other places with openings.
- Anyone can refer to Capstone for substance or mental health screening.
 - If issues, call Julie Smith.
 - If a referral to inpatient is needed after screening
 - Options in Jasper County: [Clearview Recovery](#) (women) and [Sheepgate](#) (men).
 - Other substance inpatient. See resource guide for options.
 - Note: Manning is often used for substance/mental health with a hospital.

Poor Living Conditions: Do they own, rent, live with others?

- Mold: [USDA Loans and Grants](#), [FEMA Flood Damage](#)
- Bugs/Infestation: Lice, fleas, bed bugs, mice, rats, bats, other animals.

- Rentals review lease agreement, if own home, check with homeowner insurance.
- Landlord issues- [Iowa Legal Aid](#)
- If in Newton, <https://www.newtongov.org/122/Building-Division>
- In County, well, septic, or zoning issue or building permit.
[Jasper Co. Community Development](#)

Repairs to Home: Refer to [Jasper Co. Habitat for Humanity](#)

If in Newton, refer to [grants](#).

See Seniors or [Jasper Co. VA](#) (Veterans)

Income/Employment/Work: [Iowa Workforce Development](#)

Refugees: Refer to <https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/refugee-services>

Violence, Domestic Violence or Violent Crimes: [Family Crisis Center](#) or [CIS](#)

Jail/Legal/Probation: Refer to Jill Robinson at [Capstone Behavioral Health](#) [Capstone](#)

Ramp: Refer to [Kid Assist](#) or [Habitat for Humanity](#)

Real Estate Tax Help in Jasper County:

Refer to [Jasper Co. Treasurer](#)

If VA, Refer to [Jasper Co. VA](#)

Furniture/Appliances: Free and delivered at [Friends in Hope](#)

Lower cost [Habitat Restores](#)

Household Goods/Clothing: [The Well](#) or [Salvation Army](#) or [Goodwill](#)

Disaster Relief: Emergency such as flooding or tornado.

- [FEMA](#)
- [Jasper Co. EMA](#)
- [Red Cross](#)

Homeownership programs:

- [Habitat for Humanity](#)
- [FirstHome](#)
- Also see Veterans
- Past due on Mortgage: See [Iowa homeowners assistance](#) Up to \$25,000, one-time

If other resources are needed, please see the [Jasper County Resource Guide](#).

<https://jasperia.org/resources/>



OUR MISSION

MICA helps families experiencing poverty to meet their needs, build on their strengths, and achieve their goals.

OUR VISION

MICA's Vision is resilient communities where all people thrive.







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Meeting 10:30 AM
April 9, 2025

Health, Human Services, & Supporting Agencies

Jasper Cares!

Info: jaspercocares@jasperia.org

