

McDonough County Inter-agency Council  
12/16/09  
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Donnice Hamilton	Early Beginnings
Bill Jacobs	Housing Authority
Brian Davenport	DHS-DRS
John Meixner	ROE #26
Kathy Perone	WIU Social Work
Amie Lacie	The Salvation Army
Holly Knight	The Crossing
Beth Chatterton	Extension Office
Kate McGruder	Early Beginnings
Katie Kerr	Head Start
Patty Swank	Head Start
Missy Kolowski	Alzheimer's Assoc.
Michelle Frederick	Central IL Adult Ed Service Center
William Barnes	Catholic Charities
Krystal Yeoman	ICCS
Natashia Myers	Illinois Mentor
Jeff Hunter	Village at Wheeler
Ann Chenoweth	Workforce Investment

- Head Start has received a grant for Early Head Start to serve 84 children, ages 0-3. In McDonough County, we will have 8 center base openings and 10 home base openings. We are currently taking applications. Please call 309-298-3143 and ask for Patty or Mandy.
- Village at Wheeler Homes – Fewer than 5 homes left! Looking for families to take advantage of our “Free rent until February 2010 special”.
  - Also have meeting space available for low or no cost to not-for-profit groups. Call Jeff Hunter at 309-827-4200.
- Illinois Coalition for Community Services (ICCS) – We are currently offering a program called IMPACT that includes free training, technical assistance, and possible competitive cash grants. Attendance at a conference is required. The closest conference to our area is in Springfield on 1/12/10 from 10am-3pm. Pre-registration is required (please call Krystal at 309-337-1880). If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them call for more information. They can also send an email to [krystal@organizing-communities.org](mailto:krystal@organizing-communities.org).
- There was much discussion about the Illinois budget crisis and what impact it has on the services to our community. Further discussion was planned for our January meeting.