

## Jasper County Cares Coalition Meeting

Agenda: Awards and Networking

Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 10:30 AM: Tentative Agenda

Location: 315 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St N., Large Conference Room, Newton, Iowa 50208

Mission: To enhance awareness of health & human service resources & promote collaboration to serve Jasper County.

Vision: Safe, healthy, and connected Jasper County.

Sign in:

Welcome new attendees

Networking: Feel free to stay after the meeting.

Member Introductions/Share (1 minute for each person)

- Please stand up & state your name, organization, services provided, any changes, projects, events, etc.
- Volunteer or program needs or job openings. Take a moment for any questions.
- Share one good thing that happened last month.

Announcements: See Jasper County Cares Facebook page and website. See packet.

Upcoming Organizational Spotlights 2026 Schedule:

- May 13: [Progress Industries](#), [Keith.Isley@progressindustries.org](mailto:Keith.Isley@progressindustries.org)
- June 10: [Jasper County Senior Nutrition](#), Kelli Van Manen, [kvanmanen@jasperia.org](mailto:kvanmanen@jasperia.org)
- July: Networking Event, Location TBD
- August: [Colfax Child Care Center](#)- Tim Salmon [tsalmon@colfaxmingo.org](mailto:tsalmon@colfaxmingo.org)
- September: [United Way Jasper County](#), Jessica Lowe Vokes [unitedwayjc@gmail.com](mailto:unitedwayjc@gmail.com)
- October: [Dolly Parton Imagination Library](#), Rita Baker [director@pcciowa.com](mailto:director@pcciowa.com)
- November: [Central Iowa Shelter and Services](#), Amber Tompkins [ATompkins@centraliowashelter.org](mailto:ATompkins@centraliowashelter.org)
- December: Annual Awards Event

Backup Speakers

- [American Lung](#) of Iowa (pig lungs) Emma Krapfl
- [Dolly Parton Imagination Library](#), [Newton Public Library](#), Rita Baker
- [Newton YMCA](#), George Sorensen, new programs
- [Capstone Behavioral Healthcare](#), Substance IOP Treatment, Open House 5/1/2026, Julie Smith

Funding

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Events- See the events calendar

- May: Mental Health Awareness Month, wear green.
- Senior Health and Fitness Fair, Wednesday, 5/27/2026
- Car Seat Event, Saturday, 5/16/2026. Contact Melissa Gary, [mgary@jasperia.org](mailto:mgary@jasperia.org)

[Website](#) and [Facebook](#)

- Events: <https://www.jasperia.org/calendar/> Check your events and submit events to the County calendar. If you have questions, contact Jenn Cross, at [jcross@jasperia.org](mailto:jcross@jasperia.org)
- Resource Guide: <https://www.jasperia.org/resources/>
- Information Table at meeting: Please bring information or giveaways for the resource table. We keep track of attendance.
- Contact: Becky Pryor [jaspercocares@jasperia.org](mailto:jaspercocares@jasperia.org). If your information changes, please let us know.

Next Cares Meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

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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

# 2026



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# SENIOR HEALTH & FITNESS FAIR



**WEDNESDAY MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 7:30-10:00AM**

Come to this **FREE** event and enjoy breakfast provided by Park Centre, raffle prizes, senior focused presentations and meet with local vendors.



## Special Events

- 7:30am: Park Centre breakfast starts
- 8:00am: Community Vendor Booths Open
- 8:15-8:45am: "Downsizing Made Easy" presented by Andy Algreen
- 9:00-9:30am: "Fall Prevention Strategies" presented by MercyOne Newton PT and OT
- 9:45am: Cardio Drumming presented by Park Centre



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# MENTAL HEALTH IS *everything*

Mental health is getting enough sleep. Mental health is love from family and friends. Mental health is being part of your community. Mental health is physical health. Mental health is finding ways to move. Mental health is your daily routine. Mental health is nourishing yourself. Mental health is your focus. Mental health is your feelings. Mental health is embracing your identity. Mental health is your culture. Mental health is your joy. Mental health is your laughter. Mental health is asking for help. Mental health is hope. Mental health is having a sense of purpose. Mental health is a hobby to help you relax. Mental health is time outside. Mental health is having a support system. Mental health is setting boundaries. Mental health is healing from trauma. Mental health is how you handle hard days.

**Mental health is having  
more good days, together.**

**Learn more about your mental health:  
[mhanational.org/may](https://mhanational.org/may)**

**MORE GOOD DAYS** *together*

**MHIA**  
Mental Health America

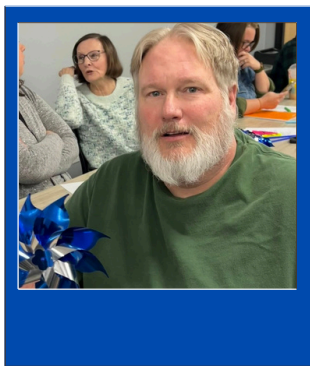
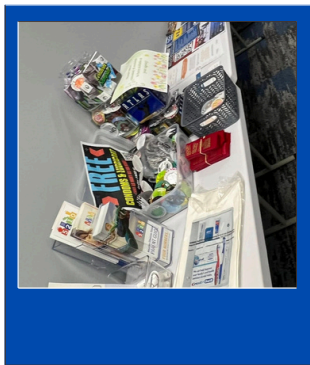
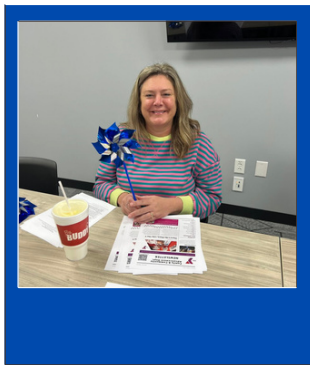
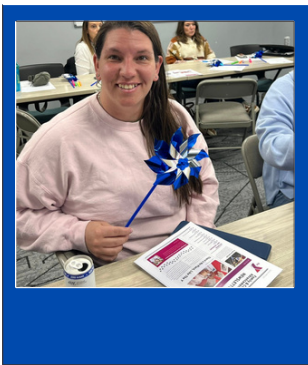
# May



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				<b>1</b> <b>Drop - In Center is CLOSED</b>
Problem Solving Techniques Skill Group 10-11AM <b>4</b>  Journal Writing for Emotional Processing Group 1-4PM (45min Sessions)	FSG @Wellness Center 11AM (Hybrid Available) <b>5</b>  Open Peer Support 10-4PM  Government Application, Housing and Employment Assistance 1-4PM	Connection @Wellness Center 11 AM (Hybrid Available) <b>6</b>  Open Peer Support 10-2PM  Government Application, Housing and Employment Assistance 1-2PM	<b>7</b>  <b>Drop - In Center is CLOSED</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>Drop - In Center is CLOSED</b>
Problem Solving Techniques Skill Group 10-11AM <b>11</b>  Depression & Self Care Practices Group 1-4PM (45min Sessions)	FSG @Wellness Center 11AM (Hybrid Available) <b>12</b>  Open Peer Support 10-4PM  Government Application, Housing and Employment Assistance 1-4PM	Connection @Wellness Center 11 AM (Hybrid Available) <b>13</b>  Open Peer Support 10-2PM  Government Application, Housing and Employment Assistance 1-2PM	<b>14</b>  <b>Drop - In Center is CLOSED</b>  Only Open for FREE Haircuts 10-2PM. Call to make an appointment, walk in's welcome.	<b>15</b>  <b>Drop - In Center is CLOSED</b>
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Problem Solving Techniques Skill Group 10-11AM <b>25</b>  Budgeting & Financial Stress Reduction Group 1-4PM (45min Sessions)	FSG @Wellness Center 11AM (Hybrid Available) <b>26</b>  Open Peer Support 10-4PM  Government Application, Housing and Employment Assistance 1-4PM	Connection @Wellness Center 11 AM (Hybrid Available) <b>27</b>  Open Peer Support 10-2PM  Government Application, Housing and Employment Assistance 1-2PM	<b>28</b>  <b>Drop - In Center is CLOSED</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>Drop - In Center is CLOSED</b>

**Wellness and Recovery Drop- In Center Hours**  
Monday - Tuesday (10-4PM) - Wednesday (10-2PM)  
424-5th Street Ames, IA 50010





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MONTH 2026



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our Outpatient

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Our goal is to foster community collaboration with impact and engaging partners to better understand service needs and barriers. Together, we can shape solutions and expand access to the services our community is asking for. Please come collaborate with us!

**May 12 | 11 AM to 2 PM**

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**RSVP** to [Alexis.Thompson@StGregoryCtr.com](mailto:Alexis.Thompson@StGregoryCtr.com),  
[Amanda.Heineman@SummitBHC.com](mailto:Amanda.Heineman@SummitBHC.com),  
or by scanning the QR Code



# JASPER COUNTY SUMMER YOUTH DAY CAMPS



**Deadline is one week prior to the date of each camp.**

**Dates, times, topics, subject to change - we will notify participants of any changes.**

**Each camp cost \$20. | All camps are from 9 am - 3 pm**

**Each camp is based on grade just completed by camp date.**

## **Up , Down, Spin Around**

K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

June 2 - Newton Sunset Park

June 4 - Geise Shelter Park-  
Baxter

Have you ever been to a fair, festival, or amusement park with rides? Step right up and try your hand at midway games, roller coaster challenges and more during this fun-filled amusement park themed day camp! Participants will be needing a sack lunch during this camp.

## **Sprout & Grow**

K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

June 9- Newton Sunset Park

June 11- Sully Ball Park

Shelterhouse

Dig in and watch things grow! Young gardeners get their hands dirty as they learn how plants grow from seed to harvest. Through nature exploration, garden projects, and preparing garden-fresh snacks together, campers discover the joy and wonder of growing their own food.

## **Barnyard Buddies**

K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

June 18- Colfax Fairgrounds

Join us for a day of barnyard fun and farm-fresh learning! Little farmers will discover friendly farm animals and where food really comes from. Campers experience the magic of farm life through hands-on activities, creative games, and cooking delicious food together using fresh ingredients from the farm.

## **Oops! Amazing Inventions**

K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

June 23-Newton Sunset Park

June 25-Prairie City

Shelterhouse

Mistakes lead to amazing discoveries! Campers explore how everyday inventions like Play-Doh, popsicles, and silly putty were created. Youth learn the engineering design process, test creative ideas, celebrate happy accidents, and build something totally new to share.

## **How to register?**

- <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>
  - **4-H families:** sign in like normal. select your child and click on the events on the left hand side.
  - **Non 4-H families:** create a new account. select I want to participate in a 4-H activity but I do not want to join 4-H at this time. Once youth is added, select events on the left hand side of the page.

Payment may be made online or a check sent or dropped off to  
Jasper County Extension Office, 550 N 2nd Ave W, Newton IA 50208.

Any questions please contact the Extension Office at 641-792-6433 or  
[kwarrick@iastate.edu](mailto:kwarrick@iastate.edu)

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- Facilities and equipment
- Food safety management systems

Photo ID required to take certification exam.

Registration deadline is 3 weeks prior to the course date. Class size is limited, register early!

Late registrations are not available. Registration deadline is May 19.

Lunch is on your own.

## Cost: \$175\*†

\*\$125 for Iowa Restaurant Association (IRA) members with current membership verified at registration.

†\$99 test-only option available; \$75 for IRA members

Find more  
information or  
to register



[www.extension.iastate.edu/  
humansciences/servsafe](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/servsafe)

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## Upcoming Course

June 9, 2026  
9:00-6:00 PM

Iowa State University Extension and  
Outreach Jasper County  
550 N. 2nd Avenue W  
Newton, Iowa 50208

## Questions?

Tammy Welcher  
[welcher@iastate.edu](mailto:welcher@iastate.edu)  
(641) 792-6433

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## Downsizing Part 3 - How to Settle In and Start Your New Season Well

Discover how to *adjust* emotionally, rebuild routines, and create a sense of home so your new chapter begins with *comfort, connection, and confidence*.

**THURSDAY, MAY 7TH**  
**10:00AM-11:00AM**

**LOCATION:**  
**DMACC NEWTON CAMPUS**  
600 N 2nd Ave W, Newton, IA

**SIGN UP HERE OR**



**CONTACT**

**Andy Algreen**

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## EDUCATION PARTNERS





# FRAUD PRESENTATION

MONROE

**Wednesday, May 13, 2026 | 2:00 PM**  
The Gathering Place | 113 S Monroe St. | Monroe, IA

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*Featuring*

***Jenna Van Wyngarden***

*Retail Branch Manager, Bank Iowa - Pella*

## ***Fraud 101***

### ***Spotting and Preventing Scams***

*Jenna will present the most common types of scams, what they look like, and tips to avoid them.*

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*See you there!*



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# HOT JOBS - Date: 5.4.26



Construction Laborers	Flores Construction	\$23.00	Ackley
Drywall Stocker	Kinzler	FT	Ames
Material Handler	Danfoss	FT	Ames
Warehouse Associate	StraightUp Framing	FT	Ames
Skilled Construction Worker	Minturn, Inc.	FT	Boone
Saw Operator	LANE Trailer Mfg. Co.	\$18+	Boone
General Laborer - Concrete	Manatt's	FT	Brooklyn
General Laborer	Packaging Corporation of America	\$18.00	Conrad
Bulk Terminal Operator	Land O'Lakes	FT	Eldora
Administrative Assistant	Grinnell Middle School	FT	Grinnell
Property Manager	All In Real Estate	FT	Grinnell
Professional Floor Installer	Luther Floor Covering	FT	Grinnell
Route Service Representative	UniFirst	FT	Grundy Center
Counter Sales Representative	Hog Slat	FT	Iowa Falls
Industrial Maintenance Mech	Cargill	\$26-\$33	Iowa Falls
Accounting Clerk	Fremont Farms of Iowa	PT	Malcom
General Laborer	Packaging Corporation of America	\$18.30	Marshalltown
Warehouse Associate	The Iteration Group	FT	Marshalltown
CNC Operator	Emerson	FT	Marshalltown
Production Team Member	Midwest Manufacturing (Menards)	FT	Marshalltown
Battery and Charger Tech	Crown Equipment Corporation	FT	Marshalltown
Commercial Parts Pro	Advance Auto Parts	FT	Marshalltown
Ophthalmic Technician-will train	Wolfe Eye Clinic	FT	Marshalltown
General Laborer	Rinker Materials	FT	Marshalltown
Auto Care Center Technician	Walmart	\$18+	Marshalltown
Hy-Chi Department Manager	Hy-Vee	FT	Marshalltown
Residential Frammer	Amwood Homes	\$18.75	Montezuma
Material Area Leader	Magna International	FT	Montezuma
Stockpile Driver	Wendling Quarries	FT	Montour
Welder Fabricator	ALMACO	\$18-\$24	Nevada
Press Assistant	Mittera	FT	Newton
Mobile Equipment Operator	Arcosa	FT	Newton
Welding Technician	Precision Pulley & Idler	FT	Pella
General Laborer - Seasonal	Dan & Jerry's Greenhouses	\$18.00	Pella
Construction Laborer	RW Excavating Solutions	FT	Prairie City
General Laborer	Wendler Construction	\$21-\$24	State Center
Logistics Specialist	American Packaging Corporation	FT	Story City
Truss Assembler	Lumber Specialties	FT	Story City
Welder/Fabricator	Dose Steelworks	\$23+	Story City
Aluminum Welders/Fabricators	M.H. Eby	\$20.00	Story City
Food & Beverage Supervisor	Meskwakie Casino	\$22+	Tama
Store Counter Sales	NAPA	FT	Tama
Environmental Services Asst	Accura Healthcare	FT	Toledo
General Laborer - Seasonal	New Century FS	FT	Toledo
Warehouse Manager	Quantum Plastics	\$18+	Victor

Equal employment opportunity and program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities by emailing For the deaf or hard of hearing, use Relay 711.

**Like and Follow the IowaWorks (Marshalltown) Facebook for events and Opportunities!**

# *Please join us* **Newton Homeowner Celebration**

**Tuesday, May 19th at 5-6:30pm | Home Dedication at 5:15pm**

**501 S 2nd Ave W, Newton, IA 50208**

Join us to celebrate Cassidy achieving affordable homeownership with the supporters and volunteers who helped make her dreams come true.

This is an open house, so please stop by anytime between 5-6:30pm to see the finished home!

**RSVP** to Becca Decker at:  
[rdecker@gdmhabitat.org](mailto:rdecker@gdmhabitat.org) or (641) 521-1727





## Child Care Provider Training

### Produce Basics

Virtual Child Care Provider Training

Did you know foodborne illness may result from consuming fresh produce? Discover the risks related to produce while exploring garden safety guidelines. Learn ways to keep fruits and vegetables safe through storage, cleaning, and preparation.

**Wednesday, June 10, 2026**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Join us for this new interactive pilot training!

Register in I-Power and through ISU Registration Services at

<https://go.iastate.edu/JXHGOL>

Registration deadline is May 27.

Cost to register is \$20.



Receive 2.0 hours credit for child care license renewal approved by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (IHHS) and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

Questions?

Contact Cathy Drost

[cdrost@iastate.edu](mailto:cdrost@iastate.edu) | (641) 676-9123

# **JASPER COUNTY** **HUNGER RELIEF**



## **NEWS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 22, 2026

### **Jasper County Hunger Relief Community Meal Packaging Event**

NEWTON, Iowa – Sacred Heart Catholic Church will host the Jasper County Hunger Relief community meal packaging event on Saturday, July 18, 2026. Sacred Heart is located at 1115 South 8<sup>th</sup> Ave East, Newton, IA 50208.

Volunteers are asked to form a team of twelve people for one hour of time, and a donation of \$35 per person or \$420 per team. All donations will help cover the costs for the ingredients of the meals packaged. Each team will assemble enough meal packages to serve 288 local families with food insecurity.

Contact Bill Bennett by email at [jaspercohunger@gmail.com](mailto:jaspercohunger@gmail.com) or by phone at 515-257-6460 to reserve a one-hour time slot for your team starting at 9 am. The deadline for registering is Sunday, July 12, 2026. Youth groups, service clubs, businesses, church groups, and individuals are all invited and encouraged to participate in this community service event.

Jasper County volunteers have packaged over 740,000 meals at local events. The meals are primarily distributed locally in the Jasper County area through food banks, blessing boxes, churches, and other non-profits.

*Jasper County Hunger Relief is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit corporation dedicated to the goal of reducing hunger and food insecurity. Our approach to achieving this goal is the packaging of highly nutritious, vitamin-fortified meals by volunteers at locations around Jasper County, and the distribution of those meals to food insecure children and their families.*



Parents As Teachers provides home visits and support to families with children ages prenatal - preschool age.

## PAT PROGRAM SERVICES

- Home Visitation program for children prenatal to preschool age
- Parent Education
- Developmental Screenings
- Resource Connections
- Parent-Child Activities
- Group Connections

## PAT PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS

- Live in Dallas, Madison, Warren, Marion, or Jasper County
- Have a child age prenatal - three
- Meet income or education level guidelines.

## ENROLL TODAY



Or contact us:  
515-238-8170  
rachel@shortyears.org

Short Years Partnership



[www.shortyears.org](http://www.shortyears.org)



Short Years Partnership



# CAR SEAT EVENT



Saturday, MAY 16, 2026

8 AM-12:00 PM

Location: Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa  
709 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W, Newton

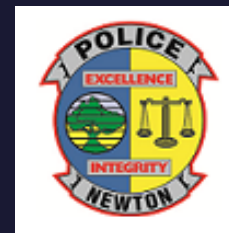
**FREE** car seats will be available  
while supplies last.

**FREE \$25 Kwik Star Fuel Cards**  
will be given to the first 15  
families who attend.

Funding for this event is provided by the  
Jasper, Marion, and Poweshiek Board



**JASPER COUNTY**  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT - IOWA





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# St. Croix Hospice Grief Group

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- Free to attend & open to the public

Library Conference Room • 10:00 a.m.

## Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, May 19

Tuesday, June 16

Tuesday, July 21

**ST. CROIX**  
HOSPICE

## *Join us*

Grief doesn't follow a timeline, and you don't have to go through it alone. Join the monthly St. Croix Hospice grief support group at the Newton Public Library, for a safe, understanding space to process loss, share your story, and connect with others who truly get it. Whether your loss is recent or years past, your experience matters here. Together, we'll explore ways to cope, honor your loved one, and find moments of peace again—at your own pace.

This event is free to attend and open to the public.

GET TO  
KNOW **Newton**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

### **Newton Public Library**

100 N 3rd Ave W.  
Newton, Iowa 50208 | 641-792-4108  
[www.newtongov.org/1149/Library](http://www.newtongov.org/1149/Library)

## Coalition Meeting Report

- County: Jasper
- Coalition Name: Jasper County Cares
- Meeting Date: 13 May 2026
- Staff Attendance: Emma Krapfl

### Goal 1

- ISTEP Updates and Chapter Registrations
  - ISTEP Chapters this Quarter
  - ISTEP Chapters year-to-date
- Presentations scheduled or completed

ISTEP Updates	Chapters this Quarter	Chapters YTD	Presentations
	0	The only Jasper County chapter has dissolved.	Goal of 3 presentations. Total of 2 presentations complete so far this year.

### Goal 2

- Policies adopted this quarter
  - Tobacco Free/Nicotine Free Policies
  - Smoke Free Homes policies
- Total current policies in county
- Presentations scheduled or completed

TF/NF Policies	SFH Policies	Total Policies	Presentations
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<b>Goal of 3</b>		1 total policies implemented in FY26	4 meetings complete in FY26. New signage available.
46 total in the county on the registry	24 total in the county on the registry	70 policies on the registry	

**Goal 3**

- Quitline/MLMQ enrollments this quarter
- Quitline/MLMQ enrollments year-to-date
- Quitline/MLMQ program updates
- Presentations scheduled or completed

Enrollments this Quarter	Enrollments YTD	Program Updates	Presentations
14 in Q2	31	None.	Goal of 3. 2 complete and 1 scheduled for June with the Maternal Health Coalition.  We will be hosting a webinar on June 25 for SROs, JCOs and those who work with youth. The webinar will cover youth cessation support.

**Goal 4**

- Media sharing, social media posts
- Event Updates – can coalition members participate or share

- Our annual State of the Air report was released on April 22. Visit [State of the Air |](#)

### Media Sharing

### Event Updates

American Lung  
Association in Iowa on  
FaceBook

@Lunglowa on  
Instagram

Keep an eye out for advertising  
with Newton Daily News in June:  
email blast and digital.

[American Lung Association](#) to check out Iowa's most recent air quality report card.

- As we close in on the end of this grant's fiscal year (ends June 30), please feel free to reach out for meetings and resources. You can reach me (Emma Krapfl, Health Promotions Specialist) at 515-802-3194 or [Emmaline.Krapfl@Lung.org](mailto:Emmaline.Krapfl@Lung.org).
- To request free tobacco and nicotine education and cessation resources, fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/alayouthresource>.

# TOBACCO CONTROL

## Quarterly Newsletter

January - March 2026

### Quitline Iowa

On February 24, staff hosted a webinar on youth tobacco and nicotine use and cessation titled, *Quitline Iowa & My Life My Quit: Youth Tobacco Cessation*. They discussed youth trends and statistics, new products and resources for youth, parents and adults. To watch, click [here](#) or email [Emmaline.Krapfl@Lung.org](mailto:Emmaline.Krapfl@Lung.org) for a link and resources.

### Youth Tobacco Prevention

Thank you to Prairie Ridge Middle School in Ankeny for inviting staff to present to sixth graders in February! Students learned about tobacco, nicotine, vaping and smoking, as well as the health effects of using these products and how tobacco companies target youth. They were then able to use the information they learned in presentations they gave to their peers.

#### Tips for discussing vaping & tobacco with youth:

1. **Practice** before talking & know the facts.
2. Choose a **time & place** that is relaxed & free from confrontation.
3. **Put yourself in their shoes**. Acknowledge their independence & ability to make decisions.
4. **Be open, honest & non-judgmental**. Avoid frustration, lecturing & scare tactics.
5. **Be prepared** to hear your child has vaped or used tobacco products.
6. **Connect with what they care about**. Tobacco & nicotine can get in the way of goals.
7. **Thank your child** and leave the conversation open for the future.
8. **Offer support & resources**.
9. **Help your child** develop the tools to say no & to manage stress.
10. **Set an example**: if you use tobacco or vape, quit or cut back today!



# Tobacco & Nicotine-Free Childcare Policy



**IOWA HHS** American Lung Association.  
Iowa

**This is what a 100% tobacco-free child care looks like.**

- Addresses all types of tobacco (combustible, smokeless, electronic smoking devices)
- Includes employees, students & visitors
- Applies at all times
- Covers company vehicles
- Extends to the entire property

Contact the American Lung Association in Iowa for more information on going tobacco-free

Shoutout to the following centers for implementing a tobacco-free policy:

- Childtime of Des Moines
- Klassic Kids
- Ashworth Learning Center
- A Child's World at Jordan Creek
- The Goddard School of Waukee
- Sonnet Montessori Waukee
- Traditions Children's Center VI

Thank you for protecting children, visitors, and employees from the harms of secondhand smoke!

To receive free technical support in reviewing and updating your policy and to receive free resources, reach out to the American Lung Association in Iowa at <http://bit.ly/LungIA>.

## Smokefree Homes

Live smoke free and rent smoke free to avoid the dangers of secondhand smoke and aerosol.

Check out a list of local smoke free properties here: [hhs.iowa.gov](https://hhs.iowa.gov). If you're a property manager looking to make some updates and implement a tobacco free policy, please reach out to us today!



**RENT SMOKE FREE  
BREATHE EASIER.**

IT'S NEVER BEEN EASIER TO PROTECT YOUR HEALTH AGAINST SECONDHAND SMOKE.

Visit [hhs.iowa.gov/smokefreehomes](https://hhs.iowa.gov/smokefreehomes) for a list of smoke free rental properties in Iowa. Live smoke free, rent smoke free.

**IOWA** Health and Human Services

## American Lung Association Resources

Do you work at a community organization or in higher education? Do you want to support individuals on their tobacco and nicotine cessation journey? The American Lung Association in Iowa is now able to provide a select number of Freedom From Smoking Facilitator training scholarships. Email [Emmaline.Krapfl@Lung.org](mailto:Emmaline.Krapfl@Lung.org) for more information on requirements, details and an application form.



# Iowa Cancer Consortium

## **2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

FY25: JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

# Introduction

## Cancer in Iowa

Cancer poses a significant and growing public health challenge in Iowa. Iowa’s age-adjusted cancer incidence rate is 14% higher than the national average, ranking us second highest in the United States. Additionally, we are one of only three states with increasing cancer incidence, with 87 of 99 counties reporting rates higher than the national average. Highest incidence rates are for prostate, breast, lung, colorectal, and skin melanoma. *View the latest “Cancer in Iowa” report from our colleagues at the Iowa Cancer Registry: <https://shri.public-health.uiowa.edu/>.*

## About the Iowa Cancer Consortium

For more than two decades, the Iowa Cancer Consortium has been Iowa’s statewide cancer control partnership uniting leaders, organizations, and experts who are committed to reducing the burden of cancer in Iowa. By bringing together partners from healthcare, public health, research, nonprofits, and community organizations, the Consortium supports coordinated, non-competitive collaboration that strengthens local and statewide cancer control efforts. This collaborative model ensures that communities, urban and rural, can access the knowledge, tools, and support needed to address Iowa’s high cancer burden.

Central to this work is the **Iowa Cancer Plan**: a strategic, evidence-based roadmap developed with broad stakeholder input. The Plan outlines actionable policy and systems-level interventions proven to reduce cancer risk, improve early detection, support patients and caregivers, and advance health equity across Iowa. It’s designed to guide community members and leaders in making informed decisions that create meaningful, long-lasting impact. *Explore the Iowa Cancer Plan: <https://www.canceriowa.org/iowa-cancer-plan>.*

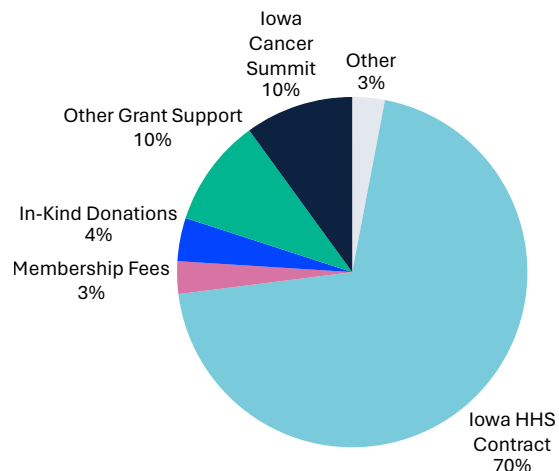


## Funding

The Iowa Cancer Consortium is funded primarily through a contract from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, which includes both federal and state dollars. In FY25, the Iowa HHS contract total was \$570,800.

The Iowa Cancer Consortium diversifies funding streams for sustainability and stronger programs. We are a non-partisan, non-political organization and do not use state or federal funds to engage in lobbying.

FY25 Income



# FY25 Staff & Leadership

The Iowa Cancer Consortium’s strength lies in the depth and diversity of its leadership. Our FY25 Board includes experts from across Iowa’s cancer control landscape, including leaders of the Iowa Cancer Registry, comprehensive community cancer centers, and Iowa’s only NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center. Board membership also reflects the voices of local public health practitioners, community health workers, oncologists, tribal health leadership, national program directors, public health faculty, advocacy representatives, survivorship specialists, cancer center administrators, and cancer survivors themselves. Complementing this leadership, the Consortium’s staff and contractors contribute more than 50 years of collective experience in cancer prevention and control, grounding our work in both technical expertise and community-centered practice.

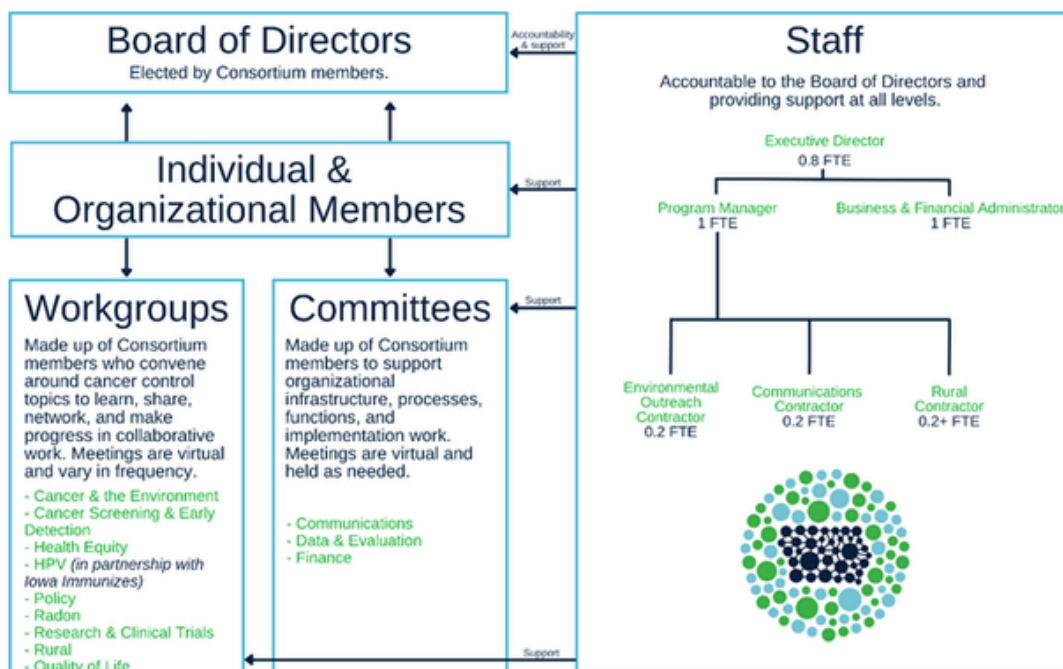


## FY25 Board of Directors:

- Mary Charlton, *President*
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- Georgia Hodge, *Secretary*
- David Dickens
- Cindy Fiester
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- Rudy Papakee
- Sneha Phadke
- Maria Torres
- George Weiner, *Immediate Past President*
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- Caroline Powell, *Env. Outreach Coordinator*
- Courtney Dage, *Practicum Student*
- Klaudia Hernandez, *Practicum Student*



# A Coalition in Action

FY25 Highlights

## Building a stronger statewide network

The Iowa Cancer Consortium community continues to grow. Membership increased from 709 last year to 773 members in mid-FY26, a 9% year-over-year increase. This reflects deeper engagement from partners across public health, healthcare, academia, and community organizations.

### Our FY25 membership by the numbers:

- 709 individuals and 66 organizations joined or renewed their membership. Includes 271 individual, 34 industry, 4 student, and 400 organizational members.
- 87 scholarships were provided.
- Members contributed more than 1,500 hours to cancer control efforts in Iowa through Consortium participation.

## Bringing people together in meaningful ways

The Consortium was proud to host two major gatherings this year: the Iowa Cancer Summit (269 attendees on October 15, 2024) and our Spring Meeting (150 attendees on April 29, 2025). Nearly every evaluation respondent rated these events as “excellent” or “good,” underscoring the value of coming together to learn, connect, and collaborate.

**National Cancer Institute (NCI) Director Speaks at Iowa Cancer Summit:** The Consortium welcomed NCI Director, Dr. Kimryn Rathmell, as the keynote speaker.

## Growing programs that make a difference

Consortium partners continued to launch and expand efforts that support cancer prevention, screening, treatment, and survivorship.



### Lung Cancer Screening Learning Collaborative Series

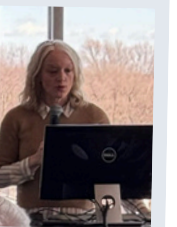
In collaboration with the American Cancer Society, the Consortium started a learning series to help cancer programs boost their lung cancer screening rates among eligible patients. The group included representation from 17 lung cancer screening programs across the state.

## Reaching communities in all 99 counties

The Consortium supported the Iowa Cancer Registry’s *Cancer in Iowa: 99 Counties Project*, helping to bring local data, insights, and engagement opportunities directly to communities across the state – ensuring every county has access to information that supports action. Learn more about the project here: <https://shri.public-health.uiowa.edu/cancer-data/cancer-in-iowa-99-counties-project/>



# Iowa Cancer Consortium



## FY25 Community Grants

Annually, the Iowa Cancer Consortium's Board of Directors invites Iowans to apply for funding to support public health programs and projects outlined within the Iowa Cancer Plan. Select funded projects:



### Optimal Living Outreach Project

#### Above + Beyond Cancer

*Reshaped the survivorship program to better meet the needs of underserved communities in central Iowa. The program reached patients from 47 counties.*



### Cancer Center Food Pantry

#### MercyOne Waterloo

*This project established an on-site pantry to address food insecurity among patients and was supported by a new partnership with the NE Iowa Food Bank.*



### Lung & Oral Cancer Equity Initiative

#### Promise Community Health Center

*This initiative strengthened tobacco cessation services, HPV vaccination rates, and expanded health equity efforts across seven northwest Iowa counties.*

## Enhancing Psychosocial Support for Cancer Survivors

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (Iowa HHS) and the Iowa Cancer Consortium received support from the CDC to help more cancer survivors in Iowa access the emotional and social support they need. The following projects were funded to help survivors share their experiences, navigate the emotions of a cancer diagnosis, build supportive relationships, and improve their overall well-being.

### Gilda's Club Quad Cities

This grant strengthened statewide survivorship support by forming partnerships with 10 Iowa hospitals and cancer centers and expanding virtual programming, including support groups, welcome meetings, and hybrid workshops. The project delivered educational workshops while enhancing access through a virtual program calendar and new outreach tools.

### Great River Health Foundation

This project delivered two 9-week survivorship classes supporting six cancer survivors and one caregiver, helping participants build community, process their experiences, and reconnect with life after cancer. Participants reported strong benefits and the program identified key financial barriers, prompting solutions like gas cards and expanded outreach.



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## Join Us!

At the Iowa Cancer Consortium, we believe meaningful progress happens when people and organizations come together with purpose. We unite partners who might not otherwise cross paths – bringing their strengths, ideas, and passions into a shared effort to reduce the burden of cancer in Iowa. When you join us, you become part of a statewide movement that is bigger, bolder, and more impactful than any one organization can be on its own.

Become a member today at <https://canceriowa.org/membership>.

### Organizational Members:

Abben Cancer Center of Spencer Hospital	Jasper County Public Health
Above + Beyond Cancer	Johnson County Public Health
After Cancer	Linn County Public Health
American Cancer Society	Madison County Public Health
American Lung Association	Mahaska Health Partnership
A Time to Heal Cancer Foundation	MercyOne
Beyond Pink TEAM	MercyOne Richard Deming Cancer Center
Black Hawk County Public Health	MercyOne Waterloo Cancer Center
Blood Cancer United	Meskwaki Tribal Health Center
Calhoun County Public Health	Methodist Jennie Edmundson
Can Do Cancer	Mission Cancer + Blood
Cancer Support Community Iowa and NW Illinois	Montgomery County Memorial Hospital
Cass Health	One Iowa
Children's Cancer Connection	Peoples Community Health Clinic
Dallas County Public Health	Pottawattamie County Public Health
Energy Association of Iowa Schools	Proteus
Family Planning Council of Iowa	Red Shamrock Foundation
Friends of Lakeside Lab	SafeNet RX
Genesis Cancer Care	Shenandoah Medical Center
Girls, Inc. of Sioux City	Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center
Greene County Public Health	St. Anthony Regional Hospital
Hall-Perrine Cancer Center	State Health Registry
Henry County Public Health	The Bill Menner Group
Iowa Academy of Family Physicians	Triage Cancer
Iowa Army of Pink	UNI Center for Energy & Environment Education
Iowa Cancer Affiliate Network (I-CAN)	UnityPoint Allen Hospital Community Cancer Center
Iowa Cancer Specialists	UnityPoint Helen G. Nassif Cancer Center
Iowa Department of Health and Human Services	UnityPoint Wendt Cancer Center
Iowa Environmental Council	UnityPoint Health Fort Dodge
Iowa Healthiest State Initiative	UnityPoint Health John Stoddard Cancer Center
Iowa Oncology Research Association	UI Health Care Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center
Iowa Oncology Society	William R. Bliss Cancer Center
Iowa Primary Care Association	
Iowa Specialty Hospital	

