

Wyoming Area News

A service of the Wyoming Lions Club

We also have the newsletter available on the <https://www.wyomingia.org> website. Under “Community” you can find the “Wyoming Lions Newsletter” tab.

Oh,oh! You didn’t check your Driver’s License **DID YOU?** Now it’s expired and you need a ride. NOT! The walk will be beneficial.

Check the history section for the 1925 football team. Played with only 5 practices and some of the local players had never even seen a game before.

Open Burning of yard waste – is allowed September 15th through December 1st. Fires must be out by dark.

A BIG “Thank You!” to Mel Haase from the Wyoming Historical Museum Commission for his many years of active service on the Commission. He was always there to help and encourage and to greet visitors at the front door. Thanks, Mel.

Never too soon to mark your calendars:

Wyoming Historical Museum fall pancake breakfast – Sunday, October 26th, 7:00 am to noon. Help is always needed. Contact Jean Oberbreckling or Jim Eichhorn. Museum will be open for free tours.

Trick or Treating will be Friday, October 31st from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Turn your porch light or outside light on to invite trick or treaters to come to your house.

WELCA Fall Festival on Saturday, November 1st from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Zion Lutheran Church. Beef & noodles, Maidrites, Rye Bread with ham and cheese, ham on a bun, salad, and pie. There will be the annual bake sale, home produce, pumpkins, squash, gourds, cards/napkins and crafts.

Daylight Saving Time ENDS – November 2nd

Amber Community Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, November 2nd.

City and School elections – Tuesday, November 4th, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Sometimes your vote is the only thanks the candidates and elected officials get for doing an important job. *Ed Note: Before you go to a City Council meeting or a School Board meeting to comment or complain, #1 vote in an election and #2 attend a meeting to see how things are done. It makes things a lot better for you and the elected officials.*

Sunday, November 16th – Christmas lights up at 8:00 am. Everyone is invited to help the Wyoming Lions with this almost 90 year tradition.

Senior Dining at Memorial Hall – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month – Next will be November 5th.

Coffee & Conversation – Tuesdays 9:00-11:00am at the Library and Fridays at WICKS from 8:30-10:30 am.

Next HACAP food truck in Onslow, Monday, - November 10th, 1:00-2:00 pm. Current pick up date is 2nd Monday of the month. Volunteers are welcome.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, ERRORS, OMISSIONS, LATE SUBMISSIONS, or we just messed up – some or all of the above, but thanks for not mentioning it.

Can't believe there wasn't something

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK:

Not a new kid, but send a card anyway. Alberta Willey will be 97 on November 23rd. 1701 Meadow Ridge Ct., Apt. #2, Anamosa, IA 52205. Mark says she will enjoy them.

REMEMBERING:

Jeffery “Jeff” Brinkman, 66, Oxford Junction, passed away October 13, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/JefferyJeff-Brinkman

Marie Mae Feuss, 89, Lost Nation, passed away October 13, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Marlene-Mae-Feuss?obid=45884510

John Allyn Wall, 59, Lost Nation, passed away October 11, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/John-Allyn-Wall?obid=45862580

Patty I. Sorgenfrey, 90, passed away October 1, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.bently-funeralhome.com/obituary/patty-sorgenfrey

Michael John “Mick” Clark, 80, Maquoketa, passed away October 19, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Michael-John-Mick-Clark?obid=45938159

Matthew Lorenzen, 48, Center Junction, passed away October 21, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.goettschonline.com/obituary/matthew-lorenzen

Dona Funk, 70, Ames – see obituary attached below

Truth Be Known: “No, I can’t say as ever I was lost, but I was bewildered once for three days.” Daniel Boone

Looking Back: Just keep scrolling at the end! It won’t disappoint!!

Zion American Lutheran Church – Sunday Services at 10:30 am, continuing at that time through June 2026.

First Presbyterian Church – Onslow - Sunday services for October will be at Onslow at 9:30 am. Services for November and December will be at Cascade.

Wyoming Methodist Church – NOTE NEW TIME: Sunday Services at **8:30 am.** Pastor Byron Miller. Food pantry Saturdays 9:30 am – 10:00 am.

Christ’s Community Church, Monmouth – Sunday services at 9:00 am. Sunday school at 10:00 am. Youth Group – grades 6-12, Wednesday from 6-8 pm at the church. Women’s Bible Study Mondays at 5:30

pm and Men's Bible Study Thursdays at 6:00 pm. For more information, please call 563-673-4131. Facebook at Christ's Community Church or website: [Sites.google.com/view/christscommunitychurchia/home](https://sites.google.com/view/christscommunitychurchia/home)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Oxford Junction – Mass is at 10:30 am each Sunday and CCD classes are the First and Third Sundays of each month.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!! (We will run birthdays on the 4th Thursday of the month for the following month. Please get them to us early.)

- 2 Ethan Orr
- 3 Joseph Bahnsen
- 4 Madison Gravel
- 5 Scott Porter
- 5 Shirley Holerud
- 5 Roger Rupp
- 5 Brenda Vacek
- 7 Aleesha Westphal
- 7 Josh VonSprecken
- 8 Detra Eichhorn (Big Jon)
- 9 Kaye Dusanek
- 9 Cameron Sorgenfrey
- 9 Hadley Eganhouse
- 11 Cameron Eichhorn
- 11 Cindy Baldwin-Herman
- 12 Scott Collins
- 13 Grant Dirks
- 13 Dawn Millsap
- 15 Cameron Wennedt
- 16 **Alberta Willey - 97th**
- 16 Mark DeWine
- 16 Kathy Danielson
- 17 Sophia Hunter
- 18 Steve Tjaden
- 18 Erika Tubbs
- 18 Karmen Jamison
- 19 Katie Glenn
- 20 Sherri Osterkamp
- 20 Allison Zamastil
- 21 Kelly Brodersen
- 22 Julie Knake Sterling
- 22 Gary Wosoba
- 22 Kathy Irons
- 22 Brian Tracy
- 22 Mona Kay Jeffery

- 22 Pam Antons
- 22 Jean Oberbreckling
- 23 Alyssa Leonard
- 23 Ari Hacke
- 23 Blake Bendixen
- 24 Chris Eichhorn
- 25 Susan Lucksteadt
- 25 Wilma Porter
- 26 Denny Huston
- 26 Angie Cook
- 26 Hadley Francis - grand-daughter of Chris Eichhorn
- 27 Connie Burhop
- 28 Asher Feuss
- 28 Cindy Dirks
- 28 Craig Dirks
- 30 Ray Hainstock

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!! (We will run anniversaries on the 4th Thursday of the month for the following month. Please get them to us early.)

- 2 Cole & Elli Lineburg
- 5 Drew & Katie Glenn
- 8 Doug & Val Eichhorn
- 14 Gary & Joyce Jansen
- 18 Paul & Kris Hansen
- 19 Ryan & Heidi Streets
- 23 Richy & Roberta Rupp
- 24 Travis & Kelly Ballou
- 25 Brenda & Charlie Leonard
- 27 Lorenz & Sue Brodersen
- 30 Scott & Sarah Fishwild

RESERVATIONS:

Wyoming Fairgrounds – Steve Agnitsch – call or text 319-480-2883
 Memorial Hall – Holly Lane – call 319-480-4566
 Calkins Barn – call 563-488-8404

Wyoming Historical Museum Commission- call for a tour right now or later.

Jim Eichhorn	563-212-0013
Dick & Joyce Fishwild	563-488-3804
Pat	563-488-3123

You don't have to be a Wyoming resident to get the newsletter. Anyone can sign up at wyonews@netins.net. Submit items to this same address.

We need your stories, ideas, birthdays, anniversaries, honors, and accomplishments. We'll help you write or rewrite. We don't have a reporting staff to gather information, so you are our reporters. Please feel free to make a copy of this newsletter to share with your friends or neighbors who do not have email.

Dona Janelle Funk, 70, of Ames, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 10, 2025, surrounded by those she held dear, at the Israel Family Hospice Home in Ames. Dona was born on December 10, 1954, in Monticello, Iowa, the daughter of Donald First and Ruth (Wigger) First. She graduated from high school in 1973. She attended Wartburg College to study music and then transferred to Iowa State University for pre-nursing. On August 19, 1978, she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Paul Funk, in Utica, Illinois. They celebrated their 47th anniversary in August of this year.

Dona lived a life rooted in faith, family, and compassion. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who poured her heart into caring for others. Throughout her life, she worked as a dental assistant and in retail sales, but her greatest joy came from being a full time Mother serving her family and sharing her faith with those around her. She will be fondly remembered for her generous spirit and the kindness she showed to everyone she met. Dona and Paul devoted much of their free time supporting Abigayle Ministries, a Christian home for unwed pregnant women.

She is survived by her husband, Paul; her two children, Neil Funk of Michigan and Laura (Ken) Kopecky of Ames; her four grandchildren, Calvin, Charlotte, Max, and Danny; her two sisters, Jorja Ackermann Brown of Worland, Wyoming, and Patsy (John) Christoffersen of Provo, Utah, her niece Jen Funk of Peoria, IL, and her nephews Mike First and Aaron First both of Monticello, IA.

Dona's funeral services will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Monticello, Iowa. A visitation will be held prior to the service from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Burial will be held at the Wyoming Cemetery in Wyoming, Iowa. Dawson Funeral Services of Wyoming is caring for her family.

Online condolences may be left at www.dawsonfuneral.com.

Memorials may be directed in her honor to ALS Research and Abigayle Ministries.

<https://www.abigayleministries.org/>

Dona Funk tribute page ALS Association – Iowa

https://secure2.convio.net/alsa/site/TR/DIY/NationalOffice?px=9339373&pg=personal&fr_id=16212

Looking Back October 23, 2025

Midland Times: October 20, 2000 - Page 4

An Instructional Support resolution was approved at the Midland Board of Education meeting on Oct. 16.

During approval of the hot lunch program financial report, a discussion was held on the negative balance in the account. The basic reason is the district has the expense of kitchens in four centers. It was also mentioned that the soup and salad bar offered at the high school level does not pay for itself. But, students really like the bar and it meets the goal of the district to improve the hot lunch program and offer healthy meals. The board realizes that the hot lunch program is not set up to make money.

Midland Times: October 31, 1975 - Page 7

STUDENT COUNCIL by Melanie Hoover

Friday, October 24 the Student Council met in Mrs. Anton's room. They discussed the problem of the abuse of the pop machine in the old gym. The Student Council decided to leave the machine turned off for another week or so. The stereo also has been broken and it was decided that it will be fixed.

The cheerleaders need new skirts and the student council has decided to give them aid.

Note: Student Council officers were: Dave Walters, President; Steve Taylor, Vice President; Cindy Norris, Secretary; and Kevin Wherry, Treasurer.

The Wyoming Journal: October 29, 1925 - Page 1

ATHLETICS

The Wyoming High School football team was defeated by Stanwood on the local field by a score of 40-0. The score, however, does not tell the whole story, for the Wyoming boys with about five nights practice were playing a team that had been playing the whole season. What the boys lacked in score they made up in fight. At times they showed flashes of real football especially when they held for three downs on the one yard line. Only a few of the boys had ever seen a football game previous for this one, and their showing makes us think we can expect more of them in the future.

The Wyoming Journal: October 14, 1875 - Page 1

Mrs. Dr. Keck the catarrh specialist will be in Wyoming Oct. 13 at D. E. Brainards and remain until Saturday noon. Persons troubled with this disease should not fail to call and see her. Consultation and treatment free.

October 28, 1875 - Page 1

REMIT IT. – Will Mrs. Doctor Keck please remit us that advertising bill of \$1.20, which she went away leaving unpaid? Just remit it, if you don't want another gratuitous notice.

NOTE: Keck bottled and sold herbal and botanical remedies for asthma, consumption (tuberculosis) and even blindness. Her medical practice was in Davenport but she traveled widely in Illinois and Iowa seeing patients for follow-up treatment.

2025 – WYOMING HISTORICAL MUSEUM

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 26th

7:00 a.m. to Noon

Adults \$10.00

10 years & under \$5.00

Memorial Hall – Wyoming

**Featuring: Super Recipe Scrambled Eggs,
Pancakes, grilled sausages, toast, fruit, yogurt & juice**

Carryouts available

**Sponsored by:
Wyoming Historical Museum**

The Museum will be open for tours – free!
Not just another pancake breakfast – it's good food!!!

District 2

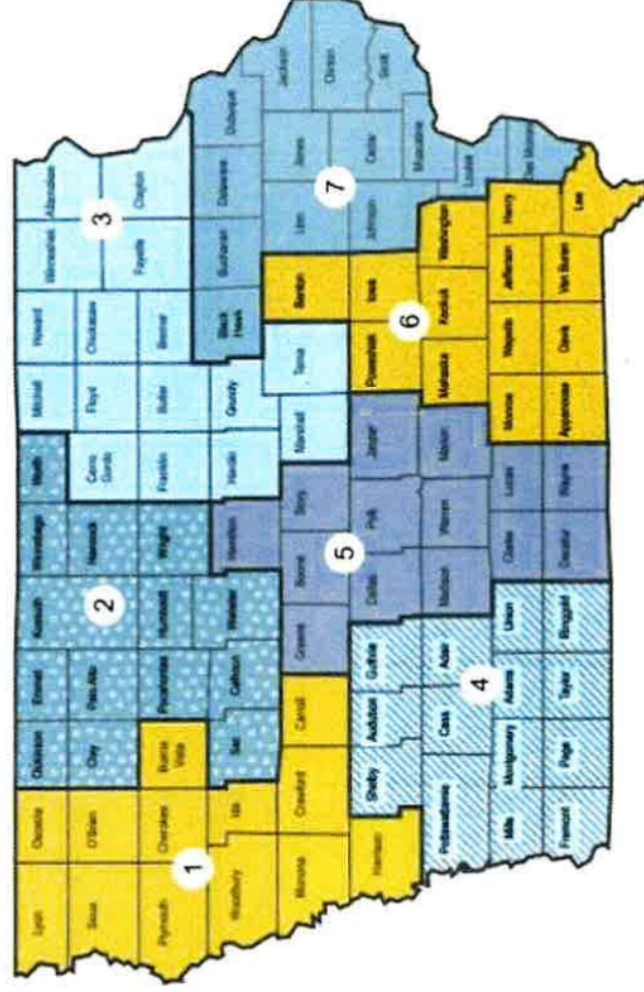
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District 1

Lyon, Osceola,
Sioux, O'Brien,
Plymouth,
Cherokee, Buena
Vista, Woodbury,
Ida, Monona,
Crawford, Carroll,
Harrison

District 4

Shelby, Audubon,
Guthrie, Pottawattamie,
Cass, Adair, Mills,
Montgomery, Adams,
Union, Fremont, Page,
Taylor, Ringgold



District 7

Black Hawk,
Buchanan,
Delaware, Dubuque,
Linn, Jones,
Jackson, Johnson,
Cedar, Clinton,
Muscatine, Scott,
Louisa, Des Moines

District 5

Hamilton, Greene, Boone, Story, Dallas,
Polk, Jasper, Madison, Warren, Marion,
Clarke, Lucas, Decatur, Wayne

District 6

Benton, Poweshiek, Iowa, Mahaska, Keokuk,
Washington, Monroe, Wapello, Jefferson,
Henry, Appanoose, Davis, VanBuren, Lee

Western Iowa Service Collaborative

District 1, 4
712-328-5645

admin@DAPwest.org

Behavioral Health & Disability Services

District 5
515-286-3573

bhds@polkcountyiowa.gov

Collaborative Individual & Community Supports

District 2, 3, 6
515-513-6870

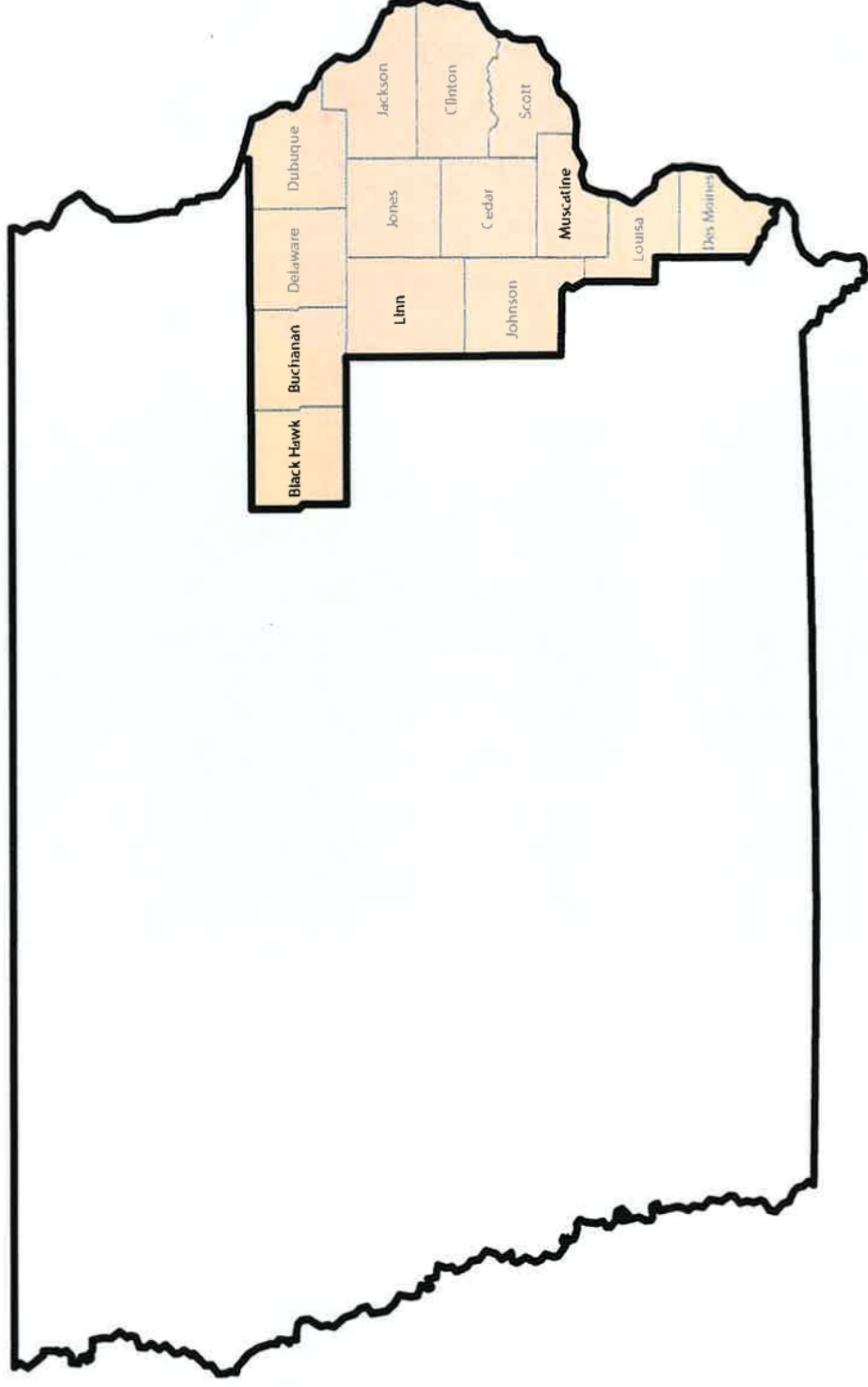
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MH/DS of the East Central Region

District 7
319-892-5671

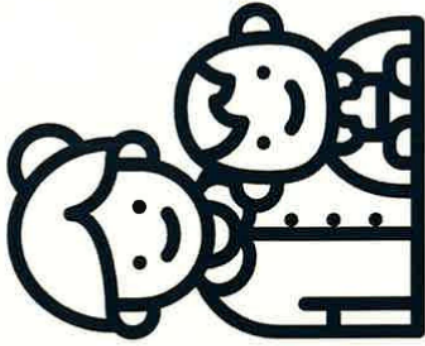
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District 7 Behavioral Health & Disability Services ADRC DAP



Location	Address	Hours
Columbus Junction Public Library 319-430-6662	232 2 nd Street Columbus Junction	1 st and 3 rd Monday of the Month 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Burlington Public Library 319-430-6662	232 2 nd Street Burlington	Wednesday - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Muscatine County 319-430-6662	313 Iowa Ave Muscatine	Thursday - 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Clinton County Administration Bldg. 319-325-5897	1900 N 3 rd Street Clinton	Tuesday - 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Johnson County Health & Human Services 319-530-1974 319-310-5564	855 S Dubuque Street Iowa City	Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 am to 1:30 pm TBD - 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Iowa Department of Health & Human Services 319-330-3640	600 W 4 th St, 4 th Floor Davenport	Wednesday - 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Cedar County Courthouse 319-325-5897	400 Cedar Street Tipton	1 st and 3 rd Thursday of the Month 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Jackson County Mental Health TBD	311 W Platt Street Maquoketa	TBD

District 7 Disability Service Advisory Council



Nine Members

- Individuals with Lived-Experience
- Caregivers
- Providers and other Stakeholders



Nine of Fourteen

Counties Represented

- Jackson
- Dubuque
- Des Moines
- Black Hawk
- Johnson
- Linn
- Scott
- Clinton
- Muscatine



- Shaping policy
- Improving communication
- Ensuring real community needs are discussed

What is a Disability Access Point?

A “Disability Access Points” or “DAPs” are local places that help people with disabilities, their families, and their caregivers find the services and support they need—both short-term and long-term. They are a friendly first stop for finding helpful information and services.

There are 4 agencies designated as DAPs across 7 districts in Iowa. These agencies are part of Iowa's Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Network.

What Services are provided by DAPs?

DAPs help people with disabilities and their families find and use the services they need by providing the following services:

- ▶ **Information & Assistance:** DAPs give people, their families, and caregivers important information to help them make informed choices about long-term services and supports (LTSS) by
 - Figuring out what the person needs.
 - Making sure the person knows about services and opportunities.
 - Connecting the person with local providers for the help they need (respite or home modifications).
- ▶ **Options Counseling:** DAPs help people understand their pathways and set goals to make informed choices on their care. The person leads the process, and they can include family members or others they trust. This usually lasts about 90 days.
- ▶ **Non-Medicaid Short-Term Services and Supports (STSS):** These are temporary services that help people with disabilities live in their homes and communities and provide support to their families and caregivers.
- ▶ **Service Coordination for Non-Medicaid LTSS:** This is a process where someone helps the person get and manage their LTSS. The person works with a coordinator to create a care plan, set goals, and choose services to meet those goals.

Who can I reach out to with concerns after July 1, 2025?

If you have any concerns or experience any issues with your services, you can reach out to your Disability Access Point.

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In each area, DAPs will:

- Give people and caregivers helpful information and guide them to local service providers in their community.
- Be part of the ADRC Network, working as a trusted resource center for aging and disability help.
- Team up with local leaders, individuals with disabilities and disability programs to make sure disability services are meeting community needs.

The Disability Services System (DSS) is designed to support, provide care, and connection for all Iowans and families with disability-related needs.

What is an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)?

ADRCs (Aging and Disability Resource Centers) help make it easier for older adults and people with disabilities to find the services and support they need. They work with different partners to make sure people get the right help in a simple and easy way.

Here's what else ADRCs do:

- Answer questions and give support that fits each person's needs
- People can contact the ADRC in four main ways:
 1. In person
 2. By phone
 3. Through the website
 4. By being referred by a community partner

Learn more about your Disability Access Point below.

Eastern Iowa
Disability Alliance
MHDS of the ECR DAP

319-892-5671

DAPadmin@eciowa.us

Proudly serving the counties of Black Hawk, Buchanan, Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Des Moines, Dubuque, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Linn, Louisa, Muscatine, and Scott.

Disability Services System (Non-Medicaid)

Information and Assistance (I+A)

- Someone to guide you

Options Counseling

- Person centered planning

Short-Term Services and Supports (STSS)

- Adaptive Equipment
- Home and Vehicle Modifications
- Individual Assessment and Evaluation
- Other Basic Needs
- Peer and Parent Support
- Time-limited Rental Assistance
- Transportation

Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS)

- Adult Day Services
- Day Habilitation
- Home-Based Habilitation
- Intensive Residential Services (IRSH)
- Long-Term Job Coaching
- Personal Response System (PERS)
- Portable Locator System
- Prevocational Services
- Residential-Based Supported Community Living (RBSCCL)
- Residential Care Facilities (RCF)
- Residential Care Facility for Persons with Mental Illness (RDF-PMI)
- Respite
- Supported Community Living (SCL)
- Supported Employment including Individual Placement and Supports (IPS)
- Vocational Skills Training



For additional information about Iowa's Disability Services System scan the QR code or visit <https://hhs.iowa.gov/initiatives/system-alignment/iowas-disability-services-system>



ADRC

Iowa Aging and Disability Resource Center
Iowa HHS

TOYS FOR TOTS



APPLICATIONS TO REQUEST GIFTS FOR CHILDREN
AGES 0 TO 17 WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLINE ONLY
FROM OCTOBER 1st THROUGH NOVEMBER 30th.

anamosa-ia.toysfortots.org

Please note:

When accepted, you will receive an email.

A second email will be sent at a later date

informing you of the pick up information from
jonescoiwatoystots@gmail.com



MARINE CORPS RESERVE

TOYS FOR TOTS

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JONES COUNTY CARE AND SHARE APPLICATION

***FAMILIES MUST LIVE IN JONES COUNTY
***CHILDREN MUST RESIDE WITHIN YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Parent Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Applications need to be returned no later than November 14th, 2025. Applications received after this date will be based on availability. Children need to be living in the home of the applicant full time. Grandparents or other relatives may only apply if they are the guardian of the children and the children live with them. If you move or change your contact information, call Sherri Hunt at 319-551-3402. If you are unable to pick up your gifts, they may be given to another family.

If available, I could use a food basket _____ or cleaning supplies _____.

This program is for children 12 years of age and younger. Please list items that are reasonable in price, less than \$20 is suggested.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

Birthdate: _____ Sex: _____ Birthdate: _____ Sex: _____

Clothing Sizes:

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Pants: _____

Pants: _____

Tops: _____

Tops: _____

Toy Item: _____

Toy Item: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

Birthdate: _____ Sex: _____ Birthdate: _____ Sex: _____

Clothing Sizes:

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Pants: _____

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Tops: _____

Tops: _____

Toy Item: _____

Toy Item: _____

Please return the completed form by November 14th, 2025 to insure a gift for your child.

I authorize HACAP and Jones County CPPC/Family Council to release any information pertaining to my situation and to discuss it with participating Care and Share organizations. I also understand that if I have not been contacted by December 15th, 2025 that I may not be helped this year.

Signature

Date

Return form to: Sherri Hunt or Julie Finn, 105 Broadway Place, Suite 17, Anamosa or email
sherri.hunt@jonescountyiowa.gov

Use this side also if needed.

This program is for children 12 years of age and younger. Please list items that are reasonable in price, less than \$20 is suggested.

Name: _____ Age: _____

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