

# S.K.I.P.

## Supporting Kids In Prevention

SKIP was organized in September, 2004. It is a countywide coalition which is part of the statewide Community Partnership for Protecting Children (CPPC) Initiative. SKIP has identified the needs of local and county youth and has begun building community partnerships with entities that serve families.

**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, pregnancy prevention and child abuse prevention.



### **Core Principles**

- The child protection services agency, working alone, cannot keep children safe from abuse and neglect.
- Ideally, citizens and community members should be directly involved in providing support to families in need and in shaping the types of service and support that are made available to families.
- Supports and services must be based in the communities in which families live.
- Localities have to shape their own strategies and develop a range of services based on their own resources, needs, and cultures.

## Current SKIP Coalition Members

Tama County Public Health & Home Care  
Teens Against Tobacco Use  
North Tama School District  
Kid's Corner Day Care  
Department of Human Services  
Mental Health Clinic of Tama County  
Tama County Publishing  
South Tama School District  
Tama County Iowa State University Extension  
Tama Police Department  
Ministerial Association  
Domestic Violence Alternative/Sexual Assault  
Center

Substance Abuse Treatment Unit of Central  
Iowa  
Child Abuse Prevention Services  
Mid-Iowa Community Action  
Jasper/Poweshiek/Tama County-Decat  
Meskwaki After School Program  
Meskwaki Healthy Start  
Tama County Empowerment  
Tama County Tobacco Coalition  
Tama County Teen Pregnancy Prevention  
Coalition

SKIP Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the ISU Extension Office.

If you are interested in participating in the SKIP Coalition or would like more information, please contact Tama County Public Health at (641) 484-4788 or 1-866-484-4788.

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Child  
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