



To: Henry County's Shared Decision-Making Board
From: Cassie Gerst, CPPC Coordinator
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Re: The role of the CPPC Board

Each Community Partnership (CPPC) establishes a local decision-making body that reviews the effectiveness of community child protection and engages community members to participate in and support the initiative.

Each site forms a decision-making group to create the structure of the local partnership. This group takes responsibility for:

- Setting the ongoing direction of the partnership
- Leads efforts to reach out to neighborhood residents, parents, local faith institutions, and schools
- Informs the broader public about the purposes and benefits of community child protection
- Takes primary responsibility for self-evaluation that includes the assessment of Quality Service Reviews

What is CPPC?

- CPPC is an approach that neighborhoods, towns, cities, and states can adopt to improve how children are protected from abuse and neglect.
- It aims to blend the work and expertise of families, professionals and residents to bolster supports for vulnerable families and children.
- Community Partnership is not a program...it is a way of working with families that help services to be more inviting, strengths and needs-based, accessible and relevant.
- It incorporates prevention strategies as well as strategies needed to address abuse and neglect, once identified.

CPPC's Four Main Strategies

1. Family Team Decision-Making
2. Community/Neighborhood Networking
3. Child Protection Services Policies and Practice Change
4. Shared Decision-Making

Your role as a CPPC Shared Decision-Making Board:

- To guide the roll-out of CPPC locally
- To assess community strengths
- To identify gaps in services and supports to families and children
- To leverage resources to fill identified gaps
- To advocate for systemic changes
- To identify and evaluate outcomes
- To provide accountability to the community for the outcomes

Community Partnership for Protecting Children Statement of Commitment



Name _____
Organization _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ email _____

Check One or more to indicate how you want to be involved:

- Shared Decision-Making Board: I am interested in being a part of this initiative and working as a part of the Board to establish a CPPC in Henry County that reviews the effectiveness of community child protection efforts (*Board Member*)
- Neighborhood Network: I am interested in being a part of this initiative and working with a group to organize a network of neighborhood community supports for protecting children in my community (*Neighborhood Committee's in Henry County: Iowa Dream Teams Committee & Study Circle*)
- Policy and Practice: I am interested in being a part of this initiative and working with a group to explore new policy and practice for child protection and law enforcement systems (*Policy & Practice Committee*)
- Interested Bystander: Just keep me posted on CPPC activities by mail or email

If my commitment with CPPC in Henry County should change and I want to withdraw from the Shared Decision-Making Board or a Committee, I will notify the CPPC Coordinator.

Signature _____ Date _____

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