

Jasper County Cares Coalition Packet

Health and Human Services
& supporting organizations



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Jasper County Cares Coalition

The 2nd Wednesday at 10:30 AM

- August 12
- September 9
- October 14
- November 11
- December 9

2026



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Jasper Co. Office Building, Large Conference Room #006
315 W. 3rd St N. Newton, Iowa 50208

Jasper County Cares Coalition Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 10:30 AM

Location: 315 W 3rd St N., Large Conference Room, Newton

Mission: To enhance awareness of health & human service resources & promote collaboration to serve Jasper County.

Vision: Safe, healthy, and connected Jasper County.

Attendance: Please sign in

Welcome new attendees

Networking: Feel free to stay after the meeting.

Member Introductions and Sharing (1 minute for each person)

- Please stand up & state your name, organization, services provided, any changes, projects, events, Wins or Celebrations, etc.
- Volunteer or program needs or job openings. Take a moment for any questions.

Upcoming Organizational Spotlights:

Must attend the meetings regularly and not have been a speaker in the last year.

- August: [Colfax Child Care Center](#)- Tim Salmon tsalmon@colfaxmingo.org
- September: [United Way Jasper County](#), Jessica Lowe Vokes unitedwayjc@gmail.com
 - Subgroup: Cancer, University of Iowa, 99 Counties Cancer, 9 AM-10 AM, virtual too. Please [Register](#). See flyer
 - Subgroup, Maternal and Child Health, Jana Larsen ([MICA](#)) 9:30 AM Small conference room.
- October: [Dolly Parton Imagination Library](#), Rita Baker director@pccciowa.com
- November: [Central Iowa Shelter & Services](#), Amber ATompkins@centraliowashelter.org
- December: Annual Awards Event. List of Awards attached.
- January: no meeting
- February: TBD
- March: [Quakerdale Family Services, Wolfe Ranch, Whiskers & Mane](#), Beth Andrew, bandrew@quakerdalefamilyservices.org
- April: [American Lung](#) of Iowa (pig lungs) Emma Krapfl, Emmaline.Krapfl@lung.org
- May: [Capstone Behavioral Healthcare](#), the new Capstone Recovery Center, Substance IOP Treatment, Julie Smith, julies@capstonebh.com
- June: [Optimae Life Services](#)- Kris Reicks /Chris Clark
- July: **Networking Event**

About Jasper County Cares Coalition:

- [Website](#) and [Facebook](#)
- **Events:** <https://www.jasperia.org/calendar/> Check your events. Submit to the County calendar.
 - If you have questions, contact Jenn Cross at jcross@jasperia.org
- **Resource Guide:** <https://www.jasperia.org/resources/> Please check and email corrections.
- **Information Table at meeting:** **Please bring information or giveaways for the resource table.**
- **Contact:** Becky Pryor jaspercocares@jasperia.org. If your information changes, please let us know.

Next Cares Meeting: Jasper County Cares Coalition, Wednesday, **September 9, 2026**

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 - [Capstone](#) Recovery Center, New Intensive Outpatient Substance Program now open and accepting referrals
 - [Clearview Recovery](#), accepting female referrals.
 - Suicide Prevention Summit, Iowa Suicide Extension, August 27th.
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- [Newton YMCA](#) Fall Flyer
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Back to School Resources

- Medical Providers
 - [Mercy One Newton, Dr. Michael Metts](#), Pediatric Care
- JCHD, Back-to-School [Immunization Clinic \(VFC\)](#), only if no other medical provider)
 - Appointments are required
- [RAYS](#) program from [IMPACT](#) for Extracurricular Activities
- Vision: free
- School Supplies, Block Party, Free backpacks and school supplies
- [Newton Community School District](#) Information
 - School Info calendar, Back to School Checklist, Supply and Health Requirements
 - Berg Middle School, Back-to-School - Community Outreach, August 18 & 19.

To Do

- ☐ Sign up for [Jasper County Cancer Discussion](#), Sep 9, 9-10 AM, virtual and in-person.
- ☐ Add events to the online community [calendar](#).
- ☐ Check [resource guide](#) for your organization's information. Email updates.
- ☐ Check out the [Jasper County Cares Facebook page](#) and follow.
- ☐ Bring information for the resource table (business cards, flyers, giveaways, etc.).

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Learn more about cancer

in Jasper County

Did you know? Iowa has the 2nd highest rate of new cancer diagnoses in the U.S., and rates are rising!

254 people
in Jasper County are
diagnosed with cancer
each year, on
average

85 people
in Jasper County
die of cancer
each year, on average

Jasper County ranks
#60
for new cancer rates in
Iowa
where #1 is highest and #99 is
lowest

Join experts from the Iowa Cancer Registry
to learn about cancer trends, statistics,
and risk factors in your county.

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

9:00 – 10:00 AM

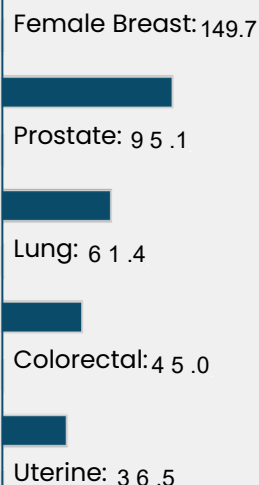
Jasper County Health Department
315 W 3rd Street N
Suite 006 (Large Conference Room)
Newton, IA 50208

This meeting will be livestreamed
via Zoom
RSVP to attend in-person or online
at <https://tinyurl.com/jaspercoia>
or use the QR code



Top cancers in Jasper County

Based on age-adjusted incidence rate per 100k



Iowa Cancer
Consortium
www.canceriowa.org

IOWA
HEALTH CARE
Holden Comprehensive
Cancer Center

Iowa
CANCER
REGISTRY
STATE HEALTH REGISTRY OF IOWA



Need Help?

Jasper County
Resource Guide

SCAN HERE



www.jasperia.org/resources

Jasper County Cares Sheet	7.27.2026 updated
Name	Organization
Ace Krupa	Aging Resources of Central Iowa
Adam Reiter	WesleyLife Hospice and Palliative Care
Aimee Spores	WesleyLife Hospice and Palliative Care
Alexis Thompson	St. Gregory Recovery Center
Ale Del Rio	Ribbons of Hope/Polk County Health Dept.
Allison Allen	Padadena Villia
Allison Graham	Berg Middle School
Alondra Sanchez	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
Alyssa Plunkett	Eunoia Counseling
Amanda Scalise	IMPACT
Amanda B. Sinclair	House of Mercy
Amber Tompkins	Central Iowa Shelter and Services
Amy Blanchard	JMP ECI
Amy Smith	Garden Gate Ranch
Andi Borsch	Department of Human Services IHHS, Newton
Andy Algreen	Algreen Legacy Group
Angela Barnell	Parent Partners
Angela Busick	Iowa, Probation/Parole - IDOC
Angelica Leguizamo	Ribbons of Hope/Polk County Health Dept.
Angie Van Winkle	Ember
Angie Wells	Capstone Behavioral Health
Anna Sciarrotta	Wesley Life
Annie Boelen	Proteus
Araceli Roberts	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
Ashley Rosenberg	Accura HealthCare
Aster Frommelt	YSS Prep
Austin Gross	Rosecrance Behavioral Health, Residential
Ava Neppi	EFR- Employee and Family Resources
Barb Ranck	EFR- Employee and Family Resources
Becca Decker	Habitat for Humanity, Greater of Des Moines
Becky Pryor	Jasper County Health Dept
Beila Thompson	Capstone Behavioral Health
Beth Andrew	Quakerdale Family Services
Betsy Stursma	Iowa Primary Care
Bill Ehler	NAMI Central Iowa volunteer
Blake Hollibaugh	Mentoring with Becky Pryor

Brad Shutts	Jasper County Sheriff
Braydon Chance	
Breanna Elliott	Phoenix House- Newton
Breeanna Olmstead	Parent Partners
Brenda Baird	Hospice of the Midwest
Brendan Johnson	Immanuel Pathways
Brett Michael	Jasper County Mental Health Advocate
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Brooke Holder	Grinnell, Unity Point
Bruce Showalter	Newton Housing Development
Caroline Noble	EFR- Employee and Family Resources
Cathy Drost	ISU Extension Health and Human Services
Chelsie Dirksen	Valley Vista Nursing and Rehab
Chelsie Kendall	Progress Industries
Cher Harris	Salvation Army
Chloie Rosenbalm	Home Instead
Chris Braunschweig	Newton Daily News
Chris Clark	Optimae Life Services
Christine Dawson	Newton Schools
Cindy Clark	Pella Regional Sully Clinic
Cindy Rybolt	Iowa Legal Aid
CJ Oldfield	Newton Clinic
Cody Daugherty	The Way
Cody Miller	EFR- Employee and Family Resources
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Connie Thomsen	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
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Dave Wood	Heartland AEA Regional Director
Dave Woodcock	The Well, Pella and Newton
Daveena Surber	Clearview Recovery
Deana Van Brocklin	Iowa Courts, Juvenile Court

Deb Ferrone	retired social worker
Denise Doucette	Capstone Behavioral Health
Devin Robertson	FOCUSS
Diane Mindham	Capstone Behavioral Health
Ella White	Newton Chamber of Commerce
Emily Easton	Four Oaks
Emily Hansen	Iowa Behavioral Associates
Emma Krapfl	American Lung of Iowa
Erik Bennett	FOCUSS
Erin Lepird	Heartland AEA Regional Director
Erin Ouerson	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
Felicia Hazelton	Short Years Program, PAT
Gary Martin	Friends in Hope
George Sorensen	Newton YMCA
Grace Fatino	Garden Gate Ranch
Gwenda Klyn	The Well
Heather Vander Beek	Heartland AEA
Hezekiah Applegate	PCM Schools
Holly Merk-Wilcox	Accura
Jacque Spriggs	Hickory Recovery
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Jaime Paca	Clive Behavioral Health
Jana Larsen	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
Jeff Alger	Innovative Counseling and Consulting Inc
Jeff Graney	ISU Extension
Jeff Holschuh	Advantage Credit Union, City Council
Jen Gustafson	CASA of Iowa
Jen Hooks	Newton Berg Middle School
Jenetta Hines	Iowa Primary Care
Jenn Tielbur	Team CSA-Community Support Advocates
Jennifer Lackamp	The Well, Newton
Jennifer O'Halloran	Lynnville-Sully School
Jessica Lowe Vokes	United Way
Jessica Miller	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
Jessica Swank	St. Croix Hospice
Jessie Manatrey	Valley Vista for Nursing and Rehabilitation
Jill Halter	Baxter Schools
Jocelin Reyes	Iowa PCA
Jodi Blackford	Crisis Intervention Services

Joe McQueery	EFR- Employee and Family Resources
Joseph Herst	Accrue
John Hoyt	Walmart, Newton
Jordan Reynolds	Innovative Counseling and Consulting Inc
Josalyn Vander Molen	Aging Resources of Central Iowa, Jasper County
Josh Britton & Johnny Bolt (dog)	Jasper County Sheriff's Office/ Baxter SRO
Josh Price	Jasper County VA
Josh Stafford	Progress Industries
Judy Monroe	Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Julie Britton	Newton Police Department
Julie Gibbons	Polk County Behavioral Health
Julie Smith	Capstone Behavioral Health
Kaleb Stevens	Blueprint to Home Ownership
Kara Dirksen	DMACC- Newton
Kara Schnell	The Well
Karen Kriz	Former Skiff Employee/Church
Karen Vanderhoff	AIM Life Services
Kathy Ellis	Jasper County EMA Emergency Management Agency
Katie Finch	Capstone Behavioral Health
Katlyn LeMaster	Iowa National Guard
Keith Isley	Progress Industries
Kelli Van Manen	Jasper County Senior Nutrition
Kelly Sorenson	Newton Schools
Ken Odland	Lutheran Church Of Hope
Kendi McCollum	House of Mercy, MercyOne, Newton
Keri Powers	Thrive Now Recovery Center
Keri Schippers	Mercy One Newton Medical Center
Kira Lazenby	Jasper County Sheriff's Office,
Kris Reicks	Optimae
Kristen Souza	PCM High School
Kristin Fantazia	Crisis Intervention Services
Kristina Burma	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
Kristina Chandler	CASA of Iowa, IHHS
Kristina Winfield	Jasper County Health Dept
Kurt Hoover	First Luthern Church
Kya Stilwell	EFR- Employee and Family Resources
Kyle Fueston	The Well, Newton
Kyle Lovan	Newton High School SRO, Newton PD
Lacy Shippers	Parent Partners

Larrisa Van Donselaar	The Well, Pella
Larry Anderson	First Presbyterian Church
Lauren Asman	EFR- Employee and Family Resources
Lauren Pendroy	Mercy One Newton Medical Center
Leah Bauman	Child Care Resource and Referral
Lee Cochran	Jasper County Hunger Relief
Leisha Zylstra	Wesley Life
Linda Anderson	Kid Assist
Lindsay Porter	Orchard Place
Lindsey Phillips	Together for Good
Lori Eekhoff	Heartland AEA
Lori Reynolds	State of Iowa VA
Lucas Ingle	AIM Life Solutions
Luke Skinner	Accura, Traditions Memory Care
Madison Ellis and Piper (dog)	Capstone Behavioral Health
Mariah Fox	Valley Vista for Nursing and Rehabilitation
Mark Feilmann	Newton Optimist
Mark Thayer	Newton Clinic
Mary Kay Gould	CERT Team Member
Maya Kellerman	CASA of Iowa, IHHS
Mayra Garcia	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
Megan Davidson	CCR&R
Megan Garrett	Iowa Courts
Megan Smith	<u>CASA of Iowa, IHHS</u>
Megan Thompson	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
Megan Van Beek	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
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Melissa Dalton	City of Newton, Council
Melissa Gary	Jasper County Health Dept
Mercedes See	Optimae
Michael Metts Dr. (Mike)	Mercy One Newton - Pediatrician
Michaela Gunsaulus	Lynnville-Sully Elementary School Counselor
Michelle White	Aging Resources of Central Iowa
Mikieya Garcia	Accura East
Miranda Caldwell	Newton Village
Miranda Lopez	Keys to Success
Morgan Burford	Crisis Intervention Services
Natalie Walker	Garden Gate Ranch
Nick Pietrack	Jasper County Attorney's Office

Nikki Brain	Gray Moon Public Market
Nikki Stout	Quick Visit Urgent Care
Patrick Mullen	Suncrest Hospice
Paul Millhollin	First Presbyterian Church
Pearl Hammes	Crisis Intervention Services
Peg Ehler	Jasper County Hunger Relief packaging St Lukes
Penelope Neal	Newton YMCA
Penny Seidenkranz	EFR Employee and Family Resources
Phyllis Peter	Newton Public Library
Raichel Burnett	EFR Employee and Family Resources
Randy Ervin	City of Newton
Ray Maxey	Jasper County Veterans Office
Rebecca Becky Peterson	House of Mercy, MercyOne, Newton
Rebecca McRae	Phoenix House
Rita Baker	Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa
Rob Burdess- Chief	Newton Police Department
Robert "Robbie" Robinson	Discover Hope 517
Roxanne Petersen	NAMI Central Iowa
Ryan Benz	Hyvee
Sam Carrell	CISS
Sam Vazquez	ICC BEHS program
Sara Van Wyk	Pella Regional, Sully Clinic
Sarah Patterson	RSVP (Senior Volunteer Program)
Sarah Urias	Capstone Behavioral Health
Scott Pritchard	Clearview Recovery
Serenity Bookout	Newton YMCA Childcare Director
Shannon Allen	Discover Hope 517
Shawn Kinnison	Hickory Recovery Network
Sheila Henrichsen	Aging Resources of Central Iowa
Shelley Koons	Family Crisis Center
Sierra Stevens	Mid Iowa Community Action Agency MICA
Stacey Aldrich	Innovative Counseling & Consulting
Stacey Miller	Wesley Life
Stan Hopwood	Parent Partners
Stephani Cummings	Garden Gate Ranch
Stephanie Appleby	CMA, Health Coach
Terra Oaks	Crisis Intervention Services
Tess De Bartolo	IHHS STI program
Tim Burns	Volunteer, Least of Saints Ministry

Tim North	Salvation Army Newton
Tim Salmon	Colfax Mingo Schools
TJ Decker & Delta	Jasper County Sheriff's Office/ LS SRO
Tom Troxell	Fellowship with Faith Ministry, Homeless outreach
Tracie Backstrom	Short Years Parents as Teachers

Jasper Co Cares Awards

Criteria: Must attend Jasper County Cares regularly (6+ meetings)

Perfect Attendance 2026 since Oct 2022, 3 years, 2 years, this year, New 6+ meetings, Organizations

Presenter during Meeting

Subgroup Leader

Jasper Co Cares Helper

Volunteer

Resource Navigator

Rising Star

Partnership (More than 1 that work together)

Community Impact- person/organization

Leadership in Action (1 award)

The Leadership Excellence Award recognizes an individual who leads by example and inspires others through integrity, vision, and dedication. This award celebrates those who go beyond words, demonstrating leadership through meaningful action, collaboration, and measurable results. Recipients embody the qualities of a true leader: motivating others, driving progress, and creating a positive and lasting impact within their organization or community.

Legacy (1 award) for many years of service

The Legacy Community Impact Award recognizes an individual who has made a lasting, positive impact on the community through their long-term commitment and leadership. This award recognizes those who have dedicated years of service, innovation, and advocacy to improving the lives of others. Recipients of this award have built a legacy of compassion, integrity, and impact, leaving their community stronger, more connected, and more hopeful for generations to come.



Capstone Behavioral Healthcare

Let us be part of the solution!

We are now offering Intensive Outpatient (IOP) services!

What is IOP?

An Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) is a structured substance abuse treatment program that allows individuals to live at home while receiving frequent therapy and support.

- Designed for individuals who do not need 24-hour care
- Often used as a step-down from inpatient/residential treatment or as a higher level than standard outpatient



Requirements

Adults: Minimum 9 hours per week of treatment

Adolescents: Minimum 6 hours per week of treatment

3-5 days a week

2-4 hours per session

- Allows for work, school, and family responsibilities.

Referrals may come from:

- Courts / Probation
- Healthcare providers
- Self-referral



Who is IOP appropriate for?

- Have a substance use disorder diagnosis
- Do not require detox or 24/7 supervision
- Are motivated to participate in treatment
- May be involved with court/probation requirements (e.g., OWI cases, OWI Classes)



Core Services

- Group therapy (primary component)
- Individual counseling
- Substance use education
- Relapse prevention planning
- Family therapy (when appropriate)
- Mental health / co-occurring disorder treatment

Why Choose Us

We are dedicated to helping you create a better life for yourself. And we have services that can support you every step of the way. Call 641-792-4012 to schedule an intake with one of our providers today!



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641-792-4012



306 N 3rd Ave E, Newton, IA 50208

NEWTON LOCATION:

1123 1st Ave, E. Suite #200
Newton, Iowa 50208
641-792-4012

GRINNELL LOCATION:

200 4th Ave. W.
Grinnell, Iowa, 50112
641-528-6065

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Text: 855- 895-8398
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Capstone Behavioral Healthcare is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that has been providing quality services in mental health, chemical dependency counseling, and community-based care since 1968.

Our mission at Capstone Behavioral Healthcare is to raise awareness of mental health, substance abuse, and chemical dependency. We strive to provide education, resources, and treatment in these areas and strive to be a strong pillar in the communities we serve.

Let us be a part of the solution!

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CAPSTONE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH OUTPATIENT

Outpatient mental health services at Capstone are delivered by a multi-disciplinary team of nurses, psychiatric providers, and mental health therapists, including psychologists. This team approach allows us to provide a comprehensive, integrated, continuum of treatment and services to support both children and adults at our locations in Newton and Grinnell.

Services offered include:

- Comprehensive psychiatric and psychological evaluations
- Medication management services
- Emergency and crisis services
- Empirically based treatments including DBT, CBT, EMDR, Mindfulness-based therapies, and more.
- LPHA Assessment for BHIS
- Couples Therapy

CHILD FOCUSED THERAPIES

Children require therapies to assist them with their behavioral and emotional needs. Traditional therapy methods are often not effective for them. Members of our therapy team are trained in many evidenced based therapies for children, including:

- Play Therapy
- Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing Therapy (EMDR) for children
- Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TFCBT)
- Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)

JUSTICE INVOLVED SERVICES

Case Management is available for individuals who are in contact with the criminal justice system because of mental health or co-occurring disorders. Participation in the Justice Involved Program is voluntary. Individuals should have the ability and willingness to participate in and receive assistance from the program and agree to develop and work on identified goals.

PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING

Psychological testing - also called psychological assessment - is the foundation of how psychologists better understand a person and their behavior. It is a process of problem-solving for many professionals - to try and determine the core components of a person's psychological or mental health problems, IQ, or other concerns. It is also a process that helps identify not just the challenges of a person, but also their strengths.

- ADHD
- ID Waiver
- Bariatric/Pre-Surgery Evaluation
- Dementia
- MMPI/Personality Assessment/
Diagnostic Clarification

SUBSTANCE ABUSE / CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY

Capstone Behavioral Healthcare offers alcohol and substance use evaluations, Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) treatment, Extended Outpatient Program (EOP) treatment, and referrals for individuals experiencing co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. In addition, we provide OWI Evaluations and OWI Classes to help individuals fulfill legal requirements while supporting healthier choices and responsible decision-making.

REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE SERVICES

Capstone offers payee services for individuals who receive Social Security funds. Individuals who utilize this service pay a small fee approved by the Social Security Administration.

CONNECTIONS

Connections is a peer-driven day program that is located in Newton and Grinnell. Connections offers supportive daily activities for persons who have a mental health diagnosis. Peer-driven activities are the focus of each day. A light lunch is provided daily. Staff is available throughout the day to guide and support members.

Newton Connections:
306 N 3rd Ave E, Newton, IA 50208
Grinnell Connections:
729 Pearl St, Grinnell, IA, 50112

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Community Support Services (CSS) are designed to assist adults living with severe or persistent mental illness in maintaining stability, improving daily functioning, and achieving greater independence in their communities. This program focuses on empowering individuals by addressing mental health symptoms that impact their ability to live, work, and interact effectively within their environment.

INTENSIVE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION

Intensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation (IPR) is a structured, person-centered program designed to support individuals living with serious and persistent mental illness. The program focuses on recovery, improved functioning, and a higher quality of life by helping individuals achieve meaningful goals in one of four primary life areas: living, learning, working, or socializing.

PEER SUPPORT

The Peer Support Services program is a recovery-oriented initiative grounded in the belief that individuals with lived experience of mental health challenges can play a powerful role in supporting others on their recovery journeys. Peer Support Specialists use their personal experiences, combined with professional training, to offer empathetic support, promote hope, and foster personal empowerment among individuals navigating mental health and wellness challenges.

SUPPORTED COMMUNITY LIVING

The Capstone Supported Community Living Program offers both community-based and residential services in Jasper County and Poweshiek County for persons with chronic mental illness. The services are designed to maximize independent living by providing support, direction, and skill training.

RESOURCE NAVIGATION

Navigators work closely with individuals to identify available resources within the community—such as housing assistance, healthcare, employment support, and educational programs—and guide them through the process of accessing these services. Beyond simply providing information, they help with applications, referrals, and follow-ups, ensuring that each person feels supported every step of the way. Resource Navigation empowers individuals to make meaningful progress toward stability and well-being.

REFERRALS WELCOME



CLEARVIEW RECOVERY

Mission: Clearview Recovery, Inc. strives to be a premier provider of client-driven substance abuse services for women.

- **Residential Treatment Facility located in Prairie City, Iowa.**
- **Serves Adult Females.**
 - Staffed 24/7.
 - State-licensed since 2005.
 - Provides all levels of substance abuse treatment services for women.
 - Accepts women, pregnant women, or women with infants.
 - Coordinates with probation as needed.
 - Coordinates with DHS reunification process.
 - Typical stay is 30-120 days.
 - Medicaid Accepted
 - Halfway House in Newton since 2021.

Clearview Recovery, Inc

501 N Sherman, Prairie City, IA 50228

Telephone: (515)994-3562 Fax: (515)994-3564

Website: <https://www.clearviewrecoveryinc.org/>

CURRENT OPENINGS FOR FEMALES



Iowa Suicide Prevention Coalitions Summit: Risk Factors and Resources

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the 2026 **Iowa Suicide Prevention Coalitions Summit: Risk Factors and Resources**. This one-day event will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at the Jeff & Deb Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center on the Iowa State University campus in Ames, Iowa and is presented by the Iowa Suicide Prevention Planning Committee, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and several community sponsors highlighted on the summit website.

This year's summit features a theme of suicide risk factors and resources. The day will include keynote speakers and connections to key statewide suicide prevention resources. **CE hours will be available for attendees.**

Registration is now open! Please register using the following link: <https://go.iastate.edu/UKH138>

We are now in our fourth year of bringing this summit to life! Our first three gatherings were tremendous successes, and we are excited to offer another inspiring and informative gathering of suicide prevention coalition members from across Iowa. We hope you can join us for what promises to be another invaluable event!

For more information, including links to the agenda and lodging options, go to the summit website at <https://www.regcytes.extension.iastate.edu/prevention/>.

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Behavioral Health State Specialist

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www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences

Together, We Can Change Lives

Every young person deserves access to compassionate care during life's most difficult moments. By working together, we can strengthen our behavioral health system, support youth in crisis, and provide hope when it is needed most.

Thank you for your dedication to Iowa's youth. We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting milestone as we begin the process of introducing our Youth Crisis Observation Center's newest location in Newton. With appreciation,
Darnell Loatman
CEO of Focuss Inc.

"Building
Hope.
Restoring
Lives.
Strengthening
Communities."



Building Stronger
PARTNERSHIPS
for Youth in Crisis
Jasper Co. &
surrounding counties

Soft Opening of the
FOCUSS Youth Crisis
Observation Center
in Newton IA

**YOU ARE
INVITED**

Join Us:

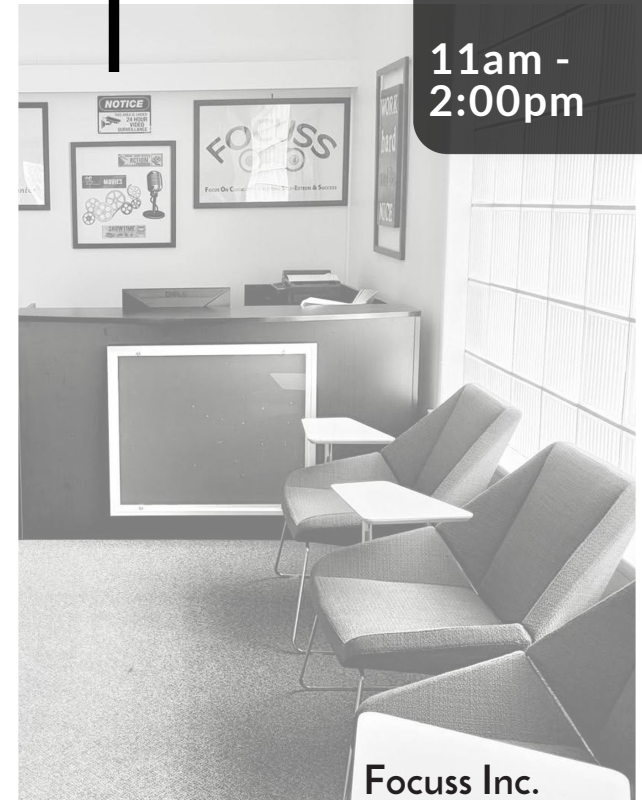
**Monday
August 3rd
2026**

**11am -
2:00pm**

Focuss Inc.

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Focuss Inc.

Dear Community **LEADERS & PARTNERS**,

FOCUSS cordially **INVITES YOU** to attend the **Soft Opening of the Focuss Youth Crisis Observation Center** located in **Newton, Iowa**.

This special event marks an important milestone as we introduce a new community resource dedicated to serving youth ages 5-17 experiencing behavioral health events & crises. Our Newton Center was established to bridge a critical gap in the behavioral health care continuum by providing immediate, short-term crisis assessment, treatment, and care coordination.

Our mission is to ensure that youth and families receive timely, compassionate support while helping to reduce unnecessary emergency department and first responder visits, and strengthening collaboration across our communities.

We believe no single agency can meet these challenges alone. Lasting solutions are built through partnerships, and we would be honored to have you join us as we begin this important work together.

EVENT INFO

Date: Monday August 3rd, 2026

Time: 11am.to 2:00pm

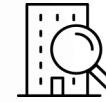
Light refreshments to be served

Location:

**111 East 2nd Street South
Newton, Iowa 50208**



During Your Visit You Will:



Tour the Youth Crisis
Observation Center



Meet our Leadership and
clinical team



Explore how the Center
supports youth, families,
schools, hospitals and first
responders



Learn about referral and
partnership opportunities

& Help to **CELEBRATE** a new
resource for Central Iowa

House of Mercy - Newton DBT- Adolescent Program

Skills Group: Monday's, 4-6 pm for 24 weeks

Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) is an effective treatment for adolescents (ages 13-17) who have difficulty controlling their emotions and behaviors. It aims to replace problem behaviors with skillful behaviors. The program addresses problems related to mood disorders, substance use disorders, disruptive behavior disorders, eating disorders and anxiety disorders.

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- Mindfulness
- Distress Tolerance
- Walking the Middle Path
- Emotion Regulation
- Interpersonal Effectiveness

Required Program Components

- Multifamily skills group (Tuesdays, 4-6p)
- Individual Therapy (1 hour weekly)
- Phone coaching (as needed)
- Parent Training Sessions (as needed)
- Consultation Team (for our clinicians)

Want to learn more?

Email Amanda Sinclair

Amanda.Sinclair@mercyoneiowa.org

LOCATION:

MercyOne House of Mercy
200 N 8th Ave. E
Newton, IA 50208

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in Support.
Hope in
Recovery.*



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**SUPPORTING YOU TODAY FOR
A BETTER TOMORROW.**



**PEER SUPPORT IS PEOPLE
WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE,**
walking alongside you on
your recovery journey.

WE OFFER:



**IN PERSON
SUPPORT GROUPS**
Tues-Fri
2PM



**15 MINUTE
WEEKLY
CHECK INS**



LIFE SKILLS
Build confidence,
independence, and
everyday skills for
a better life.



COPING SKILLS
Learn healthy ways
to manage stress,
emotions, and
triggers.

Together, ♡
**WE CAN
BUILD A
STRONGER
FUTURE.**



INCREASES REUNIFICATION
Strengthens families
and builds connections.



DECREASES DEPRESSION
Improves mental health
and overall well-being.



WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.



MercyOne House of Mercy
200 N 8th Ave E
Newton, IA



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HOUSE OF MERCY



HOPE. HEALING. GROWTH. RECOVERY.

You matter. Your story matters. Your recovery matters. ♡



Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers

of adults with chronic conditions

Feeling stretched caring for a family member or friend?

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a class designed to provide you—the caregiver—with skills to take care of yourself.

The series of six classes, held once each week, offers tools and support to help you **reduce stress, solve problems, and communicate confidently** when faced with tough decisions.

Scan the code or follow the link below to learn more.



<https://go.iastate.edu/FNKJWR>

The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the Health and Human Sciences County Extension Program. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation inquiries, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/legal. HS 136 March 2025



St. Croix Hospice Grief Group

- Free to attend & open to the public

Library Conference Room • 10:00 a.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, August 18

Tuesday, September 15

Tuesday, October 20

ST. CROIX
HOSPICE

Join us

Grief doesn't follow a timeline, and you don't have to go through it alone. Join the monthly St. Croix Hospice grief support group at the Newton Public Library, for a safe, understanding space to process loss, share your story, and connect with others who truly get it. Whether your loss is recent or years past, your experience matters here. Together, we'll explore ways to cope, honor your loved one, and find moments of peace again—at your own pace.

This event is free to attend and open to the public.

GET TO
KNOW

Newton
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newton Public Library

100 N 3rd Ave W.
Newton, Iowa 50208 | 641-792-4108
www.newtongov.org/1149/Library

RESOURCES FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS

- ❑ Central Iowa Shelter & Services/Rolling Hills
 - ❑ Street Outreach - Crystal McElroy (515-805-7883)
- ❑ Your Life Iowa (855-581-8111)
- ❑ If children in school system, contact your school's District Homeless Liaison
- ❑ Domestic Violence
 - ❑ ACCESS Rapid Rehousing (515-292-0500)
 - ❑ Crisis Intervention Services (800-270-1620 or 641-673-0336)
- ❑ Mental Health Crisis/Substance Abuse/Justice-Involved - Angie (641-792-4012)
- ❑ Aging Resources - Disabled or over 60 (800-747-5352 or 515-255-1310)
- ❑ Other Resources:
 - ❑ Cooling & Warming Centers: Salvation Army, Capstone Connections, Discover Hope, Library
 - ❑ Food: Salvation Army, Blessing Boxes, Capstone, Discover Hope
 - ❑ Showers: Capstone Connections, Discover Hope, YMCA

Homelessness in Iowa



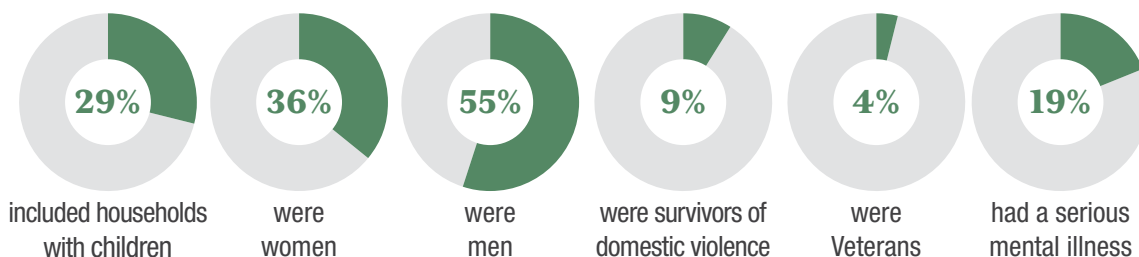
July 2026

What Does Homelessness Look Like in Iowa?

A 2026 Point-in-Time Count found:

2,481

individual Iowans were experiencing homelessness on a single night



Source: Institute for Community Alliances

DEFINITIONS

CENTRALIZED INTAKE:

The entry point for homeless services, linking individuals to the right programs at the right time. (Primary Healthcare)

CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC):

The CoC Program is designed to promote community-wide planning and strategic use of resources to address homelessness; improve coordination and integration with mainstream resources and other programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness; improve data collection and performance measurement; and allow each community to tailor its programs to the strengths and challenges in assisting homeless individuals and families within that community. (HUD Exchange)

DIVERSION/RAPID EXIT:

The goal of an effective, efficient, and equitable homeless response system is to divert people from imminent homelessness whenever possible and help them exit homelessness as quickly as possible. (National Alliance to End Homelessness)

EMERGENCY SHELTER (ES):

Emergency Shelter is an immediate and temporary place for people without a home to stay that provides support services and short-term stabilization for

individuals and families; often the first place people go to avoid experiencing unsheltered homelessness. (HUD Exchange)

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION (HP):

Homelessness Prevention activities are designed to prevent an individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter or living in a public or private place not meant for human habitation. Component services and assistance generally consist of short-term and medium-term tenant-based or project-based rental assistance, rental arrears, rental application fees, security deposits, advance payment of last month's rent, utility deposits and payments, moving costs, housing search and placement, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services, and credit repair. (HUD Exchange)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH):

Permanent supportive housing is an intervention that combines affordable housing assistance with voluntary support services to address the needs of chronically homeless people. The services are designed to build independent living and tenancy skills and connect people with community-based health care,

treatment and employment services. (National Alliance to End Homelessness)

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT (PIT):

A point-in-time count is an unduplicated count on a single night of the people in a community who are experiencing homelessness that includes both sheltered and unsheltered populations. (National Alliance to End Homelessness)

RAPID-REHOUSING (RRH):

Rapid-Rehousing is permanent housing that provides short-term (up to three months) and medium-term (4-24 months) tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness. (HUD Exchange)

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH):

Transitional Housing (TH) provides temporary housing with supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. TH projects can cover housing costs and accompanying supportive services for program participants for up to 24 months. (HUD Exchange)

Homeless lowans, a 30-day Snapshot

In May 2026 the following lowans were served through Iowa’s Continuums of Care

	Iowa’s Balance of State*	Polk County
Entered coordinated entry	1078	302
Entered homelessness support services	672	321
Cited an eviction as the reason they needed service	122	59
First time homeless (Emergency Shelter)	46	21

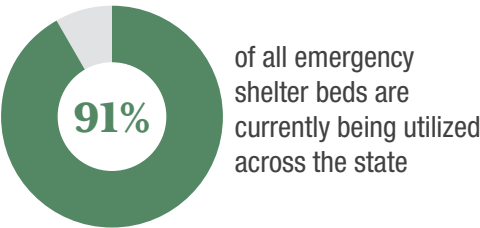
Of Clients Being Served by the Continuum of Care

Had earned income	1243	590
Were seniors aged 55+	810	393
Were transition age youth between the ages of 18-24 years old	198	198
Were veterans	428	333

* Pottawattamie and Woodbury counties are not captured within Iowa’s CoC database.
Source: Institute for Community Alliances

Need for Emergency Shelter Beds

Emergency shelters are consistently running at capacity



Source: Institute for Community Alliances

According to a 2024 assessment, Polk County needed additional spaces for:

	Individuals (including unaccompanied youth)	Families (including parenting youth)
Homelessness Prevention	43 slots	6 slots
Emergency Shelter	48 units	29 units
Diversion/Rapid Exit	43 slots	6 slots
Rapid Rehousing	333 slots	4 slots
Permanent Supportive Housing	523 units	17 units

Source: Homeward - Homelessness System Needs Assessment and Centralized Intake Evaluation

CENTRAL IOWA RESOURCES AND HOUSING SUPPORTS

Centralized Intake

WHAT THEY DO: First point of contact for individuals/families experiencing homelessness in Polk County. Offers assessments and links to shelters, housing programs, and benefits.

ADDRESS: Primary Health Care West Entrance, 1200 University Ave Suite 110A, Des Moines

PHONE: 515-248-1850
Keep calling until you reach staff

HOURS: Walk-ins M-F, 8:00AM-3:30PM

WEBSITE: phciowa.org/homeless

Iowa Housing Hotline

PHONE: 833-739-0065

EMAIL: ce@waypointservices.org

VISIT: iaboscoc.org/coordinatedentry to find services near you



LAW ENFORCEMENT • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

BAXTER, IOWA



TUESDAY
AUGUST 4, 2026



5:30PM - 8:30PM

A NIGHT TO COME
TOGETHER AND BUILD
A STRONGER COMMUNITY!

- ★ MEET LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS
- ★ FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
- ★ COMMUNITY DISPLAYS
- ★ FOOD, GIVEAWAYS AND MORE!



TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A SAFER, STRONGER BAXTER.



We hope to see you there!



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Building Strong Clinical and Community Connections Through STEADI

Why STEADI Screening Matters

STEADI helps healthcare providers screen patients, identify risk factors, and take action before a fall occurs.

STEADI works best when paired with community programs.

These connections improve patient outcomes and strengthen local prevention networks.

Be a Partner in Falls Prevention Across Iowa!

How to Participate

Option One: Complete online STEADI training and receive free continuing education credits paid for through funding partners.

Option Two: Includes option one + receive additional funding to set up a referral pathway to the Iowa Community HUB for connection into statewide fall prevention programs.

Eligibility: Licensed physicians, care team members under licensed providers, or allied health professionals involved in patient assessment and referral.

Learn more about the
Iowa Falls Prevention Coalition
iacommunityhub.org/iafallscoalition/

To participate, contact Maggie Ferguson,
Iowa Department of Health and Human Services
maggie.ferguson@hhs.iowa.gov

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Radon Information

Scan the QR Code for Jasper
County Resources



Passive Radon Mitigation System

As of July 1, 2026, all newly built single-family and 2-family homes require a Passive Radon Mitigation System. Newly built homes must be equipped with a vent pipe that naturally draws radon gas out of the home, though it does not include an electric fan.





REGISTER TODAY



YMCA FAMILY DEPART. FALL PROGRAMS

Join us this Fall for a workshop, after school club or join a new YMCA team. From Prek-Middle School, we have something for everyone.

To participate, youth must be registered in our DAXKO system.

NO PLACE, LIKE THIS PLACE



LEGO Club
Free Build in the Youth Center with fellow LEGO Fans. Ages 6-13
5pm-7pm



Homeschool Enrichment Class
Tuesdays
11am-12:30pm



Youth Workshops
We offer monthly workshops like slime labs, cardboard creators, plush events & so much more.



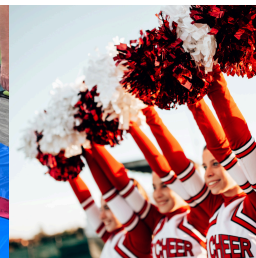
Birthday Parties
Host your next party at the YMCA.



BMS ART Club
At BERG
Mondays
1:45pm-3pm



Art Club
1st-4th Grade
Tuesdays
3:30pm-5pm



BMS Cheer Squad
Mondays
1:45pm-3pm



Legacy Athletics
Cheerleading, Stunting, Pom Tumbling & Ninja Academy
Prek-6th Grade



Maker Mondays
Weekly Crafts & Games Hangout at the Y, Youth Center
5pm-8pm

Family & Community Advancement Department

(641) 792-4006 cookie.fuzell@newtonymca.org Newton YMCA

August 6, 2026 8:00-4:00

JASPER COUNTY MAKE ROOM CONFERENCE

We're Serving the Same People. Is There a Better Way?

You'll walk away with a new understanding of:

- Generational poverty through powerful storytelling
- What motivates social class values and behaviors
- How middle-class systems and structures clash with those living in poverty
- 11 areas of poverty (lack of); what's yours?
- How some methods of "helping" can create and hold people in dependency
- Poverty's generational impact on families
- Poverty's impact on stability in employment
- Tools to empower people towards stability

**This Event is Free
To Attend:**

**Scan the QR Code to
RSVP by July 30**



Event Details:

Newton Church of The Way

Discipleship Center

2306 S 3rd Ave E, Newton, IA

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 Session Begins

Lunch Provided

4:00 Wrap-up and Networking

Questions? Reach out to Larissav@thewelliowa.org





your child's
Health powers life.
Be proactive.



J. Michael Metts, DO, is a board-certified pediatrician at MercyOne Newton Medical Clinic Pediatrics Care. He is the only board-certified pediatrician in Jasper County and eastern Des Moines rural area.



Dr. Metts specializes in:

- Well-child visits
- Sick child visits and acute care
- School, sports and camp physicals
- Immunizations and vaccines
- Oral health care
- Developmental and behavioral medicine
- Care for infants after discharge from NICU



**Scan to schedule
your child's
appointment.**



**MercyOne Newton Medical Clinic
Pediatrics Care**
300 N. Fourth Ave. E., Suite 140A
Newton, IA 50208

Back to School VFC Immunization Clinic!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH
8:30AM-2:30PM

PLEASE CALL MELISSA AT 641-787-9224 TO SCHEDULE

VFC Eligibility:

Medicaid, no insurance, under insured, Alaskan
Native or American Indian





WAYS PROGRAM

WAYS is a scholarship program for eligible youth to help cover costs for a multitude of activities, including, but not limited to, sports registration, band, dance, and other recreational programs.

The WAYS scholarship can provide up to \$100 per child, and has a limit of \$200 per household. This program is available to residents of Boone, Jasper, Marion, Polk, and Warren counties.

How To Qualify

To receive a WAYS scholarship, the child must be under 18 and living in one of IMPACT service counties (Boone, Jasper, Marion, Polk, and Warren). Your household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level to qualify.

How To Apply

- Reach out to IMPACT to schedule an appointment. Call 515-518-4770 or email info@impactcap.org.
- If funding is available, you will be asked to provide the following:
 - Identification for all household members
 - Proof of the last 30 days of income or the previous year's income
 - Invoice, estimate of the cost of the program, or registration form



THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
4:30 - 6:30 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM

Enter on the NE side of the hospital
through entrance 5 off of Hazel Street



Newton Christian Reformed Church

BACK TO SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY
AUGUST 1ST

4:00 - 7:00 PM

511 S 5th Ave E, Newton IA

FREE Backpacks and School Supplies

FREE Meal

Inflatables and games

Music

Lots of fun



Supplies are limited. First come first served.

More info at newtoncrc.com/blockparty

NEED TO KNOW INFO!

NHS General Info:

Main office open August 10th through August 21st,
7:30 - 3:00

Complete re-enrollment, pay fees, pickup student
key card, schedule, & parking sticker

Picture Day will be October 29th

NHS Counseling Office:

Schedule Changes?

The counselors will be available August 10th & 11th
from 8:00 - 3:00 or you can email

Back to School Nights & Orientations:

5th Grade Orientation, August 18th

BMS, August 19th

PreK - 4th Grade, August 20th

Freshman Orientation, August 24th

First Day of School | K - 12th:

August 25, 2026

1.5 Hour Early Out:

August 25th & 26th

First Day of School | PreK:

September 1, 2026

9	10 NHS Office Open M-F, 7:30 - 3:00 8/10-8/21 NHS Counseling Office Open 8:00 - 3:00	11 NHS Counseling Office Open 8:00-3:00	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 BMS 5th Grade Orientation 4:30 - 6:00	19 BMS Back to School Night 4:30 - 6:00	20 PreK - 4th Grade Back to School Night 4:30 - 6:00	21	22
23	24 New Student/ Freshman Orientation 9:00 - 11:00	25 1st Day K-12th Grade: August 25, 2026 *1.5 Hour Early Dismissal	26	27	28	29
30	31	1 1st Day PreK: Sept 1, 2026	2	RED PRIDE LIVES HERE		

¡NECESITO SABER LA INFORMACIÓN!

Información general del NHS:
La oficina principal estará abierta del 10 al 21 de agosto, de 7:30 a 15:00. Complete la reinscripción, pague las cuotas, recoja la tarjeta de acceso del estudiante, el horario y la calcomanía de estacionamiento. El día de la fotografía será el 29 de octubre.

Oficina de Asesoramiento del NHS:
¿Cambios de horario?
Los consejeros estarán disponibles el 10 y 11 de agosto de 8:00 a 15:00 o puede enviar un correo electrónico.

Jornadas de bienvenida y orientación para el inicio del curso escolar:
Orientación para 5.º grado, 18 de agosto; BMS, 19 de agosto; Preescolar a 4.º grado, 20 de agosto;
Orientación para estudiantes de primer año, 24 de agosto.

Primer día de clases | K - 12.º grado:
25 de agosto de 2026

Salida 1,5 horas antes:
25 y 26 de agosto

Primer día de clases | Preescolar:
1 de septiembre de 2026

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30	31	1 Primer día de preescolar: 1 de septiembre de 2026	2	3	4	5

**EL ORGULLO
ROJO VIVE AQUÍ!**

**NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL
BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST**

The Main Office at Newton High School will be open from , August 10th, through Friday, August 21nd, between 7:30 AM and 3:00 PM.

- **COMPLETE THE RE-ENROLLMENT PROCESS THROUGH YOUR INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT PORTAL.**
- **PAY OUTSTANDING STUDENT FEES AND ADD MONEY TO YOUR STUDENT'S LUNCH ACCOUNT – 1ST BREAKFAST IS FREE!**
- **PICK UP STUDENT KEYCARD AND STUDENT SCHEDULE**
- **PARKING STICKERS ARE FREE – TICKETS ARE NOT! ALL NHS STUDENTS MUST HAVE A 26-27 PARKING STICKER DISPLAYED ON THEIR CAR.**

**NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL
COUNSELING OFFICE**

THE COUNSELING OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ON AUGUST 10 AND 11 FOR STUDENT SCHEDULE CHANGES FROM 8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO VISIT ON THOSE DAYS, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR COUNSELOR TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

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NEW STUDENT/FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

9:00 STUDENTS MEETING IN UPPER GYM

9:00 PARENT MEETING IN AUDITORIUM

STUDENTS WILL BE RELEASED AROUND 11:00 AM

**(DOORS OPEN @ 8:30AM FOR STUDENTS THAT HAVE NOT
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2026/27

Supply Lists

Elementary School

**NC
SD**

Kindergarten

- ☐ 1- Standard Backpack (no wheels)
- ☐ 24- Yellow sharpened pencils with erasers
- ☐ 4- Boxes 24 count Crayola brand crayons
- ☐ 8- Glue sticks
- ☐ 1- Small plastic supply box (no bags/metal boxes)
- ☐ 4- Plain two-pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, green)
- ☐ 1- Box washable markers
- ☐ 1- Large pink eraser
- ☐ 8- EXPO dry erase markers (black, fine tip)
- ☐ 1- Child-size pair of sharp tip Fiskars scissors
- ☐ 2- Highlighters
- ☐ 1- Pair headphones (not earbuds, not wireless)

1st Grade

- ☐ 1- Standard Backpack (no wheels)
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- ☐ 4- Glue sticks
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- ☐ 1- Highlighter
- ☐ 1- Pair headphones (not earbuds, not wireless)

**Materials may need to be replenished throughout the year as needed*

2nd Grade

- ☐ 1- Standard Backpack (no wheels)
- ☐ 24- Yellow sharpened pencils with erasers
- ☐ 1- Box 24 count Crayola brand crayons
- ☐ 4- Glue sticks
- ☐ 1- Small plastic supply box (no bags/metal boxes)
- ☐ 2- Plain two-pocket folders (red & black)
- ☐ 1- Box colored pencils
- ☐ 2- Large pink erasers
- ☐ 8- EXPO dry erase markers (black, fine tip)
- ☐ 1- Child-size pair of sharp tip Fiskars scissors
- ☐ 1- Pair headphones (not earbuds, not wireless)

3rd Grade

- ☐ 1- Standard Backpack (no wheels)
- ☐ 36- #2 Pencils
- ☐ 1- Hand held pencil sharpener
- ☐ 2- Glue sticks
- ☐ 1- Small plastic pencil box
- ☐ 4- Plain two-pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, green)
- ☐ 2- 10 Count boxes colored pencils
- ☐ 1- Large pink eraser
- ☐ 1- Pack pencil top erasers
- ☐ 6- EXPO dry erase markers (black, fine tip)
- ☐ 1- Pair of sharp tip Fiskars scissors
- ☐ 1- Pair headphones (not earbuds, not wireless)
- ☐ 1- Pack loose leaf paper (wide-ruled only)
- ☐ 1- Wide ruled spiral notebook

**Materials may need to be replenished throughout the year as needed*

4th Grade

- ☐ 1- Standard Backpack (no wheels)
- ☐ 36- #2 Pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- ☐ 2- Glue sticks
- ☐ 1- Pencil bag or box
- ☐ 4- Plain, plastic two-pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, green)
- ☐ 1- Package colored pencils or crayons
- ☐ 8- EXPO dry erase markers (black, fine tip)
- ☐ 1- Pair headphones (not earbuds, not wireless)
- ☐ 1- Pair of sharp tip Fiskars scissors
- ☐ 2- Composition notebooks
- ☐ 2- Yellow highlighters
- ☐ 1- Pack of sticky notes

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5th Grade

- ☐ 48- Pencils with erasers
- ☐ 2- Blue or black pens
- ☐ 1- Glue Stick
- ☐ 1- Pencil bag that fits in binder
- ☐ 2- Pocket folders with 3-ring holes
- ☐ 1- Yellow pocket folder (Take home folder)
- ☐ 1- Red pocket folder (Choir students only)
- ☐ 1- 24 count package colored pencils
- ☐ 1- 2" Binder with zipper & shoulder strap and/or handle
- ☐ 8- EXPO dry erase markers (black only)
- ☐ 1- Pair scissors
- ☐ 1- Spiral notebook (Math)
- ☐ 1- Pair earbuds (not headphones)
- ☐ 1- 2" Binder (ELA)
- ☐ 1- Large pink or white eraser
- ☐ 2- Highlighter
- ☐ 1- Handheld pencil sharpener
- ☐ 3- Packages loose leaf paper (wide ruled)

6th Grade

- ☐ 1- Standard Backpack (very small lockers)
- ☐ 36- Pencils with erasers
- ☐ 4- Glue sticks
- ☐ 1- Pencil bag that fits in binder
- ☐ 5- Pocket folders with 3-ring holes
- ☐ 1- Black pocket folder (Choir students only)
- ☐ 1- 24 count package colored pencils
- ☐ 1- 2" Binder with zipper & shoulder strap and/or handle
- ☐ 1- 1/2" Binder (Reading Lab students only)
- ☐ 8- EXPO dry erase markers (fine tip)
- ☐ 1- 3 subject wide-ruled notebook
- ☐ 2- Pairs earbuds (not headphones)
- ☐ 2- Packages wide-ruled notebook paper (ELA & Math)
- ☐ 3- Spiral notebooks (Social Studies & ELA)
- ☐ 1- 1" binder (Science)
- ☐ 1- Handheld pencil sharpener

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throughout the year as needed***

7th Grade

- ☐ 36- Pencils with erasers
- ☐ 1- 10 pk of blue or black pens
- ☐ 1- Pencil bag that fits in binder
- ☐ 1- 2" Zipper Binder
- ☐ 1- 1" Binder (ELA)
- ☐ 1- set of 5 or 8 tab dividers
- ☐ 8- EXPO dry erase markers (fine tip)
- ☐ 1- Spiral notebook (wide-ruled)
- ☐ 1- Pair earbuds or headphones
- ☐ 2- Packages wide-ruled notebook paper
- ☐ 3- Composition notebooks (Math, ELA, & Science)
- ☐ 5 - Pocket Folders with 3-ring holes
- ☐ 4- Highlighters
- ☐ 1- Pack of sticky tabs (ELA)
- ☐ Shorts (PE)
- ☐ T-shirt (PE)
- ☐ Gym shoes (PE)
- ☐ Socks (PE)
- ☐ Deodorant (PE)

8th Grade

- ☐ 36- Pencils with erasers
- ☐ 3- Blue or black pens
- ☐ 1- Pencil bag that fits in binder
- ☐ 2- Pocket folder with 3-ring holes (2 if in FCS)
- ☐ 1- 12 count package colored pencils
- ☐ 1- 2" Binder
- ☐ 1- set of 5 or 8 tab dividers
- ☐ 8- EXPO dry erase markers (fine tip)
- ☐ 2- Spiral notebook (wide-ruled)
- ☐ 1- Pair earbuds or headphones
- ☐ 1- Package wide-ruled notebook paper
- ☐ 1- Composition notebook (ELA)
- ☐ 1- Highlighter
- ☐ Shorts (PE)
- ☐ T-shirt (PE)
- ☐ Gym shoes (PE)
- ☐ Socks (PE)
- ☐ Deodorant (PE)

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throughout the year as needed***



Listas de útiles escolares para la escuela primaria (2026/27)

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Kindergarten

- ☐ 1- Mochila estándar (sin ruedas)
- ☐ 24 lápices amarillos afilados con goma de borrar
- ☐ 4 cajas de 24 crayones marca Crayola
- ☐ 8 barras de pegamento
- ☐ 1- Caja pequeña de plástico para suministros (sin bolsas ni cajas metálicas)
- ☐ 4- Carpetas sencillas de dos bolsillos (rojas, amarillas, azules, verdes)
- ☐ 1- Caja de marcadores lavables
- ☐ 1- Goma de borrar rosa grande
- ☐ 8 rotuladores de borrado en seco EXPO (negros, punta fina)
- ☐ 1- Un par de tijeras Fiskars de punta afilada, tamaño infantil
- ☐ 2- Marcadores fluorescentes
- ☐ 1- Un par de auriculares (no audífonos intraauriculares, no inalámbricos)

**Es posible que sea necesario reponer los materiales a lo largo del año según sea necesario.*

1er grado

- ☐ 1- Mochila estándar (sin ruedas)
- ☐ 24 lápices amarillos afilados con goma de borrar
- ☐ 2 cajas de 24 crayones marca Crayola
- ☐ 4 barras de pegamento
- ☐ 1- Caja pequeña de plástico para suministros (sin bolsas ni cajas metálicas)
- ☐ 4- Carpetas sencillas de dos bolsillos (rojas, amarillas, azules, verdes)
- ☐ 1- Caja de marcadores lavables
- ☐ 1- Goma de borrar rosa grande
- ☐ 8 rotuladores de borrado en seco EXPO (negros, punta fina)
- ☐ 1- Un par de tijeras Fiskars de punta afilada, tamaño infantil
- ☐ 1- Marcador fluorescente
- ☐ 1- Un par de auriculares (no audífonos intraauriculares, no inalámbricos)

Segundo grado

- ☐ 1- Mochila estándar (sin ruedas)
- ☐ 24 lápices amarillos afilados con goma de borrar
- ☐ 1- Caja de 24 crayones marca Crayola
- ☐ 4 barras de pegamento
- ☐ 1- Caja pequeña de plástico para suministros (sin bolsas ni cajas metálicas)
- ☐ 2 carpetas sencillas de dos bolsillos (rojas y negras)
- ☐ 1- Caja de lápices de colores
- ☐ 2- gomas de borrar rosas grandes
- ☐ 8- rotuladores de borrado en seco EXPO (negros, punta fina)
- ☐ 1- Un par de tijeras Fiskars de punta afilada, tamaño infantil
- ☐ 1- Un par de auriculares (no audífonos intraauriculares, no inalámbricos)

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3er grado

- ☐ 1- Mochila estándar (sin ruedas)
- ☐ 36- Lápices #2
- ☐ 1- Sacapuntas manual
- ☐ 2 barras de pegamento
- ☐ 1- Estuche pequeño de plástico para lápices
- ☐ 4- Carpetas sencillas de dos bolsillos (rojas, amarillas, azules, verdes)
- ☐ 2 cajas de 10 lápices de colores
- ☐ 1- Goma de borrar rosa grande
- ☐ 1 paquete de gomas de borrar para la punta del lápiz
- ☐ 6 rotuladores de borrado en seco EXPO (negros, punta fina)
- ☐ 1- Un par de tijeras Fiskars con punta afilada
- ☐ 1- Un par de auriculares (no audífonos intraauriculares, no inalámbricos)
- ☐ 1- Paquete de hojas sueltas (solo con renglones anchos)
- ☐ 1- Cuaderno de espiral con renglones anchos

4.º grado

- ☐ 1- Mochila estándar (sin ruedas)
- ☐ 36- Lápices n.º 2 (no portaminas)
- ☐ 2 barras de pegamento
- ☐ 1- Estuche o caja para lápices
- ☐ 4- Carpetas de plástico lisas con dos bolsillos (rojas, amarillas, azules, verdes)
- ☐ 1- Paquete de lápices de colores o crayones

- ☐ 8 rotuladores de borrado en seco EXPO (negros, punta fina)
- ☐ 1- Un par de auriculares (no audífonos intraauriculares, no inalámbricos)
- ☐ 1- Un par de tijeras Fiskars con punta afilada
- ☐ 2- Cuadernos de composición
- ☐ 2- Rotuladores fluorescentes amarillos
- ☐ 1- paquete de notas adhesivas

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5.º grado

- ☐ 48- Lápices con goma de borrar
- ☐ 2- Bolígrafos azules o negros
- ☐ 1- Barra de pegamento
- ☐ 1- Estuche para lápices que quepa en la carpeta
- ☐ Carpetas de 2 bolsillos con orificios para 3 anillas
- ☐ 1- Carpeta amarilla con bolsillo (Carpeta para llevar a casa)
- ☐ 1- Carpeta roja con bolsillo (solo para alumnos de coro)
- ☐ 1- Paquete de 24 lápices de colores
- ☐ 1- Carpeta de 2 pulgadas con cremallera y correa para el hombro y/o asa.
- ☐ 8- rotuladores de borrado en seco EXPO (solo en color negro)
- ☐ 1- Un par de tijeras
- ☐ 1- Cuaderno de espiral (Matemáticas)
- ☐ 1- Par de auriculares intrauditivos (no auriculares con micrófono)
- ☐ 1- Carpeta de 2" (Lengua y Literatura)
- ☐ 1- Goma de borrar grande rosa o blanca
- ☐ 2- Marcador fluorescente
- ☐ 1- Sacapuntas de mano
- ☐ 3 paquetes de papel suelto (rayado ancho)

Sexto grado

- ☐ 1- Mochila estándar (compartimentos muy pequeños)
- ☐ 36- Lápices con goma de borrar
- ☐ 4- barras de pegamento
- ☐ 1- Estuche para lápices que quepa en la carpeta
- ☐ 5- carpetas de bolsillo con orificios para 3 anillas
- ☐ 1- Carpeta negra con bolsillo (solo para alumnos de coro)
- ☐ 1- Paquete de 24 lápices de colores
- ☐ 1- Carpeta de 2 pulgadas con cremallera y correa para el hombro y/o asa.
- ☐ 1- Carpeta de 1/2" (solo para estudiantes del Laboratorio de Lectura)
- ☐ 8- rotuladores de borrado en seco EXPO (punta fina)
- ☐ 1- Cuaderno de 3 materias con renglones anchos
- ☐ 2 pares de auriculares intrauditivos (no auriculares con micrófono)
- ☐ 2 paquetes de papel para cuadernos de rayas anchas (Lengua y Matemáticas)
- ☐ 3 cuadernos de espiral (Estudios Sociales y Lengua y Literatura)
- ☐ 1 carpeta de 1" (Ciencias)
- ☐ 1- Sacapuntas de mano

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7.º grado

- ☐ 36- Lápices con goma de borrar
- ☐ 1- Paquete de 10 bolígrafos azules o negros
- ☐ 1- Estuche para lápices que quepa en la carpeta
- ☐ Carpeta con cremallera de 1-2 pulgadas
- ☐ 1- carpeta de 1" (Lengua y Literatura)
- ☐ 1- juego de separadores de 5 u 8 pestañas
- ☐ 8- rotuladores de borrado en seco EXPO (punta fina)
- ☐ 1- Cuaderno de espiral (rayado ancho)
- ☐ 1- Empareja los auriculares o audífonos.
- ☐ 2- paquetes de papel para cuaderno de renglones anchos
- ☐ 3- Cuadernos de composición (Matemáticas, Lengua y Literatura, y Ciencias)
- ☐ 5 - Carpetas de bolsillo con orificios de 3 anillas
- ☐ 4- Marcadores fluorescentes
- ☐ 1 paquete de pestañas adhesivas (Lengua y Literatura)
- ☐ Pantalones cortos (Educación Física)
- ☐ Camiseta (Educación Física) Zapatillas deportivas (Educación Física)
- ☐ Desodorante (PE)

Octavo grado

- ☐ 36- Lápices con goma de borrar
- ☐ 3- Bolígrafos azules o negros
- ☐ 1- Estuche para lápices que quepa en la carpeta
- ☐ 2-Carpeta de bolsillos con 3 orificios para anillas (2 si es de FCS)
- ☐ 1- paquete de 12 lápices de colores
- ☐ 1- Carpeta de 2" pulgadas
- ☐ 1- juego de separadores de 5 u 8 pestañas
- ☐ 8- rotuladores de borrado en seco EXPO (punta fina)
- ☐ 2- Cuaderno de espiral (rayado ancho)
- ☐ 1- Empareja los auriculares o audífonos.
- ☐ 1- Paquete de papel para cuaderno de renglones anchos
- ☐ 1- Cuaderno de composición (Lengua y Literatura)
- ☐ 1- Marcadores fluorescentes
- ☐ 1- Pantalones cortos (Educación Física)
- ☐ Camiseta (Educación Física) Zapatillas deportivas (Educación Física)
- ☐ Física) Calcetines (Educación Física)
- ☐ Desodorante (PE)

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Health Checklist, Requirements, and Info From the School Nurse

Your student's health is an important part of their progress.
This checklist is part of ensuring we have everything in place to help them succeed!

☐ Immunization Records

State law **requires** a certificate of immunization at the time of school enrollment. *The immunization card with dates must be at school before your child will be allowed to attend classes.* Bring a completed immunization card, which includes the kindergarten immunizations, to the administration building or the school of attendance. The school nurse can validate the cards to assure records of immunizations are complete.

Kindergarten students need a DTap, Polio, MMR, & Varicella before they can start school.

7th graders must have a Tdap & Meningococcal before they can start school.

12th graders must have a Meningococcal before they can start school.

☐ Kindergarten Physical

Your student will need to have a kindergarten physical completed as required by Newton Community School District. The physical form for the physician to fill out is provided in this packet.

☐ Initial Health Information Form

This form will help your school nurse identify your student's health needs to better provide appropriate & safe health care while at school. This form is included in this packet & needs to be filled out by parents/guardians regarding student health & growth.

☐ Certificate of Vision Screening

Vision screenings are a state requirement for kindergarten & 3rd grade students. The form is included in this packet, as well as a list of local providers.

☐ Dental Screenings

Dental screenings are a state requirement for kindergarten & 9th grade students. The screening form is included in this packet, as well as a list of providers.

☐ Sick Students

Families can use this handout to help in decision making when your student doesn't feel well. When keeping your student home due to illness please let your building secretary know, this can be done over the phone or via ParentSquare. We appreciate as much detail as you're willing to share, so we can track health trends in the building and across the district.

☐ Medication Policy

If it is necessary for your student to take medication at school, please ask your school's nurse for the proper forms to fill out. The policy is included in this packet for your reference.

☐ Submit Your Completed Packet

Once you have all the completed documents, please return them to the district office,
EJH Beard Administration Center | 1302 1st Ave W | 641.792.5809 | www.newtoncsd.org

EJH Administration Center | 641.792.5809

Emerson Hough | 641.792.3982

Thomas Jefferson | 641.792.2498

Woodrow Wilson | 641.792.7311

Berg Middle School | 641.792.7741

Newton High School | 641.792.5797

WEST Academy | 641.792.0335



Newton Community School District Elementary Physical Form

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Family Physician _____

Date of Visit _____ Blood Pressure _____

Height _____ Weight _____

Temp _____ Pulse _____ Respiration _____

Allergies:

Food, please be specific _____

Medications, please be specific _____

Environmental, please be specific _____

Do any of the above require treatment with emergency medication? _____

If so, please specify what symptoms are to be treated: _____

Medication _____ Dose _____ Frequency _____

Current Medication:

Prescriptions _____

Over the Counter _____

Diagnosis:

Has this child been tested for lead? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date of screening _____

Result of screening _____



*Iowa House File 158 mandates that each child be screened for lead level before entering Kindergarten.



Newton Community School District Elementary Physical Form

Visual Acuity:

Right Eye _____ Left Eye _____ Referral to Eye Dr: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Dental Condition:

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☐ No obvious problems | ☐ Requires urgent dental care |
| ☐ Requires dental care | ☐ Referral made to dentist |

Physical Exam:

General Appearance _____
Nutrition _____
Skin _____
Eyes _____
Ears _____
Nose/Throat _____
Heart/Lungs _____
Abdomen _____
Extremities _____
Developmental Screening _____

Any other significant health history, including surgeries, injuries, etc:

Can this child participate in physical education class or recess without limitations?

☐ Yes ☐ No, please explain _____

Examining Physician _____

Date _____

Newton Community School District

Attention Melinda Robertson

1302 1st Ave W

Newton, Iowa 50208

Phone 641.792.5809, Option 2 | Fax 844.494.8063



Newton Community School District Health Form from Parents

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian _____ School Building _____

Does your child have any of the following diagnoses?

☐ ADD/ADHD ☐ Migraines ☐ Diabetes ☐ Seizures ☐ Eczema

☐ Heart Condition ☐ Other _____

Is your child potty trained? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Allergies (medications, foods, or environmental): ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please list _____

Surgeries or hospitalizations, please include age:

Serious injuries, please include age:

Current Medications & Purpose:

Any prescription medication that will be given during the school day:

Does your child wear glasses? ☐ Yes ☐ No Other eye problems _____

Does your child have a known hearing problem? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Family Doctor _____ Date of Last Visit _____

Medical Specialists _____ Date of Last Visit _____

Dentist _____ Date of Last Visit _____

Eye Doctor _____ Date of Last Visit _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Certificate of Vision Screening

Pursuant with Iowa Code Chapter 641.52
Return completed form to child's school.

Student Information (please print)

Student's Last Name: _____ Student's First Name: _____

Student Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth (M/D/YYYY): _____ Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Screening Information Vision testing requirements can be accomplished either through a screening (see below) or with a comprehensive eye exam (see other side). Screening provider must complete this section or parents may attach a copy of vision screening results given to them by a provider.

Date of Vision Screening: _____

Result (Please check): ☐ Pass ☐ Fail

Testing Method (Please check): ☐ Vision Screening ☐ Photo Screening ☐ Other

Visual Acuity (If available): ☐ With Correction ☐ Without Correction

Right Eye: _____ Left Eye: _____

Referral to Eye Health Professional (Please check): ☐ Yes ☐ No

Business Name/Source of Screening (Please print name of provider office; or name of school if provided by the school nurse): _____

Provider Name (please print): _____ Phone: _____

Signature/Credentials of Provider: _____ Date: _____

A parent or guardian of a child who is to be enrolled in a public or accredited nonpublic elementary school shall ensure the child is screened for vision impairment at least once before enrollment in Kindergarten **and** again before enrollment in the 3rd grade.

To be valid, a minimum of one child vision screening shall be performed no earlier than one year prior to the date of enrollment in Kindergarten and 3rd grade and no later than six months after the date of the child's enrollment in Kindergarten and 3rd grade.

Eye Exam Section

Pursuant with Iowa Code Chapter 280.7A

To the Parent or Guardian: The Iowa Optometric Association strongly recommends that to fully assess the health of your child's visual system and prevent future learning problems associated with undetected vision problems, regular professional eye exams are essential. Experts estimate that 80% of learning is obtained through vision. **If you choose to** take your child to an eye care professional for a comprehensive eye exam, this side of the form should be filled out and signed by the eye care professional and returned to your child's school nurse or teacher.

Visual Acuity

At Distance

At Near

- | | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| ☐ Without correction | R20/ | L20/ | R20/ | L20/ |
| ☐ With present correction | R20/ | L20/ | R20/ | L20/ |
| ☐ With new correction | R20/ | L20/ | R20/ | L20/ |

External Eye Health

- ☐ Normal ☐ Other

Internal Eye Health

- ☐ Normal ☐ Other

Vision Analysis

R L

- | | |
|--------------------------|---|
| ☐ | ☐ Normal Eyesight |
| ☐ | ☐ Nearsighted (Myopia) |
| ☐ | ☐ Farsighted (Hyperopia) |
| ☐ | ☐ Astigmatism |
| ☐ | ☐ Amblyopia |

-
- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| ☐ | Eye teaming difficulty |
| ☐ | Crossed eyes (Strabismus) |
| ☐ | Eye focusing difficulty |
| ☐ | Sensitivity to light |
| ☐ | Other |

Vision Correction Recommendations

- | |
|--|
| ☐ No correction necessary |
| ☐ No change in present prescription |
| ☐ New prescription needed |

To be worn for:

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Constant Wear | ☐ Near vision only |
| ☐ Distance vision only | ☐ As needed |

To the Eye Care Professional: Please sign and date this card after the examination.

Dr. Name (Please Print) _____

Date _____ Signature _____

This certificate is not valid unless all fields are complete.
RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO CHILD'S SCHOOL.

Student Information (Please Print)

Student Last Name:	Student First Name:	Birth Date (MM/DD/YY):
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Screening Information (health care provider must complete this section)

Date of Dental Screening: _____

Treatment Needs (Check **ONE** only based on screening results prior to treatment services provided):

- ☐ **No Obvious Problems**—The child's hard and soft tissues appear to be visually healthy, and there is no apparent reason for the child to be seen before the next routine dental checkup.
- ☐ **Requires Dental Care**—tooth decay¹ or a white spot lesion² is suspected in one or more teeth, or gum infection³ is suspected.
- ☐ **Requires Urgent Dental Care**—obvious tooth decay¹ is present in one or more teeth, there is evidence of injury or severe infection, or the child is experiencing pain.

¹ Tooth Decay: A visible cavity or hole in a tooth with brown or black coloration or a retained root.

² White spot lesion: A demineralized area of a tooth, usually appearing as a chalky, white spot or white line near the gumline. A white spot lesion is considered an early indicator of tooth decay, especially in primary (baby) teeth.

³ Gum infection: Gum (gingival) tissue is red, bleeding, or swollen.

Screening Provider (Check **ONE** only; Ninth-grade screening must be provided by DDS/DMD or RDH.)

☐ DDS/DMD ☐ RDH ☐ MD/DO ☐ PA ☐ RN/ARNP

Provider Name: (Please Print) _____ Phone: _____

Provider Business Address: _____

Signature and Credentials
 of Provider or Recorder*: _____ Date: _____

*Recorder: An authorized provider (DDS/DMD, RDH MD/DO, PA, or RN/ARNP) may transfer information on this form from another health department. The other health document should be attached to this form.

A screening does not replace an exam by a dentist. Children should have a complete examination by a dentist at least once a year.

Iowa Department of Health and Human Services • Bureau of Family Health – Oral Health Section
 1-866-528-4020 • <https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/dental-and-oral-health>

A designee of the local Board of Health or Iowa Department of Health and Human Services may review this certificate for survey purposes.

Newton Providers

Vision Providers:

The Eye Care Center of Newton
100 N 4th Avenue West
Newton, Iowa 50208
641.792.7900

Appointment Required
Will Accept Insurance - VSP, Avesis
Will Accept Medicaid -
Iowa Total Care, Wellpoint
Cost if no insurance: \$140 - \$175

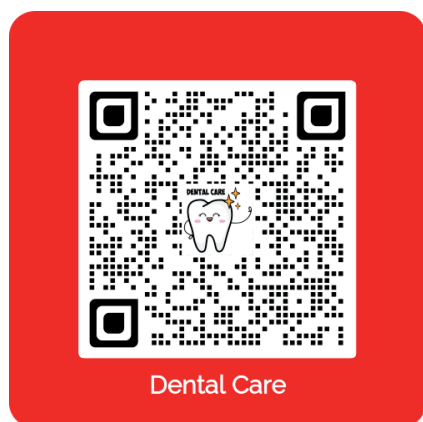
Newton Eye Clinic
111 1 Ave E
Newton, Iowa 50208
641.792.7375

Appointment Required
Will Accept Insurance
Will Accept Medicaid -
Iowa Total Care, Wellpoint
Cost if no insurance: \$75

Walmart Vision Center
300 Iowa Speedway Drive
Newton, Iowa 50208
641.791.5332

Appointment Required
Will Accept Insurance - BCBS, VSP
Will NOT Accept Medicaid
Cost if no insurance: \$125

Dental Providers:



Scan for Area Providers
Can be Filtered by Insurance,
Medicaid, or Uninsured

Physicals:

Please contact your primary doctor to schedule an appointment for a physical as soon as possible, their schedules fill up quickly.

*If you do not have insurance, please contact Emma Morris at Newton Clinic, 641.792.2112. She will arrange for you to see a doctor there at no cost.



Sick Students & Medication Policy

Attendance is important & students learn best when they are in school regularly. But, sickness happens, this is when your student should stay home & when they should return.

Students should stay home if:

- They have a fever of 100.0 degrees or higher
- They have vomited in the last 24 hours
- They have had diarrhea in the last 24 hours
- Unexplained rash

Students should return when:

- They they are fever free without the use of fever reducing medication (Tylenol/Ibuprofen)
- They have **not** vomited in the last 24 hours
- They have **not** had diarrhea in the last 24 hours
- Any unexplained rashes have been evaluated by a doctor

All medications given at school must have the written authorization from the parent/guardian. The written medication form will be kept on each student receiving medications. These forms are available at school in the nurse's office.

*Any medications that are not picked up by the parent/guardian at the end of the school year will be disposed of by the School Resource Officer.

Prescription Medication:

- Must be in a bottle labeled from the pharmacy, with the student's name
- The dosage to be given must be stated
- The name of the medication to be given must be stated
- Time of day medication is to be given must be stated
- Medication must be transported to & from school by an adult

Non-prescription Medication:

- Must be in a labeled container
- State for what reason it is to be given
- State when the medication is to be given
- Cough drops may be provided by parents/guardians but they must be kept in the health office
- Medications must be transported to & from school by an adult

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7/29/2026 (From Email)

Invitation to Participate in Berg Middle School's Back-to-school Nights

From: Sarah Hummel <hummels@newton.k12.ia.us>

Dear Community Partner,

Berg Middle School would like to invite your business to participate in our Back-to-School Nights as part of our Community Outreach efforts. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with Berg families, introduce your business, and help us kick off another great school year. We will provide a table and chairs for your display. You are welcome to share information about your business, services, or community resources with our students and families.

Event Dates:

- 5th Grade Back-to-School Night: Tuesday, August 18, with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. - 6:00.
- 6th–8th Grade Back-to-School Night: Wednesday, August 19, with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. - 6:00

If you are interested in participating, please let me know which evening(s) you plan to attend. Feel free to contact me at 641-792-7741 or by email at hummels@newton.k12.ia.us if you have any questions or would like to reserve a spot.

We appreciate your partnership and hope you'll join us as we welcome our students and families back to Berg Middle School!

Thank you,

Sarah Hummel
Secretary