

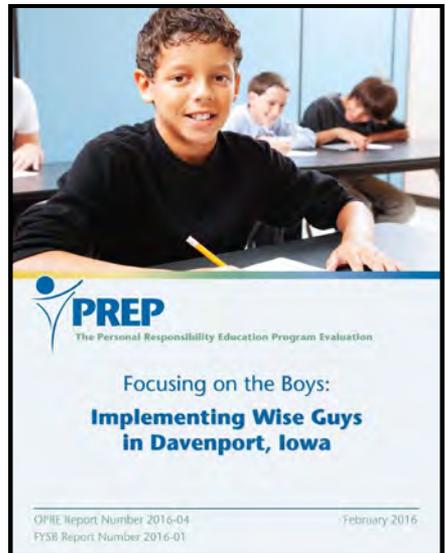
Bethany Program Gains National Attention

A new report from the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services lauded Bethany for Children & Families for its implementation of *Wise Guys*, a teen pregnancy prevention program that focuses, atypically, on male responsibility in teen pregnancy prevention efforts. The curriculum also works to strengthen communication between boys and their parents; increase knowledge related to sexual attitudes and the consequences of risky behavior; and enhances boys' ability to identify personal values and beliefs related to sexuality.

"Bethany has developed strong linkages to the community through more than 30 years conducting teen pregnancy prevention programming in the Quad Cities," the report stated. "Over its long history of providing teen pregnancy prevention programs, Bethany has gained recognition as the community expert in teen pregnancy prevention and has earned a strong reputation among schools and other agencies in the Quad Cities."

Funded by an Iowa Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) grant, Bethany for Children & Families delivered the *Wise Guys*

curriculum to 7th grade boys in seven Davenport-area middle schools during the 2013–2014 and 2014–2015 school years. Mathematica Policy Research ...

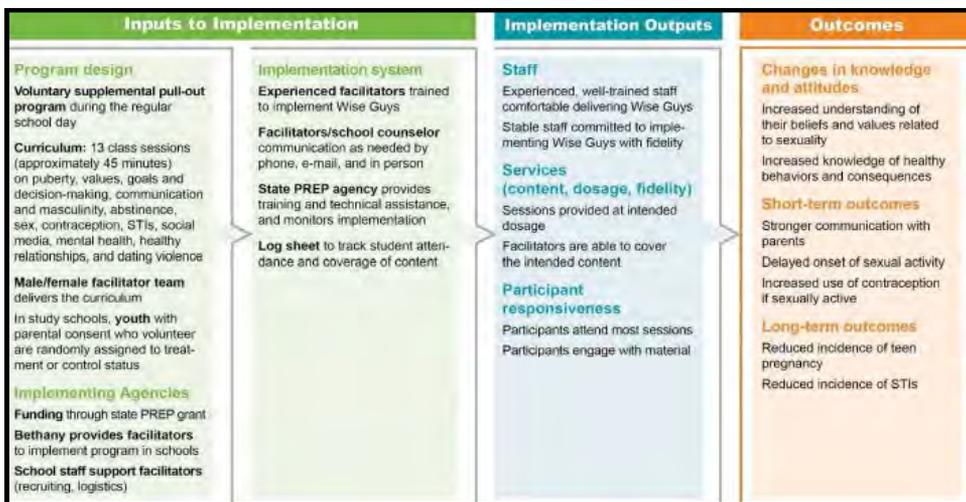


View the full report on the OPRE
website at www.acf.hhs.gov.

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collaborated with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) to conduct a rigorous evaluation of the *Wise Guys* program as implemented by Bethany.

Bethany educators created an environment in which boys felt comfortable to ask questions and participate actively. The report indicates that the young men who participated in *Wise Guys* liked the program. One participant said, "This program shows you how to make good decisions, and shows you what to do and what not to do, and how to be more mature."



The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) studies Administration for Children and Families (ACF) programs and the populations they serve through rigorous research and evaluation projects. These include evaluations of existing programs, evaluations of innovative approaches to helping low-income children and families, research syntheses and descriptive and exploratory studies.

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The Iowa Department of Public Health strives to improve the quality of life for all Iowans by assuring access to quality population-based health services related to preventing injuries; promoting healthy behaviors; protecting against environmental hazards; strengthening the public health infrastructure; preventing epidemics and the spread of disease; and preparing for, responding to, and recovering from public health emergencies.

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The monthly MERIT award recognizes an employee for distinguished service to the agency. MERIT awardees are nominated by their peers or members of the community and are recognized for their outstanding commitment to children and families served by Bethany.



Alyse Egan
December 2015
MERIT Award Winner

Alyse Egan is a Case Manager in the agency's Moline office. The nomination stated, "Alyse works diligently not only with her clients directly, but also with each of the client's 'team.' Alyse has built an amazing rapport with various school personnel and community counselors who are an asset to her clients' well-being. Alyse willingly accepted to take on extra cases not only in her own program but also in a second program during her co-worker's family leave absence. Overall, Alyse has proven to be a dedicated, charismatic, and strong-willed case manager who will always go above and beyond when it comes to clients' well-being."



Amy Allison
January 2016
MERIT Award Winner

Amy Allison is a Case Manager in the agency's Davenport office. The nomination stated, "Amy is always willing to help others and models what team work is all about. Amy often goes out of her way to help others meet the demands of their positions (e.g., brainstorming ideas for sessions, making spreadsheets, filing, making jokes, etc...). Amy continually sets an example for her coworkers by striving to improve her professional and personal life. Amy seeks out workshops, trainings, and new resources, and she shares what she has learned with other staff. Amy has been an inspiration to the Iowa office in many ways. Amy is a true asset to Bethany for Children & Families."



Gretchen Hagen
February 2016
MERIT Award Winner

Gretchen Hagen is the Accounting & Human Resources Manager for Bethany for Children & Families. The nomination stated, “One of Gretchen’s responsibilities is to ensure that all of the reporting for the agency’s income tax documents are prepared correctly by our payroll company. The company sent Gretchen at least five drafts of the new form. She carefully reviewed them each time, spending several weeks to make sure they were correct. On the day they arrived, Gretchen immediately checked them for errors – and found some! Gretchen saved everyone at the agency from a potential nightmare when it came time to do our taxes. Gretchen also was part of a project to help train supervisors in hiring procedures. Gretchen went out of her way to ensure that every new hire at Bethany is give appropriate information, and that supervisors are well-informed about the agency’s procedures. She personifies the spirit of a MERIT winner.”



Downtown *Moline* Blood Drive

Bethany partners with the **Mississippi Valley Blood Center, Moline Community Development Corporation, the Dispatch/Argus, Moline Centre,** and the **City of Moline** to host a blood drive at the agency’s Moline location.

Blood Drive

Thursday, April 21
12:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
Bethany for Children & Families
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Program Spotlight

Phoenix Day Treatment Program

The Bethany-Blackhawk Phoenix Day Treatment Program is a special education school with a social work component that is funded through a partnership between the United Way of the Quad Cities Area, the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services, Bethany for Children & Families, and the Rock Island County (708) Mental Health Board, and operated in conjunction with Black Hawk Area Special Education District (BHASSED), a special education consortium that includes 13 individual school districts in the Illinois Quad City area. Treatment within the Phoenix Program is based upon each student's individualized educational plan (IEP). Special education services, case management services, and interventions are offered to area youth who are at risk of disrupting from their homes of origin and being placed in a residential setting.

In the 2015 fiscal year, 95% of students in the Phoenix Day Treatment School remained within their family of origin and were not placed outside the home on a permanent basis.

Graduates from the Bethany-Blackhawk Phoenix Day Treatment Program receive a certificate from Phoenix and earn diplomas from their home district schools.



Program Spotlight

Bethany-Blackhawk Phoenix Program Success Story

Ray entered the Phoenix program at age 14. In addition to emotional disorders, he also had a diagnosed learning disability in reading and struggled with school work, often shutting down and refusing to complete tasks. During his first two years at Phoenix, Ray would have an outburst and remain angry for days, even weeks at a time, threatening staff, hitting walls, and using inappropriate language.



Ray began to implement the suggestions of Neal Shipley, his caseworker from Bethany, and worked on many tools to better handle his anger and frustrations. While in counseling, Ray was able to discuss home issues and personal problems and learned how to better control his anger in all areas of his life.

During his last year of high school, Ray was able to successfully transition back to his home school, United Township High School, for part of the day to participate and earn high school credit toward his diploma by taking a vocational education class in auto body repair. Ray made a lot of friends and gave a moving speech at his own high school graduation ceremony in 2014. In his speech, he encouraged other students to work hard and be successful. He thanked his mother, the Phoenix program, Neal Shipley, and the Phoenix Day Treatment staff for helping him achieve his dream of graduating high school with a diploma. Ray shared with the audience that he knew he would not have been able to achieve this goal and probably would be in jail if it were not for the services and staff of the Phoenix program.

Neal has kept in touch with Ray. Ray has used the skills he learned at high school and during counseling sessions successfully, and he is currently employed full time. Ray is a graduate who represents a huge success for himself and the Phoenix Day Treatment School. He is now a contributing member of this community and is giving back in many ways.

What About the Boys?

On March 4, Bethany for Children & Families presented **What About the Boys?** — a free conference designed for sophomore, junior, and senior high school boys in Quad City area schools. The conference addressed the challenges and opportunities presented to young men today. Almost 100 high school boys from 10 local high schools attended the conference, and presenters covered a wide range of topics, including:

- **What it Means to be a Man**—Presented by Quincy Davis - Wise Guys Program Coordinator at Bethany for Children & Families (Photo 1)
- **Sex—2016**—Presented by Stuart Scott - Educator at the Scott County Health Department (Photo 2)
- **Cool It! Don't Hit!**—Presented by Tad Birditt, Dave VanLandegen, Chris Spencer, and Jay Bland - Youth Advocates (Photo 3)
- **It's Not Them, It's You**—Presented by Neil Dahlstrom - Manager at Deere & Company (Photo 4)
- **It's All Between the Ears**—Presented by Demetrius and Demetryione Singleton - Youth Advocates (Photo 5)
- **Young Men Struggling for Survival**—Presented by Carlos Jimenez - Drug Prevention Specialist at the Martin Luther King Center (Photo 6)

Lunch entertainment was provided by **Guys in Ties**, an elite traveling improv comedy troupe based out of Rock Island, Illinois. The young men also had the opportunity to tour the Western Illinois University—Quad Cities Campus and develop ideas for the future as they transition from being teenagers into being young men.

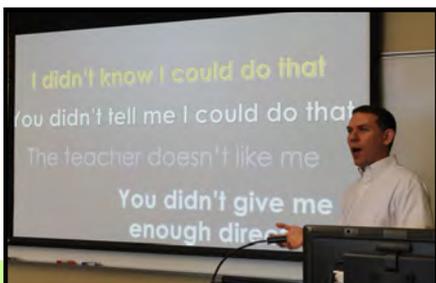


Davenport West High School



Mid-City High School

What About the Boys?



United Township High School



Rock Island High School

The Generosity of the Quad Cities



For the fourth year in a row, **Scott County Catholic Schools** in Iowa selected Bethany for Children & Families as a beneficiary of their Dodgeball for Diapers donation drive. Students donated hundreds of diapers to Bethany as part of the National Catholic Schools Week celebration.



Team members at the **Hy-Vee Starbucks** on 53rd Street in Davenport, Iowa, donated their tips for the purchase of “critical need” cleaning supplies for Bethany’s clients.



John Deere Davenport Works Gift Shop donated hundreds of brand new articles of clothing—including sweaters, hoodies, and t-shirts—for men, women, girls, and boys.

The Generosity of the Quad Cities



Country Side Christian Church in Port Byron, Illinois, hosted a donation drive for “critical need” items, such as diapers, baby formula, and cleaning and school supplies.



Christina Kost of Milan, Illinois, donated boxes of new toys, costumes, lunch boxes, arts and crafts supplies, and more.



Kelly Lueders of Davenport, Iowa, and **Diana Rasmussen** of Coal Valley, Illinois, donated brand new fleece hats, scarves, and blankets!



Volunteers Make a Difference!



Volunteers from **John Deere Davenport Works** filled goodie bags for Bethany's Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program and helped to prepare for an upcoming mailing.



Guys in Ties—an elite traveling improv comedy troupe based out of Rock Island, Illinois—provided lunch entertainment for Bethany's "What About the Boys?" conference on March 4. (Read more about the conference on Pages 8-9.)

Spring Group Volunteer Opportunity



Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity for a group of adults? Help Bethany paint the interior walls of a donated property! For more information, contact Dylan Davis at ddavis@bethany-qc.org.

National *Social Work* Month

The month of March is recognized as National Social Work Month!

Social workers confront some of the most challenging issues facing individuals, families, communities, and societies, and they forge solutions that help people reach their full potential and make our nation a better place to live.

Bethany is proud to employ the talent of dedicated social workers — therapists, case managers, development specialists, and directors — who work every day to advance the agency's mission of *keeping children safe, strengthening families, and building healthy communities.*



Recent *Grants*

The Transitional Housing for Youth and the Housing for Chronically Homeless Families programs received a grant of \$30,000 from the **Hubbell-Waterman Foundation**.

The Transitional Housing for Youth and the Housing for Chronically Homeless Families programs received a grant of \$5,000 from the **Lowell N. Johnson Charitable Foundation**.

The **MAXIMUS Foundation** awarded \$2,500 to Bethany's Direct Family Interventions program.

CD Wiman Memorial Trust awarded a grant of \$3,000 to the Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program.

The **Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine** awarded Bethany \$2,500 for the provision of Behavioral Health Intervention Services in Muscatine.



The Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine awarded almost \$50,000 to 27 local charities and nonprofits.



Joscelyn Stone (center), Bethany's Director of Development and Communications, and Amy Phillips (right), Supervisor of the Behavioral Health Intervention Services program, accept a grant of \$2,500 from Judi Holdorf (left), Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine.

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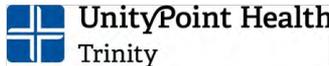
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