

## Sessions Help Keokuk County with Grant Efforts

The Keokuk County Community Health Action Partnership received a mentoring Federal CADC grant through the Drug Free Communities Program sponsored by the Ottumwa Regional Health Center last year. One goal was to receive multiple trainings to help empower the Partnership. Starting on June 2006, Iowa State University Extension Community and Economic Development Field Specialist Himar Hernández began these trainings in the town of Sigourney. The first four sessions resulted in 16 hours of Strategic Planning facilitation for the Partnership members. During those sessions the group worked on items such as the vision statement, the mission of the organization, and short, medium and long-term goals. Other topics covered during the trainings were identifying community needs, challenges, and strengths.



The second part of the training consisted of two sessions in September on Coalition Building. This training resulted in 8 hours of training the Partnership in working with other community partners and the importance of team building.

Recently, the Community Health Action Partnership was assisted through two four-hour sessions on writing their first stand-alone CADC Federal Grant.

The last step in the process until the application is submitted will be to provide the CHAP members with a diversity training that will consist of two four-hour sessions this spring. So far the group has received

\$28,000 because of the trainings received from Iowa State University Extension.

“Through the trainings provided by Extension, the Keokuk County CHAP group is now more prepared to apply for Drug Free Communities grants, which in turn will benefit the community.”

***Kathy Hasley, Substance Abuse Coordinator***

For more information about this program or other Iowa State University Extension resources, contact the Keokuk County Office at 641-622-2680. Information is also available on the Iowa State University Extension website at [www.extension.iastate.edu](http://www.extension.iastate.edu).

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