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Child Development Center – Redesign To Add Desperately Needed Services

Children & Families of Iowa is in the process of establishing a Family Engagement Department within the existing child care center. This will reduce barriers to much-needed services and better position CFI to ensure a holistic approach is utilized to help propel families forward. The renovation of existing space includes: construction of a therapy room, family development advisement office, family therapy space, Child-Parent Psychotherapy observation room, and improved Americans with Disabilities Act compliance. In addition to current services offered at the center, the renovations will allow for mental and behavioral health services as well as facilitation and consultation of other recommended family support services, such as workforce training, domestic violence services and financial management services.

CFI focuses on advancing the well-being of the children and parents it serves. Along with high-quality child care, this includes on-site access to physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy for the children, as well as Therapeutic Child Care (TCC) for children and families that have endured a significant amount of trauma. These children have been unsuccessful in other childcare settings and are positioned to flourish through TCC programming.

CFI serves a very diverse community of families through the child development center. Most families live in Des Moines' urban core. Many are low-income working families disproportionately affected by the

pandemic. Since the pandemic, the need for additional mental health services for children and families along with career assessment, training, and placement for parents has become paramount for the success of the entire family. Through family needs assessment, social determinants of health such as housing, education, financial stability, and employment are addressed.

The immediate beneficiaries of these added services will be the existing families that utilize CFI's child care services. The expansion of services will be rolled out to hundreds of clients served through other CFI programs as soon as possible. The availability of these centralized services will both increase access by reducing barriers of transportation, time, and child care, as well as maintain the trust and sense of security our existing families already feel at the center.



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Most Influential Nonprofits 2021

We would like to thank the Business Record Book of Lists for honoring Children & Families of Iowa as one of the Most Influential Nonprofits.

New Board Member

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to incoming CFI Board of Directors member Margo R. Foreman, Iowa State University



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New Event: CFI Mission



Movers - Walk • Run • Bike

Date: Saturday, May 15, 2021
Time: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Virtual

Please join us in making a difference in the lives of children and families throughout Iowa by donating to or participating in CFI's Statewide Virtual Walk • Run • Bike event!

Find out more at <http://bit.ly/cfimissionmovers> to register as an individual, create a team, or join an existing team.

CFI's Work Readiness Program Expands

Children & Families of Iowa is pleased to announce the expansion of programming designed to help youth find and keep employment to include qualified adults who are unemployed, homeless, or under employed.

In addition, CFI has added the Ticket to Work program. Ticket to Work is a free, voluntary program that provides support and information to SSI/SSDI beneficiaries who are interested in returning to the work force.



New Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021

New Location: Toad Valley Golf Course
Pleasant Hill, IA

New for 2021 at Family Tees!

Mini Golf Challenge-Families will enjoy either 9 or 18 holes of mini golf while restoring hope for at-risk children and families. Registration includes a Family Tees swag bag, lunch and participation certificate.



Date: Friday, September, 2021

New Location: Willow Creek Golf Course
West Des Moines, IA

Watch For Event Updates Coming Soon!

**Handbags for Hope event
coming Fall 2021!**

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