

Jasper County Cares Coalition



April 8, 2026 Post Packet

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The 2nd Wednesday at 10:30 AM

- May 13
- June 10
- July 8
- August 12
- September 9
- October 14
- November 11
- December 9

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- [Capstone Behavioral Healthcare](#)- Mental Health Therapist (student loan reimbursement) and DSP (Direct Support Professional)
- [CISS \(Central Iowa Shelter and Services\)](#) Street Outreach and more
- [Colfax-Mingo Childcare Center](#) Lead teachers and assistant (14 positions) and Cook (1 position)
- [Habitat for Humanity Jasper County](#) Greater Des Moines area [Openings](#)
- [Jasper DHS](#) Administrative Support Assistant- See [State website](#)
- [Newton Village](#) CNA, RN [Openings](#)
- [Progress Industries](#) Residential Assistant- Openings in [Newton](#).
- [Quakerdale](#)- Therapist-[Openings](#)
- [Wesley Life](#) RN, CNA, LISW, Openings in [Newton](#).



- [Celebrate Recovery](#), Newton, Church of the Way- child care workers
- [Iowa CASA \(Court Appointed Special Advocate\)](#) 30 hours of training, 1 case
- [Jasper County Senior Nutrition](#)- delivering meals
- [Quakerdale](#): Whiskers and Mane and Airbnb
- [Wesley Life Hospice](#)

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SUPPORT/RECOVERY GROUPS IN NEWTON IOWA


Monday


Celebrate Recovery

 5:30–8:00 PM

 2306 S 3rd Ave E


Sober Soldierz (*1st & 3rd Monday of the Month*)

 7:00 PM


 1813 1st St N


AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

 223 E 4th St N


Be Transformed (Men)


 6:00 PM

 733 1st Ave E


Tuesday


AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

 12:00 PM


 223 E 4th St N


AA (Women)

 6:30 PM


 223 E 4th St N


AA (Men)

 6:30 PM


 223 E 4th St N


NA (Narcotics Anonymous)

 7:00 PM

 1813 1st St N

Breaking Free


 5:30–7:00 PM

 733 1st Ave E


Wednesday


AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM

 223 E 4th St N


Women of Serenity (Women)


 5:00–6:00 PM

 733 1st Ave E

Thursday


Be Transformed (Women)

 6:00 PM

 733 1st Ave E

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)


 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

 223 E 4th St N

Friday

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)


 12:00 PM & 6:30 PM

 223 E 4th St N

Saturday


AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)


 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM

 223 E 4th St N

Sunday

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

 6:00 PM

 223 E 4th St N

Schedule subject to change. Please arrive a few minutes early for your first meeting.

Your Life Iowa: 1-855-581-8111 (crisis line)

What is FFT?

Functional Family Therapy (FFT) is a short-term evidence-based model specifically designed to help at-risk adolescents (11-18) and their families reduce their likelihood of re-entry into JCS or HHS by focusing on to build skill sets that strengthen families.

FFT has a core belief that therapists should be involved just long enough to understand a family's functional pattern, help them build skills to shift their pattern, and generalize skills to additional problems as they arise.

FFT families will be successfully discharged have progressed through the FFT model including learning of new skills and addressing current and potential future risk factors. Families should expect to continue building upon taught skills following completion of the program. Families are offered booster sessions after successfully completing FFT, if they feel they need additional support.

Referral or Waitlist Questions?

fftadmin@orchardplace.org

Child Guidance Center
808 5th Ave
Des Moines, IA 50309
(515) 244-2267

www.orchardplace.org



Functional Family Therapy

Child Guidance Center

3 Phases of FFT

Motivation

The first phase of FFT is Motivation. When a family is in Motivation Phase the therapist is utilizing skills like matching, and relational focus to improve family's hope, reduce negativity, balance alliance between youth and parents. Therapist identifies patterns within the family and works to identify effective skills to teach with the family in the second phase.

"By rebuilding her family's connection and communication, Raynie was able to form safe and appropriate friendships, regain her privileges, and significantly improve family communication."

-FFT Success Story

Behavior Change

The second phase of FFT is Behavior Change. In this phase the therapist comes in to give the family tools and skills to set them up for success. Skills such as relationship building, communication, emotional regulation, etc. The therapist teaches the skills that match the family best and will overall help better the familial unit. While also helping them understand that everyone has a part in how their family flows.

Generalization

The third and final phase of FFT is Generalization. In this phase the therapist empowers the family. The therapist supports celebrating growth within the family and plans for future opportunities in other relationships or environments outside of home. The therapist also supports the family by anticipating setbacks and help plan for ways to use new skills to keep the family continuously progressing. The therapist also connects the family with additional resources to support their continued growth.



What to expect:

- Your Juvenile Court Officer will talk with you about making a referral for FFT and discuss any questions you may have and why they feel FFT may be helpful for your family.
- Therapists will call within 24 hours of the referral being assigned to your therapists. Your JCO will reach out to let you know when this occurs.
- Therapists will make best efforts to accommodate your schedules to meet when most convenient for all family members. Therapists are accustomed to evening sessions, and in-home.
- FFT is for the whole family, so therapists will come in and try their best to get an understanding of your overall familial unit. The FFT therapists is not there to judge you/your family or place blame.
- Therapists will maintain contact with you throughout your time in the FFT program and collaborate with other service providers with your permission in order to avoid miscommunications as well as advocate on your behalf.
- Juvenile Court Services pays for FFT, so you will never receive a bill from FFT or Orchard Place for this service. Therapists provide a monthly report to JCOs to inform of contacts and progress of families completing the FFT process.
- Sessions occur for an hour each week for a period of 3-4 months (12-16 sessions). Once your family completes the program, booster sessions are available as requested to help support your family in the future.



Trauma Informed Care and Juvenile Justice Conference

Presented by: **ORCHARD PLACE**

June 9 - 10, 2026

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE:

The annual Psychological Trauma & Juvenile Justice Conference brings national experts to Iowa to share the latest research and best practices, while highlighting local efforts to implement trauma-informed care.

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OUR SPEAKERS:



Susan M. Green
OTR/L



Dr. Jim Harris
MSW, Ed.D.



Jacob B. Priest
PhD, LMFT



Dr. Georgie Wisen-Vincent
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FOR REGISTRATION:

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**INTERESTED IN JOINING?
COME TO OUR 1ST MEETING: APRIL 17TH**

The mission of Young Professionals of Jasper County is to connect like-minded, ambitious young professionals (ages 21-40) from diverse fields who share a passion for networking, career advancement, and community engagement



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May 2, 2026

Proceeds support programs that ensure every child thrives by providing access to activities through scholarships and resources

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MAY 1ST, 2026 11 AM-1 PM

Come celebrate with us at the Open House for our newly renovated Connections building and brand-new Substance Abuse space! Explore all that our updated facility has to offer, meet our team, and see how we're growing to better serve the community.

Be one of the first 50 visitors and receive a special May Day basket filled with delightful goodies—it's our way of saying thank you! You won't want to miss this exciting event!

**Address:
306 N 3rd Ave E
Newton, IA 50208
May 1st, 2026 11 AM-1 PM**

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(641) 792-4012

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10:00AM-11:00AM

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CAR SEAT EVENT



Saturday, MAY 16, 2026

8 AM-12:00 PM

Location: Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa
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FREE car seats will be available
while supplies last.

FREE \$25 Kwik Star Fuel Cards
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