

RSVP BY JULY 2ND



YOU ARE INVITED TO

JASPER CO CARES COALITION 2ND ANNUAL NETWORKING EVENT



9:30 AM Coffee Hour Social/Sign In

10:30 AM Opening & Networking

12:00 PM Stay, Connect, & Support

(Lunch on your own.)



**WEDNESDAY
JULY 8TH
9:30AM-1 PM**

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NEWTON**

**Bring business cards
& be photo-ready.**

**RSVP by email:
Jaspercocares@jasperia.org**



Jasper County Cares Coalition Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 10:30 AM

Location: 315 W 3rd St N., Large Conference Room, Newton

Mission: To enhance awareness of health & human service resources & promote collaboration to serve Jasper County. **Vision:** Safe, healthy, and connected Jasper County.

Attendance: Please sign in

Welcome new attendees

Networking: Feel free to stay after the meeting.

Member Introductions and Sharing (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.

Upcoming Organizational Spotlights:

Must attend the meetings regularly and not have been a speaker in the last year.

- July 8: **Networking Event**, Location Gray Moon, 1st Floor, parking in back. Bpryor@jasperia.org
 - Door prize donations are needed.
 - **See attached flyer. RSVP by July 2nd, if you plan to attend. 56 RSVPs as of 6/24/2026.**
- August: [Colfax Child Care Center](#)- Tim Salmon tsalmon@colfaxmingo.org
- September: [United Way Jasper County](#), Jessica Lowe Vokes unitedwayjc@gmail.com
- October: [Dolly Parton Imagination Library](#), Rita Baker director@pcc Iowa.com
- November: [Central Iowa Shelter & Services](#), Amber ATompkins@centraliowashelter.org
- December: **Annual Awards Event**
- January: no meeting
- February: [Thrive Iowa](#) TBD
- March: [Quakerdale Family Services, Wolfe Ranch, Whiskers & Mane](#), Beth Andrew, bandrew@quakerdalefamilyservices.org
- April: [American Lung](#) of Iowa (pig lungs) Emma Krapfl, Emmaline.Krapfl@lung.org
- May: [Capstone Behavioral Healthcare](#), Substance IOP Treatment, Julie Smith, julies@capstonebh.com
- June: [Optimae Life Services](#)- Kris Reicks /Chris Clark
- July: **Networking Event**

About Jasper County Cares Coalition:

- [Website](#) and [Facebook](#)
- **Events:** <https://www.jasperia.org/calendar/> Check your events. Submit to the County calendar.
 - If you have questions, contact Jenn Cross at jcross@jasperia.org
- **Resource Guide:** <https://www.jasperia.org/resources/> Please check and email corrections.
- **Information Table at meeting:** **Please bring information or giveaways for the resource table.**
- **Contact:** Becky Pryor jaspercocares@jasperia.org. If your information changes, please let us know.

Next Cares Meeting: **Jasper County Cares Coalition, Wednesday, August 12, 2026**

Jasper County Cares July 2026 Packet

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[Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa](#) moved

[Colfax-Mingo Childcare Center](#), Ribbon Cutting on June 24th at 1 PM

[Garden Gate Ranch Gala](#), flyer, October 24, 2026

[Ember](#) Recovery flyers

DAP job posting.

Added

Volunteers needed- New Creation Church

MindSpring June and July free classes

Youth Tobacco Prevention June 25 at noon

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JasperCounty Cares dates

Submission Date	Name	Email
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Jun 24, 2026	Alyssa Plunkett	a.a.kielly@gmail.com
Jun 11, 2026	Amanda Scalise	ascalise@impactcap.org
Jun 15, 2026	Amy Smith	program.director@gardengateranch.com
Jun 10, 2026	Andy Algreen	andy@algreenlegacy.com
Jun 10, 2026	Angela Barnell	angelab@cfiowa.org
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Jun 15, 2026	Beila Thompson	beilaf@capstonebh.com
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Jun 15, 2026	Robbie Robinson	robbie@discoverhope517.com
Jun 10, 2026	Sarah Patterson	patter@iastate.edu
Jun 10, 2026	Shawn Kinnison	s.kinnison@hickoryrecovery.com
Jun 15, 2026	Stephani Cummings	development@gardengateranch.com

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 8th 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 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.

Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa

WE'VE MOVED!



New Address:
1123 1st Avenue E.
Suite 100
Newton, Iowa



Entrance: North side entrance, 1st Avenue. Lower Level
Location: Next to Open Arms & WIC. Follow the signs.

Telephone: (641)792-3050

Website: www.pcciowa.org



Jasper County Economic Development Corporation-JEDCO

Yesterday at 10:53 AM · 🌐



Congratulations, [Colfax-Mingo Childcare Center](#), on the completion of your building and the ribbon-cutting ceremony this Wednesday at 1 p.m.!

What a great addition to [Jasper County, Iowa](#)!

<https://dub.sh/ColfaxMingoChildcareCenterRibbonCutting> See less





Hello there,

My name is Amy Smith and I am the program director of
Garden Gate Ranch.

We are a faith-based, long term residential treatment facility
that serves women survivors of sex trafficking.

We are dedicated to helping our residents successfully establish a new life
through healing, hope & recovery. We offer on site counseling and holistic
treatment to every area of need to our residents.

We are prayerfully seeking donations and sponsorship.

On our website: www.gardengateranch.com

We have a "DONATE" tab: if you would like to help us in this fight to end
human trafficking. Often we believe that the war is somewhere else, when
often it is in own neighborhood. Even if we feel powerless to stop it, we are
not helpless. Through active prayer, support, donations and contributions,
you can make a difference.

The women that we are thankful to help in our program can be helped by
you.

For a better life, for hope, for recovery. In Jesus name.

Amy Smith, LCBS

Program Director

515.631.0251 Direct

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Garden Gate Ranch 

"For The Love of Each One"

[Request a Speaker](#)

Garden Gate Ranch Gala Sponsorship Opportunities

We are expecting nearly 1000 attendees at this year's Gala!

PRESENTING SPONSOR | \$25,000 (One Opportunity Available)

- Event naming opportunity "Garden Gate Ranch Gala presented by YOUR NAME"
- 2 Tables (20 seats)
- Premier level ad placement in event program
- Individual "Thank You" slide during dinner
- Sponsor recognition on social media outlets
- Premier logo recognition in our spring e-newsletter (2400+ audience)
- Sponsor recognition and logo placement on Garden Gate Ranch Gala Event page
- Partner recognition with your business link on the Garden Gate Ranch website

RECEPTION & DINNER SPONSOR | \$15,000 (Two Opportunities Available)

- Reception or Dinner "sponsored by" signage
- 1 Table (10 seats)
- Premier level ad placement in event program
- Individual "Thank You" slide during dinner
- Sponsor recognition on social media outlets
- Sponsor recognition and logo placement on Garden Gate Ranch Gala Event page

ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR | \$10,000 (One Opportunity Available)

- 1 Table (10 seats)
- Ad placement in event program
- Individual "Thank You" slide during dinner
- Sponsor recognition on social media outlets
- Sponsor recognition and logo placement on Garden Gate Ranch Gala Event page

GOLD SPONSOR | \$5,000 (Available)

- 1 Table (10 seats)
- Sponsor recognition on social media outlets
- Sponsor recognition and logo placement on Garden Gate Ranch Gala Event page
- Combined "Thank You" slide during dinner

SILVER SPONSOR | \$2,500 (Available)

- Up to 6 seats at a table
- Sponsor recognition on social media outlets
- Combined "Thank You" slide during dinner

CENTERPIECE SPONSOR | \$1,000 (Six Opportunities Available)

- Logo signage in floral centerpieces on 20 tables
- Centerpiece Sponsor recognition on social media outlets
- Combined "Thank You" slide during dinner

Garden Gate Ranch Gala Sponsorship Agreement

CONTACT INFORMATION

Company/Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Recognition Listing: _____

Please be specific as to how you wish to be listed in all printed recognition materials
(i.e. XYZ Corp.; XYZ Company; XYZ Co.; etc.)

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL

- \$25,000 Presenting Sponsor
- \$15,000 Reception & Dinner Sponsor
- \$10,000 Entertainment Sponsor
- \$5,000 Gold Sponsor
- \$2,500 Silver Sponsor
- \$1,000 Centerpiece Sponsor

• See included list of sponsorship benefits

NOTES:

PAYMENT METHOD

- Please send invoice
 - Check Enclosed \$ (payable to Garden Gate Ranch)
- Credit Card
(Please call our office directly to give credit card information)

Return completed form by September 21st to ensure
inclusion in time-sensitive marketing materials.

Garden Gate Ranch

PO Box 8351, Des Moines, IA 50301

Email: development@gardengateranch.com



VIRTUAL INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT PROGRAM

Tailored, Expert, Compassionate Substance Use Care for Youth (13–17) and Young Adults (18+)

Ember Recovery specializes in helping youth and young adults reclaim their lives from drug and alcohol addiction through expert, compassionate care. Our Virtual IOP is designed to deliver high-impact treatment that fits into real life — accessible, flexible, and built on proven results.

FULLY VIRTUAL. EASY TO START. BUILT FOR REAL LIFE.

- + Participate from anywhere — no travel required.
- + Flexible scheduling Monday–Thursday.
- + Quick, simple enrollment — get started with ease.

EVIDENCE-BASED. EXCEPTIONAL OUTCOMES.

- + Grounded in proven clinical practices that drive real change.
- + Engaging, age-appropriate group therapy sessions.
- + Additional support available as needed, including family services and individual counseling.

A FULL CONTINUUM OF CARE

- + Recovery is a journey — and Ember Recovery is with you every step of the way.
- + **IOP → Residential Treatment → Step-Down IOP → Extended Outpatient (EOP) → Independence**
- + Whether entering directly or transitioning from a higher level of care, participants receive the right support at the right time.

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

- + Welcoming youth graduating from Ember Recovery and the broader community.
- + Referrals accepted from families, schools, healthcare providers, and community partners.

START STRONG. STAY SUPPORTED. SUCCEED.

We believe in the power of possibility. With expert guidance, compassionate care, and a flexible virtual format, recovery isn't just possible — it starts at Ember Recovery.



**Freedom from Drug and Alcohol
Addiction is Possible**



LEARN MORE



REFER NOW

SCAN, CALL **515.373.9088** OR EMAIL:
ADMISSIONS@EMBERRECOVERY.ORG
TO MAKE A REFERRAL NOW

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Recovery is possible.

CRISIS STABILIZATION

At Ember Recovery, we offer the Ember Crisis Stabilization Program for youth ages 13-17 experiencing an acute mental health, behavioral health, or substance use crisis that requires more support than a pediatrician visit, but less than a trip to the emergency room.*

We know how overwhelming these moments can be for youth and their families. In our safe, unlocked facility with 24-hour supervision, youth receive short-term stabilization services focused on reducing distress, restoring safety, and preventing concerns from escalating into longer-term mental health challenges.

**Anyone experiencing suicidal or homicidal ideation should immediately go to the hospital.*

WHAT TO EXPECT

During their stay, youth and families can expect:

- + 24-hour supervised shelter placement in an unlocked facility. Typical stays range from 1-5 days, with extensions up to 14 days based on individual needs.
- + A comprehensive assessment completed by a licensed professional to determine appropriate next steps.
- + Services that may include mental health support, behavioral health services, substance use treatment, medication management, and family therapy.
- + Active family involvement to establish goals, strengthen communication, and support stabilization.
- + Coordinated discharge planning with referrals and recommendations for continued services within the youth's community.

We are here to provide the support and care your family needs during challenging times. Call the Ember Recovery team at 515-373-9088 and let us help you through this difficult time.

ADOLESCENT PROGRAM

Is your teenager showing signs of substance use? Ember Recovery is here to help. Our successful residential addiction treatment program provides evidence-based services in a safe, homelike environment.

LEADING THE WAY

Ember's innovative approach to substance use disorder treatment has already helped 5,000 youth across Iowa.

Here's how we support your teen:

- + We offer an environment focused on recovery and well-being.
- + Gender-specific treatment ensures that youth receive support tailored to their unique needs.
- + Our highly trained team helps build coping skills, practice trauma-informed care, and motivate youth to succeed.
- + Teens continue their education while in treatment, often catching up on high school credits they previously missed.
- + Our financial team works with each family to find a funding option that meets your needs, and we accept most commercial insurance.

IN THIS TOGETHER

We understand the vital role of family in the recovery journey. At Ember Recovery, family involvement is integrated into treatment through visits, family therapy, and virtual parent information sessions.

Throughout the year, our Strengthening Family Weekends bring current residents and their family members together for training, meals, and games. We teach parents how to support their kids through bonding, setting boundaries, and monitoring.

We are committed to helping your teenager and your family navigate the path to recovery with compassion and support. Call the Ember Recovery Team now at 515-373-9088 and take the first step towards a brighter future today!

A LIFETIME OF SUPPORT

Our commitment to you doesn't end when you leave our programs.

We continue to stand by your side as you return to your community and work towards a brighter future.

We offer a lifetime of support for a lifetime of recovery, including:

- + Regular check-ins from an Ember Recovery advocate to ensure you're doing well.
- + Scholarships to help you pursue higher education and achieve your dreams. →

We're here for you every step of the way, because your journey to recovery is our priority.





BASIC CENTER PROGRAM

The YSS Basic Center Program (BCP) is a short-term emergency shelter that provides crisis care to youth who are at risk of running away or experiencing homelessness. Youth are eligible for BCP if they are not already receiving services from the child welfare or juvenile justice systems and are under the age of 18.

The YSS BCP is located on the Ember Recovery Campus in Cambridge, IA. Ember is a 52-acre, nature-based, and trauma-informed facility that provides BCP, Crisis Stabilization, and Residential Substance Abuse Treatment. BCP provides a wide variety of services and supports to help stabilize the crisis that may be making the youth want to run and/or provide support around housing instability. The goal of BCP is to help reunite youth with their families or locate alternative stable placements for long-term success.

Ember Recovery Campus works with YSS's Iowa Homeless Youth Centers (IHYC) to provide street outreach and street-based services to remove barriers to transportation and better connect youth with services.

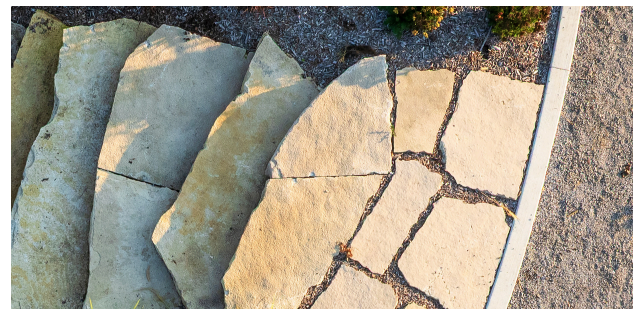
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WHAT TO EXPECT

- + 24-hour emergency shelter in a safe, unlocked facility (stay up to 21 days)
- + Mental health assessments to guide next steps
- + Supportive services including food, clothing, medical care, and counseling (individual, group, or family)
- + Daily programming with life skills, recreation/wellness, education, workforce planning, and family/positive support involvement
- + Discharge planning with community service recommendations and follow-up/AfterCare support

REFERRAL PROCESS

- 1 Call 515-882-5190.
- 2 Staff will conduct a brief screening to determine eligibility for BCP.
- 3 Once eligibility is confirmed, the youth will be admitted into the program and services will begin.



LOCATIONS

Disability Service Navigator Job Posting

Community Support Advocates is dedicated to partnering for growth and resiliency within our communities. Our mission is to empower individuals by cultivating diversity and dismantling stigma, making hope tangible through integrated care. Persons hired for this role will provided the listed services to persons throughout the 14 county District 5 Disability Access Point.

POSITION SUMMARY

The purpose of the position is to utilize the Science of Hope and person-centered planning to perform the work of a disability services navigator who provides one or more of the following:

The checked items apply to this employee

- HCBS System Navigation
- Information and Assistance
- Options Counseling
- Service Coordination of Long-Term Services and Supports

DEFINITIONS

Disability Services Navigator means a person who provides Information and Assistance and/or Options Counseling services. Disability Services Navigators will function as HCBS System Navigators within the DAP duties.

Information and Assistance means a service that provides the individual with current information on opportunities and services available within their communities, including information relating to assistive technology; identifies the strengths and needs of the individual; links the individual to the opportunities and services that are available; and to the maximum extent practicable, ensures that the individual receives the services needed and is aware of the opportunities available, by establishing adequate follow-up procedures (U.S. Health & Human Services, Administration on Community Living, Older Americans Act (OAA) State Performance Report (SPR) definitions (ACL OAAPS)).

Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) means activities that support maintaining people with disabilities at the lowest level of care possible, including facility diversion, Respite, or transition to community as determined through the Contractor processes for eligibility and service determination.

Options Counseling means an interactive process whereby individuals receive guidance in their deliberations to make informed choices about long-term supports. The process is directed by the individual and may include others whom the individual chooses or those who are legally authorized to represent the individual. Options counseling includes the following:

1. a personal interview and assessment to discover strengths, values, and preference of the individual, and screenings for entitlement program eligibility,

2. a facilitated decision-making process that explores resources and service options, and supports the individual in weighing pros and cons,
3. action steps developed toward a goal or a long-term support plan and assistance in applying for and accessing support options, and
4. follow-up to ensure supports and decisions are assisting the individual.

Person-Centered means a process that is directed by the person who receives the support.

Science of Hope or Hope means a cognitive practice for improving the health and resiliency of individuals, families, and communities. The Hope framework involves the intentional act of setting goals, utilizing viable pathways, and working toward them with willpower to facilitate success.

Service Navigation means an active, transitional, and ongoing process that involves assisting an eligible individual in gaining access to and coordinating the provision of services; using Person-Centered practices in all contacts with individuals and their caregivers; and coordinating the services identified in the service plan. Person-Centered” means a process that is directed by the person who receives the support. System navigation means in-person, online, and telephonic support for problem solving and navigation of the services and supports available. System navigators ensure individuals and families who encounter barriers in accessing services and support are able to navigate health care, social services, and legal systems.

This position is subject to criminal and abuse background checks and requires pre-employment physical and drug screening. Travel is a required function of this job.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

Process requests for services by conducting intakes, completing applications, obtaining required eligibility documents, obtaining, or completing necessary assessments, social histories, and other necessary documentation for the determination of program eligibility.

- Provide information regarding service options.
- Draft requests for funding and monitor on-going funding needs and service authorizations.
- Determine initial and continuing client eligibility, maintain records for accountability, and make appropriate closed loop referrals so that assistance is provided according to program policies and procedures and clients are aware of the broadest array of services available to them.
- Assist clients in receiving services which have been identified in the planning process that maximize their ability for self-determination.
- Assist in accessing resources or other local, state, or federal benefits identified for the client, family members, and/or providers.
- Assist clients in completing paperwork.

- Complete all required documentation in individual case files in the required timeframes.
- Coordinate, implement, and monitor the Individual Service Plan for designated individuals.
- Initiate the transfer of an individual to other services or terminate services when the client determines the current services are no longer required or desired.
- Advocate for the client and facilitate the Interdisciplinary Team, as directed, in the development of the Individual Service Plan for clients.
- Provide Information and Assistance.
- Provide Options Counseling
- Provide System Navigation
- Participate in Medicaid Administrative Claiming including total time tracking
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with clients, county, regional, and state employees, law enforcement, the judicial system, Service providers, and the public.
- Participate in agency, provider, and state-wide committee meetings, as assigned, provide training on department related topics, and attend work-related meetings, conferences, educational and training opportunities, and seminars.
- Other duties as assigned

NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

The successful candidate must possess the following knowledge, skills, and abilities, or be able to demonstrate the capacity to perform the essential functions of the position:

- Proficient in applying professional-level knowledge of federal and state assistance programs that support individuals with disabilities.
- Flexible and adaptable, able to shift efficiently between diverse tasks without compromising effectiveness or composure.
- Demonstrates strong computer literacy and comfort with relevant technology.
- Communicates ideas clearly and effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- Skilled in critical thinking and problem solving, with a proven ability to assess situations and identify appropriate solutions.
- Capable of working independently or collaboratively within a team setting.
- Able to understand and follow both oral and written instructions.
- Possesses the ability to negotiate, mediate, and resolve conflicts between opposing parties.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A bachelor's degree with 30 semester hours or equivalent quarter hours in a human services field (including, but not limited to, psychology, social work, mental health counseling, marriage and family therapy, nursing, education, occupational therapy, and recreational therapy) and at least one year of experience in the delivery of services to individuals with disabilities.
- A valid driver's license, reliable transportation, and adequate liability insurance are required.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

Employees are expected to engage at all times to live the agency's mission, Vision, and Values. Employees promote MVV among team and staff actions as an essential part of their work.

- Values each individual as unique with their own talents, beliefs, and ideas. Act without bias towards any individual and show support for their strengths.
- Intentionally plans and prepares for challenges and adapts to changes as they arise. Welcomes new ideas. Shows respect for others and uses active sharing and listening to find solutions.
- Works as a team by communicating clearly and listening effectively. Establishes shared goals and expectations and works collectively to meet them. Shares a responsibility with others to uphold tolerance and embrace differences
- Communicates with clear intentions, acts with positive regard, remains accountable for your own actions, and is personally committed to helping others do the right thing in a reliable way.

All employees at Community Support Advocates are expected to uphold a minimum standard of behavior. These expectations are relevant to employees at all levels of operation.

- Attends intra-agency and department meetings and participates in ongoing in-service education opportunities
- Completes required paperwork and written reports
- Identifies issues and alternative solutions, foresees the impact and implications of decisions, and anticipates problems
- Works effectively and collaboratively within a team, demonstrates flexibility, and works cooperatively with others to achieve shared goals
- Works Regular and Reliable hours
- Completes required training as scheduled
- Promotes the growth and recovery of all individuals receiving services through CSA
 - Utilizes teamwork and creativity to provide quality support services to individuals served
 - Partners with individuals to meet personal, program, and agency outcomes; monitors, and documents individual and agency outcomes
 - Any other duties as assigned by management

Physical Demands

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit, talk, stand and walk. The employee is occasionally required to climb stairs. The employee may occasionally lift and/or move more than 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth vision, and ability to adjust focus.

Work Environment

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally exposed to outside weather conditions. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

Travel is required within District 5 to meet the needs of assigned members, attend required trainings, and participate in partnering and teaming on behalf of CSA and the ADRC.

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DISCLAIMER

- Marginal functions of the position that are incidental to the performance of essential job duties have been excluded from this description.
 - All requirements are subject to possible modification to reasonably accommodate qualified individuals with disabilities. Prospective employees are encouraged to discuss possible accommodations with the employer.
 - Job description in no way implies that the description includes every duty to be performed by the employee in the position. Employees will be required to follow any other job-related instructions and to perform any other job-related duties required.
- CSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities. Prospective employees and incumbents are encouraged to discuss potential needs for accommodations with the employer.

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June 16 | Understanding Dissociative Disorders

Dissociation changes your sense of time and identity, and makes people feel disconnected from their thoughts, feelings, and memories. It's a normal phenomenon that most people experience at some point, though some will develop a dissociative disorder that requires treatment. Explore the types of dissociative disorders, their symptoms, prevalence & causation, and how they're treated with a licensed therapist.

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June 17 | Understanding Bipolar Disorder

Everyone experiences ups and downs, but bipolar disorder is different. An accessible guide to understanding the types of bipolar disorder, their symptoms, common misconceptions, and how relationships are impacted. Discuss treatment options and learn practical tips for managing symptoms and helping others with a licensed therapist.

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June 17 | Understanding Suicide

There is a common myth that discussing suicide or asking about suicidal thoughts could potentially encourage suicide attempts. The truth is that open and honest conversations about suicide plays a crucial role in prevention. Explore the causes of suicide, the warning signs, and how to cope.

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June 18 | Workplace Bullying: Boundaries, Documentation, and Safe Responses NEW

This session focuses on practical tools for responding to workplace bullying in ways that prioritize safety and emotional regulation. Participants learn how to manage stress responses, use clear boundary language when appropriate, and document concerning behavior. Learn when to engage, when to disengage, and how to make informed decisions about next steps with a licensed therapist. Part 2 in a 3-part series.

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Mental Health in the Workplace

June 22 | Love Languages in Parenting

The five love languages — physical touch, words of encouragement, quality time, gifts, and acts of service — show how people express and receive love. Identifying your child's preferred love language helps to strengthen your bond and create a foundation of trust & affection that supports children's development and well-being. Explore how caregivers can use love languages to boost children's self-esteem in this one-hour seminar with a licensed therapist.

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Children's Mental Health

June 23 | The Psychology of Confidence & Self-Esteem

People with low self-esteem and self-confidence often see themselves in a distorted way that can negatively impact their personal relationships, work, and education. Explore protective & vulnerability factors in self-esteem and learn practical tips to overcome self-limiting beliefs and strengthen self-confidence with a licensed therapist.

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June 24 | Understanding Workplace Anxiety

While stress at work is common, constant and overwhelming anxiety can negatively impact productivity, confidence, and overall health. Discuss common anxiety triggers and learn practical strategies for managing stress, setting boundaries, and building resilience.

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Mental Health in the Workplace

June 24 | The Psychology of People-Pleasing

People pleasing is a tendency to prioritize others' needs over your own, even at the expense of your own health, safety, and well-being. It can be a response to trauma or life experiences, or to manage anxiety about other people's approval & reactions. Explore the roots of people-pleasing behavior and its impact on mental health, and learn how to set healthy boundaries, build self-confidence, and communicate more assertively.

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June 25 | Workplace Bullying: Healing, Accountability, and Moving Forward NEW

Workplace bullying can leave lasting emotional effects for those targeted, for teams, and for organizations. This session focuses on recovery, rebuilding confidence, and protecting long-term mental health — while also addressing support and accountability for individuals who have engaged in bullying behavior. Participants explore what healing can look like on both sides of harm, without minimizing impact or shifting responsibility. Emphasis is placed on emotional repair, behavior change, and realistic paths forward. Part 3 in a 3-part series.

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Mental Health in the Workplace

June 30 | Understanding Motivation and Procrastination

Almost everyone procrastinates sometimes. But if you continue to put things off, then regret it and feel bad about yourself afterward, it's easy to get caught in a cycle that can have a negative impact on your physical & mental health. Explore the reasons why people procrastinate and learn techniques to get and stay motivated.

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July 1 | Aging & Mental Health: Understanding Emotional Well-Being, Connection, and Support in Later Life NEW

Aging brings meaningful strengths—wisdom, perspective, and resilience—but it can also introduce emotional

challenges that are often misunderstood or overlooked. Explore how mental health changes across the lifespan, how aging-related transitions can affect emotional well-being, and how individuals, families, and communities can respond with awareness, compassion, and practical support. Participants will learn how mental health conditions may look different in older adults, why concerns such as depression, anxiety, loneliness, and grief are frequently under-recognized, and how physical health, social connection, and generational attitudes all influence emotional well-being. The course emphasizes realistic expectations, respectful communication, and early support strategies that promote dignity, independence, and quality of life.

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July 1 | Understanding Hoarding: Beyond Clutter **NEW**

Hoarding disorder is a complex mental health condition rooted in anxiety, distorted thinking, and difficulty making decisions. Explore why letting go can feel overwhelming, how hoarding affects safety and relationships, and what effective treatment involves. We'll also cover animal hoarding and its unique challenges. Participants will learn the key signs of hoarding disorder in easy-to-understand terms & discuss ways for loved ones to support without making things worse. Gain a clearer, more compassionate understanding of hoarding disorder – and practical insights to help reduce frustration & promote safety.

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July 13 | Navigating Divorce: Key Considerations and Communicating with Your Kids **NEW**

While staying together for the sake of the children may seem like the right choice, research shows that an unhealthy or unhappy marriage can negatively impact children's emotional health. Discuss the implications of staying together for the kids, trial separation, addressing blame, and how to tell your children about the divorce with a licensed therapist.

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Children's Mental Health

July 14 | Understanding Toxic Relationships

Toxic relationships are characterized by controlling, manipulative, or abusive behaviors that slowly wear away

at a person's self-worth, self-esteem, and overall happiness. Learn to recognize the signs of a toxic relationship and discuss communication skills, accountability, and personal boundaries with a licensed therapist.

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July 15 | Responding to Difficult Behavior with Confidence **NEW**

Understanding why difficult behavior is on the rise and what's really happening beneath the surface changes the way we respond to challenging customers. Discuss the causes and types of difficult behavior in the workplace and learn practical tools for emotional regulation and boundary setting using real-life examples, so you'll feel confident knowing what to say and how to say it. This course offers actionable insights and strategies to help you navigate challenging interactions with greater ease and resilience.

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Mental Health in the Workplace

July 15 | Setting Healthy Boundaries in Relationships

Maintaining a balance between caring for loved ones and setting healthy boundaries for yourself can be challenging. Learn how to express your own needs without guilt, strike a healthy balance between caregiving and self-care, and tips for negotiating compromises with a licensed therapist.

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July 16 | Breaking the Cycle: Understanding Intergenerational Trauma & Substance Use **NEW**

Understand how intergenerational trauma shapes substance use, family dynamics, and community patterns. Identify trauma-driven behaviors and apply practical, trauma-informed strategies to better support individuals, families, and communities.

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