

Lafayette County -- Families First Centers

Argyle

Resource center location: Public Library
Special programs: Day Care the two Saturdays prior to Christmas,
Speakers on selected topics
Contact person: Penny Brummel

Belmont

Resource center location: Cart in the Public Library
Resource center location: Elementary library of the Belmont School
Special programs: Family reading nights, family game night, family movie night and play day
Contact person: Kim Heinrichs
home - 608-762-5322
school - 608-762-5171
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Benton

Resource center location: Benton High School Guidance Office
Special programs: Family Fun Night
Contact persons: Rhonda Wildes - school -759-4002, home - 759-3591
Darnell Hendricks – home – 759-3201

Blanchardville

Resource center location: Public Library
Special programs: To be announced
Contact person: Gretchen Dietrich,
library director
library - 608- 523-2055
gretd@swls.org

Darlington

Resource center location: “Parent’s Place” in the Johnson Public Library
Special programs: Programs and speakers as identified by parental concerns
Contact person: Judy Boll
home - 608-776-2153
bollj@mhtc.net

Gratiot

Resource center location: Black Hawk Middle School
Special programs: Web site on topics that address common problems encountered by young people and their parents, Family Fun Day
Contact person: Sharon Drees-Stewart
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dreezy@tds.net

Shullsburg

Resource center location: Shullsburg Public Library
Special programs: Annual family fun night for Halloween
Contact person: Tina Cruse
home - 608-965-3348

South Wayne

Resource center location: Black Hawk Elementary Resource Room
Special programs: Family Fun Night
Contact person: Cathy McCauley
school - 608-439-5444
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Families First Home Visitation

All families need and deserve support. The amount and kind of support varies from family to family and at various times within a family. Families may need:

- help to build on family strengths
- information to help parents care for their children
- help to develop communication skills
- an in-home visit from a trained paraprofessional

Families First New Beginnings

Families First New Beginnings offers education and support that begins prenatally and continues through the first year of a child’s life. This program features a “friendly home visitor” and is currently available to parents who plan to give birth at Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County.

Families First

What is it?

Families First is a coalition of people who live or work in Lafayette County. The purpose of this group is to strengthen and support Lafayette County families and children.



What does it do?

Families First promotes family strength and stability, helps parents to develop skills to care for their children, and promotes the importance of the family.

Local citizen groups in each of eight communities have established resources centers and provide family togetherness activities and/or programs to address local concerns of families. The eight centers are listed on the inside of the brochure.

Who funds it?

The program is primarily funded by federal funds through the Safe and Stable Families program, formerly the Family Preservation and Support program. Funding is placed with local agencies who serve children and families and also with local citizen groups in the eight communities.

Recipe to preserve families:

- ★ Take family members
- ★ Add love and respect
- ★ Mix with time together & communication
- ★ Seal with a hug
- ★ Preserve for a lifetime!

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