

MISSION STATEMENT:

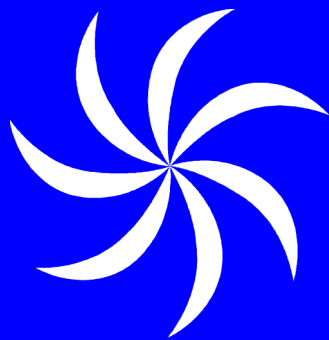
Our vision is for Tama County to have strong families, safe children and concerned, caring adults.

VISION:

We will be a catalyst by which our community works together to promote healthy children (age 0-18) and families in Tama County.

PURPOSE:

We will seek to insure that children and families in Tama County receive instruction and support in the areas of tobacco prevention, substance abuse prevention, teen pregnancy prevention and child abuse prevention.



SKIP Members

- Tama County Public Health & Home Care
- Tama County Iowa State University Extension and Outreach
- South Tama County School District
- Center Associates Mental Health Clinic
- Department of Human Services
- Mid-Iowa Community Action
- Tama County Juvenile Probation
- Tama-Toledo News
- Jasper, Poweshiek, Tama County Decat
- Substance Abuse Treatment of Central Iowa (SATUCI)
- Better Tomorrows ECI
- Tama County Supervisors
- Parent Partners
- Child Abuse Prevention Services
- Meskwaki Family Services
- Meskwaki Police Department
- Tama Police Department
- Tama County Ministerial Association
- Pathways - Tobacco & Gambling Prevention
- Tama County Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition
- Central Rivers AEA
- ACCESS (Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support)
- Wieting Theatre
- Community Partners

S.K.I.P.



Supporting Kids In Prevention

Contact Information:

Tama County Public Health &
Home Care

129 West High Street

Toledo, Iowa 52342

Phone: 641-484-4788

Toll Free: 1-866-484-4788

Fax: 641-484-5447

E-mail: health@tamacounty.org

ABOUT SKIP

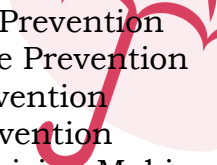
Tama County joined a statewide initiative in November, 2004. This initiative was called the Community Partnership for Protecting Children.

Community Partnership sites share the common goal of refocusing responsibility for the safety of children in their communities.

Under this approach, service providers developed a plan aimed at preventing abuse before it occurs.

Tama County identified the needs of the communities and began building collaborations and partnerships with other service agencies, programs, and groups that serve children.

In June, 2005 we changed our name to Tama County SKIP (Supporting Kids In Prevention). SKIP serves as an umbrella of prevention services already in place in Tama County.

- 
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention
 - Substance Abuse Prevention
 - Child Abuse Prevention
 - Tobacco Use Prevention
 - Family Team Decision Making Meetings

WHAT WE KNOW

- Families are stronger when all members, including caregivers, are safe from abuse.
- There is no substitute for strong families to ensure that children and youth grow up to be capable adults.
- Families need supportive communities to help them be strong.
- Children can best be kept safe when families, friends, residents, and organizations work together as partners.
- Children should stay with their own families, whenever possible.
- Services and supports need to be available earlier, before crises occur, and must be closely linked to the communities in which families live.
- Government alone, through the public child protective services (CPS) agency, cannot keep children safe from abuse and neglect.
- Efforts to reduce abuse and neglect must be closely linked to broader community initiatives and priorities.

WHAT WE NEED

Members of the Community to help!

We need to ask ourselves—

- What can I do to better protect children in my community?
- How can we all reach families before abuse occurs?

We know that no one agency can bear sole responsibility for keeping children safe. It is our belief that protecting children is everyone's concern.

