

Jasper County Cares Coalition

AGENDA for Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 10:30 AM



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

Vision: Safe, healthy, and connected Jasper County.

Sign-in and information table: Please bring information or giveaways.

Cares information

- Website: https://www.jasperia.org/health/jasper_county_cares/
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JasperCountyCaresCoalition>
- Events/calendar: <https://www.jasperia.org/calendar/>
 - Coming soon. You will be able to submit your events to the County calendar.
- Resource Guide: <https://www.jasperia.org/resources/>
- Contact: Becky Pryor jaspercocoares@jasperia.org To add or change info.

Welcome/Updates: Welcome folders are available.

Attendance: Average for year. Perfect or Near Perfect Attendance for year.

- Perfect attendance members for 2024: Julie Smith, Jill Robinson, Kristina Winfield, Rita Baker, & Emma Krapf!!!!

Updates from Leadership:

- If someone hasn't attended in over a year, we plan to remove the names from the Cares distribution list.
- Other updates: Community Health Improvement Plan in February 2025!
- Dates for 2025. Added July.
- Jasper Co. Cares Coalition Guidance

A graphic showing the meeting dates for 2025. It features the coalition logo and the text "Jasper County Cares Coalition Meeting Dates (2nd Wednesday)". A table lists the dates for each month. The year "2025" is written in large, bold, black numbers on the left. The contact information is at the bottom.

Feb 12	Aug 13
Mar 12	Sep 10
Apr 9	Oct 8
May 14	Nov 12
Jun 11	Dec 10
Jul 9	

Contact: jaspercocoares@jasperia.org
Jasper Co. Office Building, Large Conference Room
315 W. 3rd St N. Newton, IA

Spotlight Agency: Jasper County Habitat for Humanity

Contact: Becca Decker

Email: rdecker@gdmhabitat.org

Website: <https://jaspercountyhabitat.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JasperCountyHabitat>

Email: info@impactcap.org, Telephone: (641)521-1727

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Jasper County Habitat for Humanity

Services: Housing

Mission: "Jasper County Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope in Jasper County, Iowa."

Programs: Home Ownership, Critical Home Repairs & Modifications, Housing Counseling & Financial Education, Advocacy, & Ramps.

MORE INFORMATION

(641)521-1727

Becca Decker, rdecker@gdmhabitat.org

jaspercountyhabitat.org

Jasper County Habitat for Humanity
A Division of Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity

Other:

Upcoming Agency Spotlight:

- February 2025: MICA, **Who will present?**
- March: St. Croix Hospice, Maddie France
- April: Crisis Intervention Services, Jodi Blackford
- May: The Well, Mary Romberg
- June: American Lung Iowa, Emma Krapfl
- July: EFR, Raichel Beierle
- August:
- September:
- October:
- November:
- December:

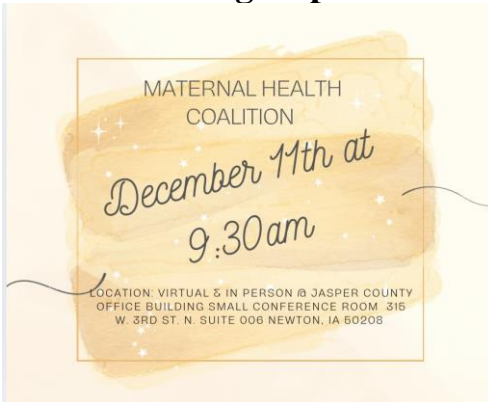
Member Introductions/Share (1 minute for each organization) Please stand up & state your name, organization, services provided, any changes, and upcoming events. Take a moment for any questions.

Any volunteer or job opportunities?

Anything else you would like to share?

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## December Subgroups



### **Maternal Child Health:** Before the Cares Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://micaonline-org.zoom.us/j/84597401248?pwd=Wa43bqVjDdigLUEnd8y040Q3kAQ0kU.1>

Meeting ID: 845 9740 1248 Passcode: WX2^%hmv?8

- 9:30-9:45am: Nick Pietrack –Safe Haven Baby Box
- 9:45-10:15am: Bridget Konz, RN, MPP (HHS) - Maternal Mortality
- 10:15-10:30am: Round Robin introductions/updates/open discussion
- Other
  - Breastfeeding Answers Pocket Guide: WIC, Sierra Stevens
  - OB/prenatal care services have been “paused in Newton. Hospital updates.

Next meeting March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

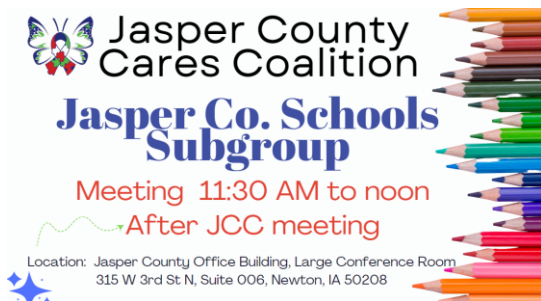
### **Contacts: MICA-**

Jana Larsen Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Coordinator [jana.larsen@micaonline.org](mailto:jana.larsen@micaonline.org)

Megan Van Beek, RN [megan.vanbeek@micaonline.org](mailto:megan.vanbeek@micaonline.org)

### **Schools Subgroup:** meeting after the regular Cares meeting

We would love to have a representative from each school.



### **Schools:**

1.) Susie’s Big Day books

2.) My Body, My Rules

- CAP (Child Assault Prevention)
- Janelle Ballhagen, Program Coordinator, Center for Advocacy and Outreach
- UnityPoint Health: Des Moines, Blank Children’s Hospital
- Email: [Janelle.Ballhagen@unitypoint.org](mailto:Janelle.Ballhagen@unitypoint.org)
- Tel: (515) 241-6703 office
- Website: <https://www.unitypoint.org/locations/unitypoint-health---blank-childrens-hospital/advocacy-and-outreach/child-assault-prevention-program>

3.) Law Enforcement and Schools meeting: Resources: Invite them to the Cares meeting.

## **Jasper County Cares Coalition Guidance** Updated 12.5.2024

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### **Where to find information:**

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- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JasperCountyCaresCoalition>
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### **Leadership:**

- Shall consist of at least 7 volunteer members from different organizations serving Jasper County which may include but not limited to the hospital, public health, Jasper County, mental health/substance abuse, law enforcement, along with health and human service agencies.
- Will determine who is on the Leadership Team by a majority vote of the current members.
- Term is ongoing until resignation from position or request.
- Must attend the majority of the Jasper County Cares meetings.
- Will meet quarterly or more often if needed.
- Will serve as the advisory committee for the Community Health Assessment.
- Will determine the regular meeting location, dates, and times.
- Any major changes to Jasper Co. Cares will be approved by Leadership.
- Elect a new chair from the leadership group in January yearly. This person will coordinate, facilitate, and promote the monthly and Leadership meetings.

### **Chair or designee:**

- Will make a sign in sheet and keep a members list with name, agency, and emails.
- The determine, distribute, & post the agenda about a week before the meeting and packets as needed.
- Facilitate the meetings.
- The Chair may make decisions as needed in the general operations of Jasper County Cares.

### **General Meeting Information:**

- Jasper Co. Cares will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, except in January.
- The Jasper Co. Cares meeting is to replace numerous duplicate meetings, so we ask do not add more meetings for providers and do not schedule other meetings during the Cares scheduled time.
- If someone does not attend Cares for over a year, their name will be removed from the contact list.
- If is the responsibility of the Cares members to update contacts and agency information.
- Full contact list for Cares will not be shared. Please contact individual agencies or ask the Chair to distribute in the packet or post packet.
- Networking and making a personal connection are the primary goals. Zoom will not be offered.
- Meetings are open to any healthcare, human service organizations, school, law enforcement, or supporting agencies.
- Attendees will be asked to sign in for each meeting.
- Attendees will be given the opportunity to speak (1 minute) during the meeting including: name, agency, agency information, events, volunteer or job opportunities, and new information.

### **Resource Guide and Table:**

- A resource table for brochures, business cards, and give aways for the agencies to distribute information will be provided.
- A brochure holder will stay in the hall by DHS or Public Health on non-meeting days.

### **Website (Events) and Social Media (Facebook):**

- The Chair or designee shall post the meeting dates and anything else that the group would like shared on the Events website and Facebook.

### **Subgroups:**

- The following subgroups currently exist:
  - Leadership: Led by Chair
  - Maternal and Child Health: Led by MICA
  - Schools: Led by Capstone or Chair
  - Senior Focus: not at the current time. No Lead Agency.



**INFORMAL COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION  
for**

Child Abuse Prevention and Community-Based Services  
in Jasper, Poweshiek, and Tama Counties  
(DCAT4-25-035)

**INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with the informal competition procedures provided for in 11 Iowa Administrative Code rule 118.9, the Department of Health and Human Services (the Agency), in collaboration with the Jasper/Poweshiek/Tama (JPT) Decategorization Board seeks a qualified entity to provide services to children and families who are involved, or at-risk of involvement, with the Department of Health and Human Services or Juvenile Court Services in Jasper, Poweshiek, and Tama counties.

The Agency anticipates the term of any resulting contract will be from February 2, 2025, to June 30, 2026. The resulting contract has no extensions. The contract is limited to a maximum of \$74,999 for the initial contract period. The maximum value of the contract is \$74,999. All contracts are subject to availability of funds.

The Agency may fund services in each county separately or fund a combined approach to serve families in multiples counties.

Bidders interested in providing these services should submit proposals to **Meredith Hershner by no later than 12:00pm (local time), on Friday, December 20, 2024**. Proposals must be submitted by email to: [meredith.hershner@linncountyiowa.gov](mailto:meredith.hershner@linncountyiowa.gov) and MUST be sent as separate attachments. Any proposal received after this deadline will be rejected.

Proposals should include the Bidder's cost proposal and sufficient information regarding the Bidder's ability to perform the services sought to enable the Agency to make a judgment about the Bidder's ability to perform the work identified in the Scope of Services. The Bidder should also include references with its proposal.

The Agency reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part, to advertise for new proposals, to abandon the need for such services, and to cancel this Informal Competitive Solicitation at any time prior to the execution of the written contract.

All information submitted by a Bidder may be treated as a public record by the Agency unless the Bidder properly requests that the information be treated as confidential information in accordance with the public records laws of the State of Iowa at the time its proposal is submitted.

The costs of preparation and delivery of the bid proposal are solely the responsibility of the Bidder.

By submitting a proposal, the Bidder agrees that the Agency may copy the proposal for purposes of facilitating the evaluation of the proposal or to respond to requests for public records and represents that such copying will not violate the rights of any third party.

By submitting a proposal, the Bidder agrees that it will not bring any claim or have any cause of action against the Agency based on any misunderstanding concerning the information provided herein or

concerning the Agency's failure, negligent or otherwise, to provide the bidder with pertinent information as intended by this Informal Competitive Solicitation.

### TIMETABLE

The dates set forth below are for informational planning purposes only. The Agency reserves the right to change the dates:

| Event                                                                                           | Date                                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Agency Issues Notice of the Informal Solicitation to Targeted Small Business Website (48 hours) | November 22, 2024                                       |
| Agency Issues Informal Solicitation                                                             | November 26, 2024                                       |
| <b>Bidder Proposals and any Amendments to Proposals Due By</b>                                  | <b>Friday, December 20, 2024, 12:00 pm (local time)</b> |
| Agency Announces Apparent Successful Bidder/Notice of Intent to Award                           | January 13, 2025                                        |
| Contract Negotiations and Execution of the Contract Completed                                   | January 27, 2025                                        |
| Anticipated Start Date for the Provision of Services                                            | February 2, 2025                                        |

### RESTRICTION ON COMMUNICATION

From the date of issuance of this Informal Competitive Solicitation until announcement of the successful Bidder, Bidders may not contact any employee of the State of Iowa other than the identified contact person about this Informal Bid Solicitation. Bidders may contact **Meredith Hershner at [meredith.hershner@linncountyiowa.gov](mailto:meredith.hershner@linncountyiowa.gov)** with questions related to the interpretation of this Informal Competitive Solicitation and the procurement process. Written responses to all questions received will be provided to all potential Bidders. If a Bidder or someone acting on a Bidder's behalf attempts to discuss this Informal Competitive Solicitation orally or in writing with any members of the evaluation committee, or any employee of the State of Iowa, other than Kristi Tisl, the Bidder may be disqualified.

### SCOPE OF SERVICES

The successful Bidder will address the needs of children and families through services provided who are involved, or at risk of involvement, with the Department of Health and Human Services or Juvenile Court Services in Jasper, Poweshiek, and/or Tama Counties.

The purchase of goods such as gift cards is not eligible for funding under Decat. Gift cards can be provided to families on a limited basis but the primary request for funding under this procurement should not be for goods such as gift cards.

The Agency may fund services in each county separately or fund a combined approach to serve families in multiples counties.

## PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposals should include sufficient information regarding the Bidder's ability to perform the services sought to enable the Agency to make a judgment about the Bidder's ability to perform the work identified in the Scope of Services. Proposals must address the Scope of Services, Performance Measures, and Budget as described below.

Bidders must submit their proposals for this Informal Competitive Solicitation using both of the following forms:

- DCAT4-25-035 Attachment A – Proposal Narrative
  - The successful Bidder will thoroughly and completely explain the services mentioned above and any other relevant information asked for in Attachment A.
  - Possible point totals are included in the headings of each section.
  
- DCAT4-25-035 Attachment B - Budget Request Form
  - Explain how much it will cost to provide these services, including staff time, benefits, material and supply expense reimbursement, participant incentives, and administrative costs. Indirect costs are limited to no more than 10% of the total budget.

*Note: The Agency may choose to pay the selected Bidder a unit rate for each hour of service, which is calculated using this budget.*

## APPLICATION SCORING

| Section                            | Section Point Totals |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Program Overview                   | 5 points             |
| Program Specifics                  | 10 points            |
| Staffing and Agency Qualifications | 5 points             |
| Performance Measures               | 10 points            |
| Fiscal                             | 5 points             |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>35 points</b>     |

## BIDDER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The Bidder is currently registered to do business in Iowa.
- The Bidder is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible from participation by any governmental department or agency.
- The Bidder has insurance coverage which meets contractual requirements.
- Services are restricted to children under the age of 18 or families with children under the age of 18.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Agency will utilize an evaluation committee to evaluate and review proposals. The committee will consider all information provided in the proposal when making its recommendation and may consider relevant information from other sources. **The evaluation committee will award the contract to the responsible Bidder submitting the best proposal. The lowest priced proposal is not necessarily the best proposal.**

The evaluation committee's selection will be subject to the final approval of the Agency. The proposals will be evaluated, and a recommendation will be made using the following criteria, which are listed in no particular order:

1. Cost.
2. Past performance of work that is identical or similar to the scope of services identified.
3. Experience and references that demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Agency, the expertise and ability of the Bidder to provide the Scope of Services described in the Informal Competitive Solicitation.
4. The capacity of the Bidder to complete the responsibilities described in the Scope of Services.

If there is a tie for the best proposal and only one of the Bidders is an Iowa business, the Iowa business shall be given preference over the out of state Bidders.

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

Notice of Intent to Award will be sent by email to all bidders submitting a timely bid proposal no later than **January 13, 2025**. The Notice of Intent to Award is subject to execution of a written contract and, as a result, the Notice does not constitute the formation of a contract between the Agency and the apparent successful bidder.

## ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

Negotiation and execution of the contract shall be completed no later than **January 27, 2025**. If the apparent successful bidder(s) fail to negotiate and execute a contract, in its sole discretion, the Agency may revoke the award and award the contract to the next highest ranked bidder or withdraw the Informal Bid Solicitation.

- The Agency further reserves the right to cancel the award at any time prior to the execution of a written contract.

## REVIEW OF NOTICE OF DISQUALIFICATION OR NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD DECISION

Bidders may request reconsideration of either a notice of disqualification or notice of intent to award decision by submitting a written request to the Agency:



Bureau Chief  
c/o Bureau of Service Contract Support  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Lucas State Office Building  
321 E 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-1002  
email: [reconsiderationrequest@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:reconsiderationrequest@dhs.state.ia.us)

The Agency must receive the written request for reconsideration within five calendar days of the date of either a disqualification notice or a notice of intent to award, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal state holidays. The written request may be emailed or delivered by postal service or other shipping service. Do not deliver any requests for reconsideration to the office in person. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that the request for reconsideration is received prior to the deadline. Postmarking or submission to a shipping service by the due date shall not substitute for actual receipt of a request for reconsideration by the Agency.

The request for reconsideration shall clearly and fully identify all issues being contested by reference to the page and section number of the Agency's solicitation. If a Bidder submitted multiple Proposals and requests that the Agency reconsider a notice of disqualification or notice of intent to award decision for more than one Proposal, a separate written request shall be submitted for each. At the Agency's discretion, requests for reconsideration from the same Bidder may be reviewed separately or combined into one response. The Agency will expeditiously address the request for reconsideration and issue a decision. The Bidder may choose to file an appeal with the Agency within five calendar days of the date of the decision on reconsideration, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal state holidays, and in accordance with 441 Iowa Admin. Code Ch. 7.

## **DEFINITION OF CONTRACT**

The full execution of a written contract shall constitute the making of a contract for services and no bidder shall acquire any legal or equitable rights relative to the contract services until the contract has been fully executed by the apparent successful bidder(s) and the Agency.

# MY BODY MY RULES

## Personal Safety Information for Kids



### MY BODY BELONGS TO ME!

- I can say **"No"** to anyone who wants to hug or kiss me when I don't want to.
- These are things I can do instead - fist bump, high five or a handshake.
- It's MY body and I'm the boss of it!

### MY SAFE AND TRUSTED ADULTS

- I have **5 safe adults** I can tell anything to.
- If I feel frightened, uncomfortable or nervous about something, I can tell one of these 5 adults.
- If one of my safe adults doesn't listen or believe me, I need to **keep telling** other safe adults.

Dad Grandma  
Teacher  
Mom Doctor



### WARNING SIGNS

- If I begin to feel scared or unsafe, my body may begin to sweat or I might get a funny feeling in my tummy. My heart might start to beat really fast too. These are warning signs that might mean something is wrong.
- If I get these kinds of feelings, it's important **I tell one of my 5 grown ups right away.**



### PRIVATE PARTS

- My private parts are the parts of my body that my swimming suit covers up.
- I call my private parts by their correct names - not nicknames.
- No one can touch me in my private parts and no one can ask me to touch someone else's private parts.
- No one should ever show me pictures of someone's private parts either.
- If something like this happens, **I need to tell one of my trusted adults** right away.



### UNSAFE SECRETS

- Unsafe secrets are secrets that make me feel scared or uncomfortable. If someone asks me to keep something a secret that makes me feel frightened, I need to tell a trusted adult right away.
- Kisses and touches are things that should **never be kept a secret.**



Blank Children's Hospital  
UnityPoint Health



## ARE YOU 60+ YEARS OLD?

### DO YOU NEED LEGAL HELP/ADVICE?

- Eviction or Other Housing Issues
- Debt collection issues/Bankruptcy
- Medicare/Medicaid Denial
- Wills/POA/End-of-Life Planning
- Social Security Issues
- Veteran's Benefits Issues
- Other Civil Legal Issues



### Iowa Legal Aid's Rural Justice Project

Iowa Legal Aid's Rural Justice Project for Older Iowans offers **FREE**:

- In-person (or phone) legal assessments
- Disaster preparedness counseling
- Holistic needs assessments and case management services

A representative from Iowa Legal Aid will be at:

**Jasper Community Center**

**2401 1<sup>st</sup> Ave E**

**Newton, IA 50208**

(11:00 am – 2:00 pm)

**Tuesday 12/17/24**

**(weather permitting)**

The Rural Justice Project for Older Iowans is supported by the Administration for Community Living (ACL), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling \$195,393 with 75 percent funded by ACL/HHS and 25 percent funded by non-federal sources. The contents of the project are those of Iowa Legal Aid and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement by ACL/HHS or the U.S. Government.

# Iowa Primary Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Application Cycle is Open!

**Applications are due April 8th, 2025**

For more information: <https://www.iowagrants.gov/viewStorefrontOpportunity.do?OIDString=1731435599026|Opportunity>

## Registering in IowaGrants and Starting an Application

### New applicants registering in IowaGrants:

To register for the first time, please follow the guidance at <https://dom.iowa.gov/iowa-grants-login>.

### Applicants already registered with IowaGrants under an organization:

If you are already registered under an organization, do **not** register a second time. Instead, contact the IowaGrants Helpdesk for assistance to create your individual registration.

[iowagrants.helpdesk@hhs.iowa.gov](mailto:iowagrants.helpdesk@hhs.iowa.gov).

### Starting your application:

There are three places at the beginning of the application that applicants need to put their first and last name:

1. For Authorized Official, the applicant's first and last name goes under "Name".
2. For Authorized Official, the applicant's first and last name goes under "Organization". Do **not** put Employer Information here.
3. For Fiscal Officer/Agent, the applicant's first and last name goes under "Name". Do **not** put Employer's Fiscal Officer/Agent here.

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## Purpose

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to improve access to primary health care among rural and/or underserved populations by providing educational loan repayment assistance to eligible primary care medical, dental, and mental health practitioners in exchange for a service obligation located within federally designated health professional shortage areas (HPSA) in Iowa.

See funding opportunity for eligibility conditions and requirements.

## Awards by Disciplines

|                        |                                              |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Eligible Health</b> | <b>Maximum Award<br/>Two-year, Full-time</b> | <b>Maximum Award</b> |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|

| <b>Care Disciplines</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b><i>OR</i><br/>Four-year, Half-time<br/>Service Obligation</b> | <b>Two-year, Half-time<br/>Service Obligation</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Primary care physician</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Medicine (and osteopathic general practice)</li> <li>• General Internal Medicine</li> <li>• Pediatrics</li> <li>• Obstetrics/Gynecology</li> <li>• Geriatrics</li> <li>• Psychiatry General Practitioners</li> </ul> <p>General and Pediatric Dentistry</p>                                                                                                                             | <p><b>\$75,000</b></p>                                           | <p><b>\$37,500</b></p>                            |
| <p>Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult</li> <li>• Family</li> <li>• Pediatrics</li> <li>• Psychiatry/mental health</li> <li>• Geriatrics</li> <li>• Women’s health</li> </ul> <p>Psychiatric Nurse Specialist</p> <p>Certified Nurse Midwife</p> <p>Health Service Psychologist (Clinical and Counseling)</p> <p>Pharmacist</p> <p>Licensed Clinical Social Worker/Licensed Independent Social Worker</p> | <p><b>\$65,000</b></p>                                           | <p><b>\$32,500</b></p>                            |
| <p>Licensed Master Social Worker</p> <p>Licensed Professional Counselor</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                  |                                                   |

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|------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Marriage and Family<br>Therapist         | <b>\$55,000</b> | <b>\$27,500</b> |
| Registered Clinical Dental<br>Hygienist  |                 |                 |
| Registered Nurse                         |                 |                 |
| Alcohol and Substance<br>Abuse Counselor |                 |                 |

