



Business Leadership Network

Network News and Notes

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At the University of Iowa College of Public Health, we understand that our work is very place based; it happens out in the "real world" where people live and work. We also recognize the mutual benefits that might come about through collaborative relationships with communities and businesses around the state. We invite you to keep in touch with us through these quarterly messages and through our initiatives around the state.

- Edith Parker, Professor and Head, Department of Community and Behavioral Health

BLN Community Forums

Join the Business Leadership Network at our spring community forums. There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided.



Oelwein, IA
May 16, 2018
11:30am-1:00pm

Discussion topic:
Worker Health and Safety
[More information and to Register](#)



Sioux City, IA
May 17, 2018
9:00am-12:30pm

Discussion topics:
Worker Wellness and Safety, Soft Skills/Worker Readiness, and Behavioral Health
[More information and to Register](#)

BLN Community Grant Spotlight



Living Proof Exhibit– Davenport and Muscatine
BLN 2018 Community Grant recipient, The Living Proof Exhibit, strives to enrich the lives of those impacted by cancer through art therapy sessions and exhibits. The project will offer 18 art sessions to people touched by cancer, with four special bilingual programs offered in Muscatine and the remainder in Scott and Rock Island counties. Participants create something beautiful while having the opportunity to talk to and connect with others impacted by cancer. After attending a creative session, participants have reported feeling more positive and relaxed.

Learn more about the [BLN Community Grant Project](#).

The UI College of Public Health in the News

Iowa schools participate in Healthy Schools-Healthy Students project

Starmont Elementary in Arlington, Iowa, is one of 20 elementary schools across the state participating in the Healthy Schools-Healthy Students project. The project includes food tastings, school nutrition trainings, and changes to the lunchroom environment. Natoshia Askelson, CPH assistant professor, is leading the evaluation of the intervention.

Video: Ottumwa Better Block project shows community possibilities

Last fall, the community group Main Street Ottumwa partnered with the Better Block Foundation and many others to temporarily transform a city block into a vibrant space for dining, playing, and shopping. The creative placemaking project was funded in part by a community grant from the College of Public Health's Business Leadership Network.

Nutrition experts explore connection between diet, obesity, and cancer

A special theme issue of the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics looks at the connection between diet, obesity, and cancer. "Registered dietitian nutritionists are involved in research to investigate diet-cancer relationships, as well as supporting individuals and communities in making lifestyle changes for cancer prevention and treatment," says Linda Snetselaar, editor-in-chief of the journal and CPH professor of epidemiology.

Op-ed: Mueller writes about the importance of higher ed to Iowans' health

Keith Mueller, CPH interim dean, recently wrote a guest opinion about the important role of public higher education in the health and well-being of Iowans. "The college's undergraduate, graduate, and certificate training programs promote the health of communities by preparing graduates who are trained to address the root causes of diseases and injuries and, whenever possible, to develop effective prevention strategies," Mueller writes.

CTSDMC contributes to groundbreaking neurological research through NeuroNEXT

NeuroNEXT, a national network funded by the National Institutes of Health and led by the University of Iowa, is accelerating the clinical trial process for neurological diseases with the expectation of bringing drugs to market in less time, with less money and less risk. The College of Public Health's Clinical Trials and Statistical Data Management Center (CTSDMC) is the data coordinating center for the initiative.

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