



LIFT NETWORK UPDATE

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*Upcoming Events:

August 8th: Non-profit/501(c)(3) Workshop, 1 pm – 4 pm

August 22nd: Class of 2009 LIFT Application Due Date

September 8th: LIFT Advisory Board Meeting

September 26th: Class of 2009 LIFT Orientation at 10 am – 1 pm

September 26th: Class of 2008 LIFT Graduation, 1:30 pm

October 3rd – 4th: LIFT Training I

* All events are held at the ICADV conference room unless otherwise specifically stated.

Coordinator's Corner...

Welcome to the first LIFT Network Update! For those of you I have not had an opportunity to meet so far my name is Angel Robinson and I am the LIFT Coordinator here at the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence. As the second LIFT class prepares for graduation, it occurred to me that LIFT needed a regular medium to share news and information. So, once a month I will attempt to provide this in a newsletter. If you have information you would like to share with your LIFT network please send it to me and I'll make sure it is made available to everyone. If you have questions about anything in this newsletter please contact me at the ICADV office. Otherwise enjoy and look over the information.

Recruitment S.O.S.

The Fall season not only brings around LIFT graduation, but also a new class of LIFT. Once again, everyone is encouraged to expand your LIFT network of women by supporting at least one woman in the application process. This means sharing your positive experience, asking if you can be a letter of recommendation for them, or even providing them with ICADV's contact information so any concerns or questions they have about the program can be answered. The deadline for applications is August 22, 2008. As of right now there are no applications for the Advisory Board to select from. If you know of an applicant that is having trouble meeting the deadline, but would still like to be considered as a candidate, please have her contact the ICADV office so we can see what can be done to accommodate her particular situation. Everyone knows at least one great woman they could share this program with and in doing so your network can grow to twice its size!

Do You Need to Contact Us?

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LIFT Advisory Board Openings



Multiple LIFT members have expressed a desire to join the LIFT Advisory Board. This is actually an opportunity that is open to all LIFT members who have completed their training. The Advisory Board is primarily responsible for the recruitment of new class members, the selection of new class members, generally being supportive of the LIFT program, and attending graduation as their schedules permits.

Due to distance and busy schedules, the Advisory Board mainly communicates through emails, but will have, at minimum, one meeting a year to select new class members. This year, the 2009 class selection meeting will be on September 8, 2008. New LIFT Advisory Board members are welcome to attend the meeting at 11 am. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in becoming an Advisory Board member, please call or email Angel Robinson. Your name will then be added to the list of contacts for the LIFT Advisory Board members.

Non-profit / 501(c)(3) Workshop

Due to the high amount of interest in the subject, LIFT will be providing a Non-profit / 501(c)(3) workshop. The workshop will be held on August 8th, 2008, in the ICADV conference room. The workshop will start at 1 pm and will be done by 4 pm. It will be conducted by ICADV's Executive Director Laurie Schipper, Director of Development Sarabeth Anderson, and the MUNA Community Program Coordinator Jackie Santana.

Laurie will be discussing funding strategies for Non-profits. Jackie will be providing guidance on establishing a mission, a purpose, and establishing a board. Sarabeth will be rounding out the workshop by presenting guidance on the key laws concerning Non-profit / 501(c)(3) organizations. All of the presenters will be available to clear up any questions you might have.

This workshop is open to all LIFT members. As LIFT will be providing start up manuals to all attendees an RSVP is appreciated.

Know Your Network!

LIFT has an ever expanding network of women that are all connected. But, not everyone has met. So *Know Your Network!* will highlight a different LIFT member every month with the goal of everyone becoming more familiar with the women involved in LIFT.



This month the LIFT member highlighted is Breanne Ward. Breanne is a member of the 2008

LIFT Class and lives in the Des Moines Metro Area. Often described as lively and dedicated, Breanne has been the Volunteer Coordinator for the Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services for the past year.

Breanne is also married and has two wonderful daughters. In the future Breanne plans to continue her advocacy work. Specifically, Breanne would like to work with urban teenage girls and assist them during times of panic and crisis.

New Mentoring Program

As pointed out by a LIFT member, so much information is shared and so many ideas are stimulated during trainings, having a alum member to discuss it with would be helpful. So, for the 2009 Class of LIFT, a peer mentoring program will be started. The goal of the peer mentoring program will be to provide the current class members of LIFT with access to an individual who can lend an ear or an opinion when they need one. The mentoring relationship will be whatever the individuals involved decided to make of it. Some mentors will be more available than others and some new members may decide to reach out more than their associates. As such, any member that is interested in becoming a mentor should be able to participate if they would like. The only meeting date that will be set formally by LIFT is a mentoring lunch that will take place after new member orientation on September 26, 2008. LIFT will provide lunch so the alum LIFT member and the new class member can meet. It will be held in the ICADV conference room from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm and the individuals can choose to leave at anytime. For those who are interested please contact Angel Robinson at the ICADV office. Otherwise LIFT members will be contacted about the opportunity to become a mentor next month in September.

CARRER OPPORTUNITIES**

Title: Muscatine Supervisor

Location: Muscatine

Description: Family Resources Inc is seeking a full time supervisor in their safety and permanency program working with children & families in their Muscatine and Cedar County homes. In home or foster care experience preferred. A degree in the human service field and two years experience required. A masters and supervisory experience is preferred. For more information contact Kim Hessel at (563) 468-2395 or see www.famres.org/jobs .

Application Deadline: September 4, 2008

Title: Supervisor

Location: Davenport

Description: Family Resources Inc. has a full time supervisor position open. The position provides operation direction, supervision & quality assurance/improvement for remedial services. The supervisor must possess and exhibit exceptional judgment, excellent verbal skills, and excellent written skills. The position must develop and maintain a working knowledge of remedial service, Medicaid requirements and standards, and be knowledgeable of other applicable standards including COA and State Licensing standards. A degree in human services and the equivalent of four years experience required. Experience and demonstrated skill in the provision of mental health or mental health/psychosocial rehab services preferred. One year of supervisory experience preferred. For more information contact Julia Sauer at (563) 468-2123 or see www.famres.org/jobs .

Application Deadline: September 4, 2008

Title: Outreach Center Coordinator

Location: Ames

Description: Youth and Shelter Service, Inc. is seeking a full time supervisor to coordinate activities to assist young men and women with obtaining housing, employment, educational goals, and providing living/parenting skills necessary to improve living conditions. This position supervises both full and part time employees. For more information and requirements on this position please contact the Youth and Shelter Service, Inc at: (515) 265-1222 or visit their website at <http://www.yss.ames.ia.us/resources> .

Application Deadline: Open till filled.

Title: Student Support Services Program Assistant

Location: Ames Iowa

Description: Iowa State University is looking for two full time Program Assistants in their Student Support Services Program (SSSP). One Program Assistant assists with the tutoring program and the other will be in charge of planning community events for the students at SSSP. Both program assistants provide advice concerning academic / career planning, financial issues, personal issues, and participation and progress in college. SSSP supports first generation and disabled students at ISU. For more information contact ISU at: (515) 294-2936 or check their website at <http://www.iastate.edu/jobs> .

Application Deadline: August 13, 2008
