

PEP Northern Region Action Teams

Northern Region Local Action Team Counties

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Lake County Action Team



Educational/Networking Breakfast

Presented by Lake County Action Team

This is a **FREE** networking event aimed at bringing together school personnel, police departments, community providers, and DCFS partners to share information and resources for Lake County children and families.

Please join us!

College of Lake County

Conference Center, Entrance B

Friday, April 6th, 2018

8:30am-11:00am

****Doors open at 8:00am for breakfast****









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The Lake County Action Team is a collaboration among DCFS, local providers, schools, law enforcement, and community members. The goal of the Action Team is to reduce the number of children in foster care. Our local Lake County Action Team is focused on prevention efforts through increased collaboration and education/sharing among providers.

There will be a **presentation** on Trauma and Learning, and opportunities to network with several area providers supporting Lake County children and families. CEUs will be provided!

Please join us!

RSVP to reserve your seat by clicking here: <https://go.gl/forms/SIX56uyTUuWhe?W133>

If your agency/organization is interested in having a booth at the event, please complete the application:
<https://go.gl/forms/keCEWjyYUzZtDZm?>

LAKE
Behavioral Hospital

Lake Behavioral Hospital

2615 Washington Street, Waukegan

Friday, April 26th, 2019

8:30am-11:00am

Doors open at 8:00am for breakfast







DeKalb Action Team

FREE COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

A special event for the whole family!

- *Free groceries and a free meal
- *Learn about free community resources
- *Giveaways and games for the kids

Tuesday, April 23rd from 6-8p
427 Spartan Trail, Sycamore















Kane County Action Team

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Developmental Milestones

Age 0-1

- Responds to and copies facial expressions
- Plays social games Patty Cake and Peek-A-Boo
- May cry around strangers and when caregiver leaves

Age 1-2

- Children often say "No"
- May have temper tantrums
- Attempts to be independent, can play independently for brief periods of time

Age 2-3

- Concerned about self
- Shows many different emotions
- Copies gestures, behaviors, and activities
- Likes routine

Age 3-4

- Becomes more independent in daily activities
- Learns to share
- Verbally communicates needs

Age 4-5

- Begins to think of others' feelings
- Cooperative with rules but can be demanding

What is Trauma?

Childhood Trauma: Experiencing or witnessing an event (acute) or series of events (chronic) that involves:

- Actual or threatened death or serious injury to self or others
- Threat to self or others
- Results in lasting traumatic effects

(Zero to Three, 2004)

Abuse *Violence*

Death *Medical Crisis*

Divorce *Natural Disasters*

Moving *Separation from Parents*

Difficult issues that can negatively affect children

- Violence in the home
- Physical, sexual, or emotional abuse
- Emotional or physical neglect
- A caregiver who is depressed, suicidal, or mentally ill
- A caregiver who uses alcohol or drugs
- Parental separation or divorce



Trauma and Brain Development

From birth to age 5, a child's brain develops more than at any other time in life. And early brain development has a lasting impact on a child's ability to learn and succeed in school and life. The quality of a child's experiences in the first few years of life - positive or negative - helps shape how their brain develops.

[www.firstthingsfirst.org/early-childhood-matters/brain-development]

Exposure to traumatic experiences have the potential to impact children's brains, which may cause long-term effects in areas such as:

- **Attachment:** Difficulty with relationships, boundaries, empathy, and social isolation
- **Physical Health:** Increased medical problems
- **Emotional Health:** Difficulty identifying feelings and communicating needs
- **Feeling a lack of connection:** Amnesia, impaired memory
- **Mental Health:** Difficulty focusing, learning, and processing new information
- **Self-Concept:** Low self-esteem, shame, and guilt
- **Behavioral:** Difficulty controlling impulses, oppositional behavior, irregular sleep and eating patterns



DuPage Action Team

~Family Support Fair~

One of the biggest challenges parents face is managing difficult behavior in children. Wendy Shankman, MA, ATR-BC, Heather Teteak-Berg, LCPC, NCC, CCTP and Susan Tromley, MS will share information on how to identify what behavior is developmentally age appropriate, behavior that is indicative of a mental illness, and behavior that may be a result of being exposed to trauma. Agencies including the National Alliance on Mental Health, the DuPage County Health Department, the Home Visiting Network, the Department of Human Services and more will be on hand to talk about the services they can provide to families in DuPage County. This event is free to all families in DuPage County.

Metropolitan Family Services-DuPage

222 E. Willow Ave., Wheaton, IL 60187









Winnebago Action Team

Symposium to Improve Community

- Titled “ The Race is on to Save and Protect our Children”
- There were 180 participants representing diverse community stakeholders
- Sessions:
 - Protective Factors: Building Family Resiliency
 - Prevention Services with our community
 - Abuse vs. Discipline
 - Working with the intellectually challenged population
 - Should You Report: Mandated Reporting
- 92% indicated their knowledge & awareness of disproportionality & disparity increased
- 80% participants indicated they would take action

Addressing child welfare issues within the Rockford community



By WIFR News Room | Posted: Tue 9:56 PM, Apr 09, 2019 | Updated: Tue 10:44 PM, Apr 09, 2019

Rockford, Ill (WIFR) -- In Illinois, twice as many African American babies die compared to the number of White babies that die during the first three years of life. But the Winnebago County Permanency Action Team is fighting those statistics in an effort to improve the lives of state-line children.



The action team's focus is on helping children of color overcome barriers and improve their future outcomes by addressing the number of infant deaths in the state of Illinois and in Winnebago County. In 2014, Illinois ranked 36th out of 50 states in infant mortality, and a majority of cases in which the child died could have been prevented.

Members of the action team sat down today to discuss different ways to reach out and build partnerships with community organizations to increase awareness around this growing issue within the community.

The team meets the second Tuesday of every month on the third floor of the Winnebago County Crusader Clinic at 1200 W. State Street in Rockford, and they encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about their mission to attend those meetings.

To learn more about permanency in child welfare and how community members or organizations can get involved, you can visit the team's website www.permanencyenhancementproject.org.



Kankakee Action Team

Project Uplift

- Action team collaboration with Big Brothers Big Sisters(BBBS) to submit a grant proposal to the a Court Improvement Program
- Collaboration between Juvenile Court & community- based organization
- Building partnerships to mentor youth in care
- Mentoring program that matches foster youth(6-13) with positive role models
- Mentors provide one-to-one for the extent of one year

McHenry Action Team

Disparity of Hispanic Families

- Engaging the Hispanic community
- New bilingual investigator participated in action team
- Addressed the cultural approach with families
- Positive family engagement increased the equity for children of color in child welfare