

CRISP

Community Resources In Service to People



ANNUAL REPORT - 2024

WHAT DO WE DO?

In 2024, CRISP continued to connect with families in Madison county, providing much needed services. Our primary programs of School Supplies for Kids, Winter Wear for Kids, and Christmas for Kids were utilized very well and we were able to assist many families in crisis with utilities, rent, food, transportation and more. We greatly appreciate the additional assistance from our board of directors, dedicated volunteers and donors to accomplish our goal of serving families in Madison County!

Our New Location!

In January 2025, we began moving to our new location of 113 S. John Wayne Dr. in Winterset. Our new location offers more community visibility and easier access. We are enjoying the new space south of the square but so grateful to First Presbyterian Church for the use of their facilities for the last six years.



CRISP is 30!

We are celebrating our 30th year of serving Madison County families. More open house details to come!

CRISP STAFF

Director : Kathleen Rush
Assistant: Carol Liechty
Thrive Navigator: Anne Nelson

Staff Highlight

Anne Nelson joined our staff in fall of 2024. She assists CRISP with our new Thrive Iowa Pilot Project. She lives in Greenfield with her family.



Board of Directors

Bonnie Forsyth - *President*
Kate Allen - *Vice President*
Jayci Kuhns - *Secretary*
Jen Simon - *Treasurer*
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Our Programs



Thrive Iowa

Thrive Iowa is a pilot program initiated by Governor Reynolds through the Department of Health and Human Services with coordination of 4 R Kids ECI Area. CRISP was chosen to be one of these sites where this new program is being rolled out. This program helps individuals find immediate support from community organizations. It is attempting to create a coordinated intake among community partners and assist in referrals for essential needs and supportive housing for all of Iowa. The goal is to support the individuals over time to develop an individualized plan for self sufficiency and long term independence.

2024 Statistics

Christmas 4 Kids

Shop-for-a Family and Sponsor-a-Family enabled CRISP to make Christmas merry for 302 Madison county children! In partnership with Matura, we were also able to provide Christmas food boxes and grocery gift cards for 118 families.



School Supplies for Kids

Your donations enabled CRISP to provide 180 backpacks and school supplies for our kids!



Winter Gear 4 Kids

Through your new and gently used donations of coats, hats, gloves, snow pants, and boots, CRISP provided 441 pieces of winter gear to Madison county kids!



Birthday in a Bag

15 children received a toy, a book, and gift card for a birthday cake!



Thank you for your support in helping Madison County kids succeed!

Our Generous Donors

CRISP truly could not do what we do without the support of so many! Financially, our donors support CRISP's work through individual monthly payroll deductions, United Way funds dedicated to CRISP and employee matching. Other financial support comes from local service clubs, civic groups, churches and businesses.

CRISP's work is also assisted by many dedicated volunteers who have donated their time. Over 100 volunteer hours were recorded in 2024!

If you would like to donate or become a CRISP volunteer, please contact us at 515-462-9400 or email crisp@familyresourcelink.org

We are so grateful for you all!



Needs served in 2024:

One of the most important services CRISP provides is that first step in matching families and children with the right resources to meet their needs. CRISP referred to over 80 different agencies, organizations, churches, and businesses. In addition to making referrals and assisting with essentials, CRISP provides budgeting materials to help keep families and children on the right track.

- Assisted with rent or mortgage: \$14,672.80
- Assisted with utilities: \$6,622.89
- Assisted was gas/transportation: \$420
- Assisted with car repairs: \$8,144.56
- Food cards: \$660
- Adult continuing education and student fees: \$7,508.16
- Therapy, Medical, Dental: \$878.02
- Shoes, Clothing: \$1,358.76
- Feel Good Funds:
 - Lessons/Sports fees: \$210
 - Pool passes: \$300

We are currently are serving 166 families in Madison County. Within those families, 415 children are being served. CRISP is also serving 14 students considered homeless in the Winterset School District



Volunteers helping set up new office



Volunteers helping CRISP move

Paw Pantry

We accepted \$6,810.53 in donations for the food pantry in 2024. We served around 60 families every two weeks. If you would like to donate, make a check payable to CRISP and put Paw Pantry in memo line.

Fundraisers:

CRISP Board of Directors coordinated a Holiday Tour of Homes in Winterset area. The weather was cold and icy but the event was fun and enjoyable! We plan to hold this event again during the 2025 Holiday Season. If you have any interest in helping with this event please contact us!