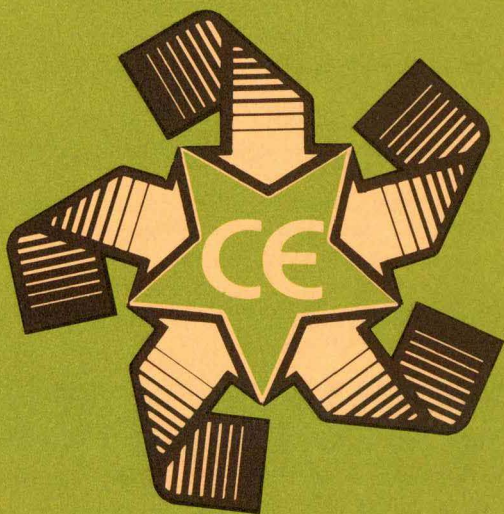


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What Is Community Education?

Community Education is a concept which . . .

- . . . emphasizes education as a lifelong learning process
- . . . promotes a greater sense of community and improves the quality of community living
- . . . joins the school and community in closer partnership
- . . . makes maximum use of community resources
- . . . identifies community needs and links resources to help solve community problems
- . . . promotes communication, coordination and cooperation among community groups, agencies and organizations
- . . . involves people in decision making through advisory councils

It seems to me that every person, always, is in a kind of informal partnership with his community. His own success is dependent to a large degree on that community, and the community, after all, is the sum total of the individuals who make it up. The institutions of a community, in turn, are the means by which those individuals express their faith, their ideals, and their concern for fellow men.

The partnership between a man and his community is often an unconscious relationship, but this fact does not make it any less real. For me, this sense of partnership has become a growing reality over the years, thanks in part to Community Education.

*Charles Stewart Mott
Community Education Pioneer*

What Is the Iowa Center for Community Education?

The Iowa Center for Community Education (ICCE) joins in partnership a state agency and two local school districts in Iowa. Together the Iowa Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the West Des Moines and Delwood Community School Districts will provide the necessary leadership for developing the Community Education concept.

The Center provides awareness, developmental assistance, and consultative services to communities and school districts throughout Iowa. The Center has several purposes, namely:

- to develop a greater awareness and understanding about Community Education
- to sponsor local, regional and statewide training opportunities in Community Education
- to increase the number of Community Education programs across Iowa
- to respond to requests from local communities for assistance in Community Education

Audiovisual and written materials pertaining to Community Education are also available upon request. For further information about Community Education services offered by the Center, please contact one of the members of the Center staff:

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What Services Are Available from the Center?

The primary services the Iowa Center for Community Education has to offer to communities throughout Iowa are twofold:

1. to provide four general awareness workshops about the total scope of the Community Education concept
2. to provide individualized inservice training opportunities to those communities participating in one of the four workshops

We suggest that community teams, comprised of four or five prominent persons from a local community, attend one of these workshops together. Representatives on a community team might include: a school board member, a superintendent of schools, a parks and recreation director, a community college representative, a business leader, a civic leader, a community leader, or any combination of community representatives which best reflects the community.

The Center workshop will focus on the following content areas:

1. introduction of basic concepts and philosophy of Community Education
2. identification and explanation of the basic components of Community Education, namely: needs assessment, advisory councils, inter-agency cooperation, program development, financing and community awareness
3. discussion of strategies on how to establish a Community Education model within your community or school district
4. use of community resources to describe in detail one rural model (Delwood) and one suburban model (West Des Moines) of Community Education

Persons knowledgeable of Community Education who hold positions similar to those of persons on the community teams will be at the workshops to answer questions and offer comments.

What Do Iowans Say about Community Education?

"With the tremendous investments we have made in our school facilities, we should enable local school districts to implement community education programs."

*Robert D. Ray, Governor
State of Iowa*

"For many years, Iowa school districts have included the word 'community' in their name. Community Education activities can afford local schools the opportunity to live up to that designation."

*Robert D. Benton
State Superintendent of
Public Instruction*

"The Iowa Area Colleges endorse, encourage and look forward to the expansion of Community Education through continuous collaborative relationships with local school districts."

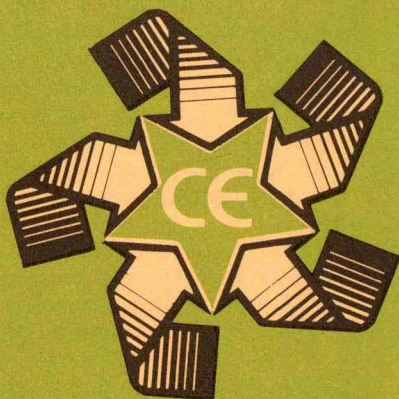
*John J. Prihoda, Superintendent
Member, Merged Area
Superintendents Association*

"Community Education is the logical extension of what parks and recreation professionals have been practicing for years. It is a concept which speaks to the best possible use of community resources to provide life enriching experiences for the community's citizenry."

*John Foens
Director of Recreation
Cedar Rapids Recreation
Commission*

"Community Education is built upon the concept that education is a lifelong process and school districts should form a resource partnership with other community agencies to meet community needs."

*Dale Grabinski, Superintendent
West Des Moines
Community Schools*



The ICCE logo is a symbol for Community Education. The five arrows turn forcefully inward just as individuals re-enter the learning process at different points in their lives. Learning is a lifelong process and the arrows continue, unendingly, in a circle.

As a result of this educational search, the central star of Community Education is formed. It radiates outward, just as the individuals carry their learning out into the rest of their lives and the rest of the world. Lifelong learning (Community Education) then illuminates and ultimately serves as a beacon guiding others to the center.

-Ray Benter
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