



A New Executive Director for Prevent Child Abuse Iowa

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa is pleased to announce Greg Bellville as its next Executive Director as of June 24. Bellville brings more than 10 years of leadership in behavioral health and substance abuse treatment through both for-profit and nonprofit organizations in rural and urban settings in Iowa and Utah. Former Executive Director Liz Cox has accepted a position at Polk County Health Services.

“On behalf of PCA Iowa’s board, I am thrilled to welcome Greg Bellville as the next Executive Director,” said Katheryn Thorson, board president. “Greg brings a strong track record of nonprofit leadership and management, including representation to various governmental agencies, task forces, business, conferences, and universities. We’re very excited for Greg’s leadership and passion for healthy childhoods for Iowa’s kids.”

[Learn more about Greg and this organization transition on our website.](#)

Iowa Legislature Passes Mandatory Reporter Reform

During the past legislative session, PCA Iowa advocated for a revision of Iowa’s mandatory reporting guidelines. On May 8th, Governor Reynolds signed [HF 731](#), a bill to create a streamlined, comprehensive framework that effectively executes the intention of this child and elder protection legislation.

More the 400,000 Iowans are required to be trained mandatory reporters. They learn to recognize the signs of neglect, sexual abuse, and physical abuse, then promptly report suspicions to agencies for swift response and intervention.



PCA Iowa was also pleased to see progress made on Children's Mental Health in Iowa with the signing of [HF 690](#), establishing the [first-ever statewide children's mental health system](#). We were proud to be a part of Coalition to Advance Mental Health in Iowa for Kids (CAMHI4Kids) in advocating for this change - congratulations to the many child advocates who worked hard to pass this bill.

Mental health is connected to social, emotional, and cognitive development and is the foundation for a healthy life, healthy community, and a healthy state. When we ensure children's mental health needs are met, they are more likely to perform better in school, graduate, and become healthy, productive adults in our community.

Community, Legislative, and Prevention Heroes honored at Statewide Prevention Conference

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa was proud to recognize community leaders with their hand in prevention at the Child Abuse Prevention and Family Support Conference on May 7th.

Community Hero nominations were sought throughout the state for individuals who have made a positive and significant impact on their community, exemplifying the spirit of PCA Iowa's mission to strengthen families for safer, happier childhoods. [Kelly Manker with Boys Town of Iowa](#) and [Jennie Garner with the North Liberty Community Library](#) were honored for their leadership and passion for making Iowa a safer place for families.

PCA Iowa also recognized [Senator Jim Carlin](#) with a Child Advocate Award for his leadership in the Children's Mental Health Bill and the Mandatory Reporter Bill. Sen. Carlin showed his passion for PCA Iowa's mission by going above and beyond in keeping the children and families in Iowa at the forefront of his work.

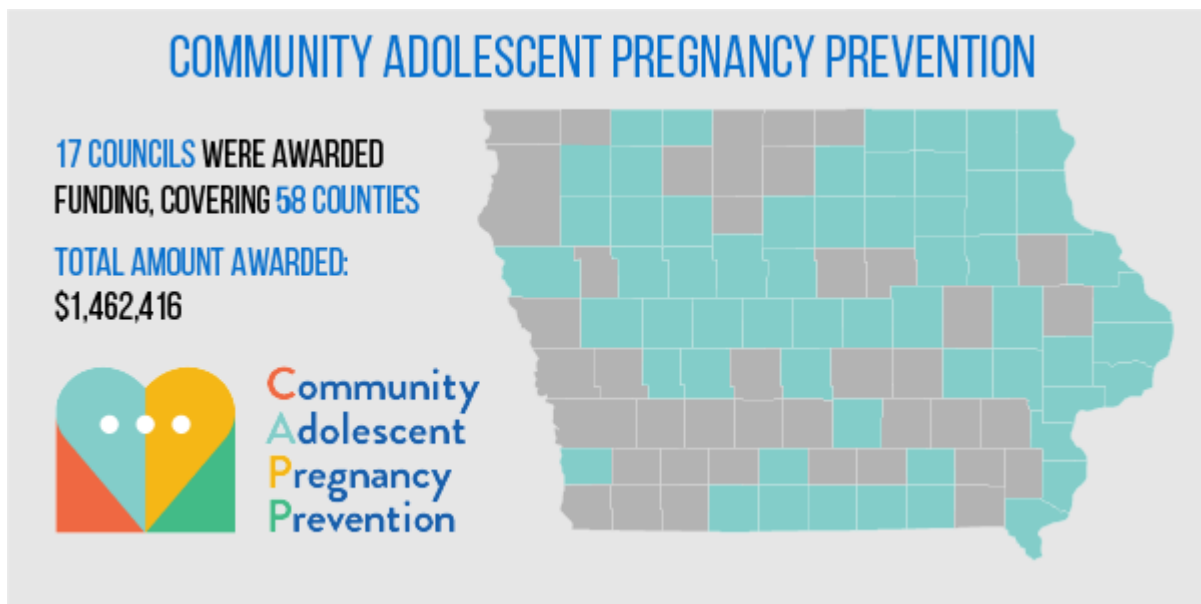
[Suzanne Mineck](#) was honored as the Community Prevention Partner of the Year for her recognized expertise in non-profit leadership, fund development, board management, project facilitation, and strategic planning. We recognize Suzanne for her collaborative work to create safer, more nurturing

environments for children.



Community Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (CAPP) Grant Awards Announced

On May 31st, awards were announced for successful bidders for CAPP funds for SFY '20.



For more information on councils that have been awarded, visit the Bid Opportunities website [here](#).

Upcoming Training

PCA Iowa is dedicated to enhancing the skills and knowledge of those who want to strengthen families and help prevent child abuse in Iowa. Our upcoming group training opportunities are listed below - **Register Today!**

Collective Impact (Part 2) - July 16th Webinar - [Register Here](#)

- A follow-up to the "Building Effective Councils and Coalitions" session at the 2019 Child

Abuse Prevention and Family Support Conference, Rick Kozin will lead the group through a Board/ Coalition Asset Inventory. This webinar will focus on highlighting the strengths, connections, and collaborators around the table and community. In addition, Rick will walk through the purpose and creation of an impactful and meaning agenda and layout the needed steps to facilitating a productive and effective meeting.

Foundations of Teaching Sexual Health - July 17th in Ames, IA - [Register Here](#)

- A strength-based LGBTQ friendly structure workshop designed for new staff, community members/leadership, school educators, coalition members, and others as they work in the sexual health and pregnancy prevention arena.

Making Proud Choices - Training of Trainers - July 24 and 25 in Des Moines, IA - [Register Here](#)

- An evidence-based intervention that addresses knowledge and skills critical for young people to prevent HIV infection, other STD and unintended pregnancy. This curriculum is designed to help students develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills needed to make choices that keep them safe from HIV/STD transmission and unintended pregnancy.

3Rs - July 30 in Ames, IA - [Register Here](#)

- Rights, Respect, Responsibility is a curriculum that fully meets the National Sexuality Education Standards. The curriculum addresses both the functional knowledge related to sexuality and the specific skills necessary to adopt healthy behaviors. Rights, Respect, Responsibility reflects the tenets of social learning theory, social cognitive theory and the social ecological model of prevention.

Families and Youth Thrive - Four-part training* on August 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd in Des Moines, IA - [Register Here](#)

- This curriculum helps community members, practitioners, and program operators support children, youth, young parents, and caregivers using a protective and promotive factors approach. This curriculum includes elements from the Center for the Study of Social Policy's Strengthening Families and Youth Thrive curricula pulled together into an integrated approach to reducing risk factors and promoting protective and promotive factors across childhood into emerging adulthood.
- **Registrants must attend all four days*

Do you or your organization have a specific training need that is not listed above? [Reach out to us](#) with your training request and we will work to serve your needs!

Love and Compassion Tuesdays at Heavenly Asian Cuisine &

Lounge

PCA Iowa is honored to be the selected charity in July for Love and Compassion Tuesdays at Heavenly Asian Cuisine & Lounge! Each Tuesday in July, **PCA Iowa will receive 20% of net sales** at the restaurant!

Heavenly Asian Cuisine and Lounge is located in Valley Junction, at [225 5th Street, West Des Moines](#). A full-service, authentic Chinese restaurant, Heavenly features cuisine from Sichuan and Gansu provinces in China and brings exquisite, fresh, and traditional flavors of Chinese cuisine to Iowa. The lounge is a quiet, relaxed place for a business meeting or getting some work done.

Pay a visit to [Heavenly Asian Cuisine & Lounge](#) on any Tuesday in July and support our mission of supporting families for Iowa's future!



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