

Booster Newsletter

"WE DO SO THEY CAN"

BOOSTER ORGANIZATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

CHANGES IN THE STATE OF THINGS

Earlier this year, legislation was passed that implements a new behavioral health services system in Iowa. Currently, Iowa has mental health and disability services regions. Beginning July 1, 2025, those regions will be replaced with fewer districts that include more counties per district. The other change from this redesign is the move of disability services to the Department of Aging and Disability Services.

Most individuals served at Empowering Abilities are on a waiver, as opposed to being funded by the county. For those individuals on the waivers, this is a nonissue. However, for individuals who are county funded, their county funded is uncertain.

County funding has historically been accessed for people who are not on waiver services for a few different reasons. Some of the most common reasons are: they have applied for the waiver and are on the waiting list, which could be as long as seven years, or they don't qualify for a waiver due to their primary diagnosis.

At Empowering Abilities, about 7 to 10 people could be impacted from this change. Because there is a commitment at Empowering Abilities to continue to service these folks, plans are being made to find a way to fund their services.

The state still needs to work out eligibility requirements and funding processes, so the extent to which these folks are affected is to be determined.

OPEN HOUSE

WHERE: 3402 HICKORY GROVE ROAD

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

TIME: 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

- Tour the newly revamped areas, including the Hall of Fame and Daily Discovery rooms.
- Check out the new outdoor court and picnic area.
- See the latest jobs running in Enterprise.
- Have lunch on us!

Don't miss out. See you there.

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

With your support, we can create a safe and functional walking path for the individuals served at the Hickory Grove Road building. Currently, the walking path is in the parking lot, where moving vehicles and uneven surfaces pose constant obstacles. *Help us pave the way to a safer path!*

You can make your gift online by scanning the QR code or by mailing a check to 3402 Hickory Grove Road, Davenport, IA 52806.



DATES TO REMEMBER

INSERVICE

Hickory Grove and Brady St. inservice day is Tuesday, August 13th. Daily Discovery Services will be closed for participants that day.



Labor Day Holiday

Day services at Hickory Grove Road and Brady Street will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 2nd.

BOWLING

We are rolling up on bowling season! Bowling will start on September 7th at Leisure Lanes again this year. Everyone must arrive by 1 PM, or no later than noon if you plan to eat.

Let's Get **SOCIAL**

Like, comment, and share the great things happening at Empowering Abilities! By doing this, you can help us reach more people to educate them on the services Empowering Abilities has to offer.



GIVE A HAND WITH 'HELP WANTED'

Pass the word!

We need your help to get the word out about open positions. Job openings include:

- Part time
- Full time
- Day shifts
- Evening shifts
- Flexible schedules

Empowering Abilities jobs have great traditional benefits and many more, less tangible, but other super rewarding benefits.

Send people to empoweringabilities.org to apply.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE BOOSTERS

BOOSTERS CALL TO ACTION

Once September is here, the Boosters start kicking into action with fundraising events, parties, and activities for the participants.

Many opportunities will soon be available to get involved. Get ready to raise your hand when the call to action is made!

BOOSTER MEETING

Come and enjoy an ice cream Sunday at the next Booster meeting. It will be held at 1 p.m. on September 17th at the Hickory Grove Road building.



BOOSTER PICNIC

The Booster Picnic for participants will be held Friday, September 27th, at the Hickory Grove Road facility. Boosters interested in helping should arrive at 10:30 AM.



ANNUAL BOOSTERS/BOB OTT MEMORIAL NUTS & CANDY SALE

It's almost time when everyone goes nuts for the nut sale. Stay tuned for more information.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Lexi Keppy at

lexikeppy@empoweringabilities.org

563-391-4834.



Join in the fun! Register today!

August 24th

3 PM-7 PM

Doors open at 2 PM

NEW LOCATION

3402 Hickory Grove Road Davenport, IA

\$30 per person!

Registration includes: T-shirt, food donated by Smokin' Butts BBQ, beverages, a chance to win door prizes, a chance at the first or second place prizes and of course, lots of fun!

Teams of up to 6!

FIRST PLACE PRIZE-6 Iowa Hawkeye football tickets and \$50 in gas gift cards!

Second place prize- \$150 gift cards for each member on the team.

Door prizes: 4 Notre Dame football tickets, a family photo shoot including a 14"X11" piece from Orange Door Studios, drive-in movie tickets, a River Bandits suite, and more.

To be guaranteed a shirt, register by August 9th!

To register, go to <https://p2p.onecause.com/hunt24>

If you are interested in supporting the Hunt through a sponsorship, or have questions, contact: Lexi Keppy.

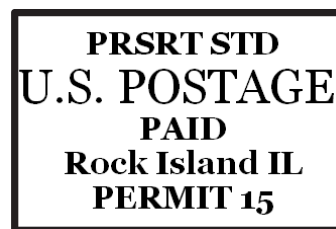
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