

# POSSIBLE PROGRAMS FOR LOCAL IRSPA UNIT & DISTRICT MEETINGS

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## Organizations and Institutions

### AEA Chief Administrators

[https://www.edinfo.state.ia.us/web/re\\_address.asp?b=13&r=all&q=1](https://www.edinfo.state.ia.us/web/re_address.asp?b=13&r=all&q=1)

These regional leaders may want to talk about AEA services.

### AMBA - Association Members Benefits Advisors

Member benefits

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AMBA District Manager (IA, IL, FL)

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Frankfort, IL 60423

708.347.7081 cell

[paul.strid@amba.info](mailto:paul.strid@amba.info)

[www.AMBA.info/Benefit.html](http://www.AMBA.info/Benefit.html)

### Community Colleges

Use this directory to find your community college. Many deal with Adult Literacy which would be a great topic.

<https://educateiowa.gov/sites/files/ed/documents/Directory%20June%201%2C%202019.pdf>

### County Courthouse

Have you ever explored your county courthouse?

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_county\\_courthouses\\_in\\_Iowa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_county_courthouses_in_Iowa)

### Future Ready Iowa

Governor Reynolds

<https://www.futurereadyiowa.gov/>

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## **Beth Townsend, Director**

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(515) 281-5364

## **Linda Fandel, Special Assistant for Education**

Office of the Governor  
[linda.fandel@iowa.gov](mailto:linda.fandel@iowa.gov)  
(515) 725-3522

## **Habitat for Humanity**

<https://www.iowahabitat.org/>

## **Hospice – Iowa Department of Health**

<https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/long-term-care/hospice>

## **Iowa AARP**

Member benefits  
Brad Anderson  
600 E. Court Ave., Suite 100  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
515.697.1002 office  
[banderson@aarp.org](mailto:banderson@aarp.org)

## **Iowa Arts Council**

<https://iowaculture.gov/>

Finding specific places in Iowa go to: <https://iowaculture.gov/iowa-culture>  
<https://iowaculture.gov/iowa175> - December 28, 2021

- Cemeteries
- Historic Ballrooms
- Historic Barns and Farmsteads
- Historic Bridges
- Historic Districts
- Historic Hotels
- Historic Markers
- Historic Schools
- Historic Sites
- Historic Theaters

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- Historic Societies
- History Museums
- History on the Move
- Iowa Governor Gravesites
- Military History
- National Heritage Areas
- National Historic Landmarks
- National Register of Historic Places
- Notable Iowans
- State Historic Sites
- Television and Movie Sites
- Underground Railroad
- Uniquely Iowa

## Iowa Department of Corrections

<https://doc.iowa.gov/>

### Helpful Videos

There are several helpful videos that have been produced in conjunction with our many State agency and nonprofit partners. These videos can offer the public and stakeholders the chance to learn more about the work going on that will ultimately lead us closer to our mission: creating opportunities for safer communities

Below, you'll find links to a variety of videos that have been produced that focus on various topics related to Corrections.

### [OpportUNITY: Rethinking Reentry](#)

Produced by OpportUNITY, a nonprofit focused on providing opportunities for success for groups facing challenges in society.

### [Face to Face: Anamosa State Penitentiary](#)

A production that focused on the importance of apprenticeships in the institutions. This production followed the Governor and Lt. Governor as they toured the Anamosa State Penitentiary and held a roundtable with elected officials and stakeholders on the topic of apprenticeships and job skills in our institutions.

### [Iowa Job Honor Awards 2018](#)

A video on a returning citizen that was selected as a 2018 "Iowa Job Honor Award" winner.

### [Iowa Job Honor Awards 2017](#)

A video on a returned citizen that was selected as a 2017 "Iowa Job Honor Award" winner.

- Anamosa State Penitentiary - Anamosa.
- Clarinda Correctional Facility - Clarinda.
- Fort Dodge Correctional Facility - Fort Dodge.

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- Iowa Correctional Institution for Women - Mitchellville.
- Iowa Medical and Classification Center - Oakdale.
- Iowa State Penitentiary - Fort Madison.
- Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility - Mount Pleasant.
- Newton Correctional Facility - *unincorporated* Jasper County, near Newton.
- North Central Correctional Facility - Rockwell City.

## Iowa Department of Natural Resources

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/>

- Boating & Boaters Education
- Camping
- Camps & Workshops
- Canoeing & Kayaking
- Climate Change
- Dock Permits
- Dog Training and Trialing
- Dutch Oven Cooking
- Equestrian Campgrounds
- Equestrian Trails
- Forestry
- Forestry Landowner Assistance
- Geocaching
- Geology
- Hiking & Biking
- Hiking & Biking Trails
- Honey Creek Resort
- Iowa Shooting Ranges
- Iowa State Forests
- Iowa State Parks
- Iowa State Preserves
- Iowa's Wildlife
- Off-Highway Vehicles & Education
- OHV Trails & Closures
- Paddling Trails
- Recreation Atlas
- Resource Enhancement & Protection [REAP]
- Scientific Collectors & Permits
- Shooting Sports
- Snowmobiles & Snowmobile Education
- State Forest Nursery
- Teacher Resources
- Threatened & Endangered Species
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Watershed Improvement
- Wildlife Landowner Assistance
- Wildlife Management Areas

## Iowa Firefighters Association – The Voice of Iowa's Firefighters

<http://www.iafireassn.org/>

## Iowa State Patrol | Iowa Department of Public Safety

<https://dps.iowa.gov/divisions/iowa-state-patrol>

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## **Job Corps**

<https://www.futurereadyiowa.gov/job-corps>

Locations in Denison and Ottumwa

## **Puppy Jake Foundation**

<http://www.puppyjakefoundation.org/about-the-foundation>

<http://www.puppyjakefoundation.org/puppy-jake-program/service-member-resources>

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## Issues and Themes

### Artists/Painters

<https://www.traveliowa.com/getinspiredetails/picture-perfect--iowa-s-great-artists/15/>

Or create your own painting class.

<https://stepbysteppainting.net/2017/09/07/diy-paint-night-supplies/>

### County Courthouse

Have you ever taken a tour of your county courthouse?

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_county\\_courthouses\\_in\\_Iowa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_county_courthouses_in_Iowa)

### Country Schools

<https://educateiowa.gov/walk-through-iowa-s-one-room-schoolhouses>

<http://www.preservationiowa.org/initiatives/country-schools/>

<http://www.iowapbs.org/iowapathways/mypath/one-room-schools>

<https://museum.library.uni.edu/collections/rural-schools>

<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED380380.pdf>

<https://www.iowafarmbureau.com/Article/Iowas-country-school-Legacy>

### Master Gardeners

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mastergardener/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoyB28Aj3qOovjpwnkSiLBg>

<https://www.iowapublicradio.org/post/iowa-master-gardener-program-celebrates-40-years#stream/0>

### Mental Health

*Please Pass the Love*

Jennifer Ulie-Wells

PH: 515.339-3837

EMAIL: [info@pleasepassthelove.org](mailto:info@pleasepassthelove.org)

PO Box 93873, Des Moines, IA 50393

<https://www.rtor.org/directory/mental-health-resources-in-iowa/>

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[https://teamcsa.org/?gclid=Cj0KCQjw9ZzzBRCKARIsANwXaeJxKMmhfuD3rYicyXJd9-Ny68xo\\_P4xxsC5IM8LurgzXJW5bgLM\\_UAaApqJEALw\\_wcB](https://teamcsa.org/?gclid=Cj0KCQjw9ZzzBRCKARIsANwXaeJxKMmhfuD3rYicyXJd9-Ny68xo_P4xxsC5IM8LurgzXJW5bgLM_UAaApqJEALw_wcB)

National Alliance on Mental Illness

<https://namiowa.org/making-iowa-no-1-mental-health/>

## Iowa Pheasants Forever

<https://www.iowapf.net/>

## Poets

John Pisarek – Iowa Country Poet

<https://www.facebook.com/people/John-Pisarik/100004896557878>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Poets\\_from\\_Iowa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Poets_from_Iowa)

## Storm Chasers

<https://www.iowachase.com/>

Marlene Spies – Davis County

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## Iowa Specific Programs

### Battle of Athens (MO), near Croton, Iowa – The Civil War in Iowa

In Lee County

<https://mostateparks.com/park/battle-athens-state-historic-site>

<http://www.iowapbs.org/iowapathways/artifact/civil-war-battle-iowa>

<http://www.iowacivilwarmonuments.com/cgi-bin/gaarddetails.pl?1210279629~1>

### The Bluegrass Palace

<http://iagenweb.org/union/history/bluegrass.html>

In 1889, the Blue Grass League was formed by 18 counties in southwestern Iowa. That's all we are going to say.

### Edgewood School of Domestic Arts

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edgewood\\_School\\_of\\_Domestic\\_Arts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edgewood_School_of_Domestic_Arts)

<https://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/hardin/esd.htm>

### Honor Flights

<https://www.midwesthonorflight.org/>

Central & Western Iowa

<http://www.centraliowahonorflight.org/>

Eastern Iowa

<http://eihonorflight.org/>

Central Iowa

<https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/home/recent-news-and-press-releases/central-iowa-honor-flight/>

Southern Iowa

<http://www.southerniowahonorflight.com/>

### Iowa Authors

<https://www.iowacenterforthebook.org/authors>



# POSSIBLE PROGRAMS FOR LOCAL IRSPA UNIT & DISTRICT MEETINGS

[https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/8090.Iowa\\_Authors](https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/8090.Iowa_Authors)

<https://www.iowacenterforthebook.org/air>

## **Iowaville Cemetery**

Selma, Van Buren, Iowa, United States

<https://villagesofvanburen.com/the-villages.html?item=42>

## **Johnson, Colonel Harold**

Vietnam POW with John McCain – Blakesburg

The Hall of Valor Project

<https://valor.militarytimes.com/hero/3539> - specific to Johnson

<https://valor.militarytimes.com/>

<https://www.pownetwork.org/bios/j/i027.htm>

## **KSOI Radio Station FM**

Murray, IA

Created by Joe Hynek

515.462.0053 cell

641.447.2919 land

<http://ksoifm.com/aboutus.html>

## **McCann, Linda - Iowa author**

<https://www.iowacenterforthebook.org/authors/browse/mccann-linda>

Butler County

[losttownsofiowa@gmail.com](mailto:losttownsofiowa@gmail.com)

Browse to find other Iowa Authors - <https://www.iowacenterforthebook.org/authors/browse>

## **PET Hand Crafted Mobility Cart**

Mobility Worldwide

Columbia, MO

<https://mobilityworldwide.org/affiliates/missouri-columbia/>

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## Miscellaneous Ideas

### Amazing Businesses

such as Turtle farms, Animators, Taxidermist, basket makers, bee keepers, soap making

### Arboretum Tours

### Bus and Train Stations

### Car Pool Trips

### Cemetery Walks

### Church Choirs

### Coffee Groups

Have a coffee to listen to people who need someone to listen to. Retired and watch field work when you can't do it anymore. Family far away. Need to talk to someone different.

### College Deans

### Community Projects

### Dress A Girl Around the World

out of Des Moines; not pillow case dresses; uses durable material

Dress a Girl Around the World is a Campaign under Hope 4 Women International (a 501 (c) 3 organization) bringing dignity to women around the world since 2006. Hope 4 Women International is a nondenominational independent Christian organization. Visit our website to learn more at Hope 4 Women International

### Ethnic Meals and Culture

### FBI Agent

### Heart Health from Local Hospital

### Impersonators

Kate Shelley

Abraham Lincoln (Tom Wickham – Dubuque)

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Molly Brown

<https://www.thebash.com/search/impersonator-iowa>

Interpreters

Local Leaders

Mayor, Council Persons, City Managers

Mission Groups who go to other countries

Music Presentations by school

Museums

Private Collections

Phil Tetzloff (Marshalltown) collects tools

Sandy and Jay Thede (Mason City) collect nativities

George Holland (Dubuque) collects Dick and Jane books as well as nativities

Redeemer Lutheran Pastor in Sioux City makes pickles

Father Hupp at Nativity Church in Sioux City collects nativities.

Railroad Terminals

Robotics Class

Scholarships Winners

School History Museum

Davenport supports a school history museum

Schools of Music

Speech Contest practice or winners

Superintendent Talk

Travel Agent Events

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## **Tributes to Teachers (and Other School Personnel)**

Celebrating successes calling back students who are successful; world food prize lady running a business helping the Hispanic population; farm boy to funeral director; those who went into education; picture tributes

## **Ukulele Players**

Veteran Organizations – American Legion, VFW,

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## **PLACES TO HOLD MEETINGS**

AEA buildings

Ballrooms

Banks with Meeting Rooms

Church Gathering Spaces

Colleges

Funeral Home Gathering Rooms

Groceries with Community Rooms (e.g. HyVee)

Hospitals

Hotels

Restaurants with Private Rooms (e.g. Pizza Ranch, Perkins)

School Buildings

Skilled Care Facilities

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## Think Abouts

Balance for men and women

Belonging – those who cannot attend

Free meal to speakers.

How long is your program? 30 minutes

Interacting with others

Name tags for members

Payment – Donations, ask, \$50 - \$100

People approach you

Program in yearbook, bookmarks

Programs which last too long

Sponsor students when they entertain; buy them lunch and sit with the sponsor

Time to talk with table topics – 10 minutes then move on to another table

Written suggestions for programs