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Bio:

Anthony Carroll has served as Iowa AARP Associate State Director for Advocacy since October 2005. He currently serves on AARP's taskforce on state health care reforms and initiatives. Before joining AARP, he was the Voter Outreach Coordinator and State Legislative Liaison for the Iowa Secretary of State's office. Anthony has practiced health and labor law with a Cedar Rapids, Iowa firm, and was a self-employed attorney, and served in different capacities for various political campaigns and organizations. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa College of Law in Iowa City, Iowa with a class emphasis on health law. Anthony received his undergraduate degree from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and studied economics and political science for a summer at Georgetown University, Washington, DC. He is originally from McGregor, Iowa.

Leta Wall, AARP Iowa - volunteer

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Bio:

Leta Wall of Cedar Rapids is a long-time advocate for older Iowans. Wall, a member of the Cedar Rapids AARP Chapter, has been recognized for her volunteer service, in particular her work in advocating for adult abuse prevention. Among her many honors, Wall received the AARP Andrus Award for Community Service in 2005, the highest honor AARP bestows for volunteer service. Leta has been a representative to the Older Iowans Legislature for 15 years, and has been a representative to the Silver Haired Legislature in Washington, D.C. In 2004, she received the Governor's Shining Star Award for outstanding service, and was also named Advocate of the Year by the Heritage Agency on Aging in 2005. Before retiring, Wall was a social worker with the Iowa Department of Human Services.

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Bio:

1956	Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education, University of Notre Dame
1957	Master of Arts Degree in Physical Education, University of Iowa
1963	Doctor of Medicine, University of Iowa
1963-4	Straight Pediatric Internship, Buffalo Children's Hospital, Buffalo NY

1963-5 Pediatric Resident, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Dept of Pediatrics
1966-7 Fellowship in Mental Retardation and Disabilities, Department of Pediatrics, UIHC
1967 Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics Fellow,
American Academy of Pediatrics
1972 Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics
1977 Director, University Hospital School, UIHC
Associate Professor, Department of Special Education, College of Education, UI
Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities, Department of Pediatrics
1980 Professor of Pediatrics, College of Medicine, UI
Professor of Special Education
1983 President, American Association of University Affiliated Programs for Persons
with Disabilities
1983-85 Chair, Admissions Committee, College of Medicine, UI
1985-91 Chair, Committee on Children with Disabilities, American Academy of Pediatrics
1987-97 Chair, Protection of Persons Subcommittee of the UIHC Hospital Advisory
Committee
1986 Recipient of Ross Award, American Academy of Pediatrics, for Lifetime
Achievement in pediatric education.
1988 Chair, 17 Nation International Child Care Task Force, Office of Economic
Opportunity and Development, (OECD), Paris France
1989 President, American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine
1989-97 Member, Scientific Advisory Committee, Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation
in Pediatric Education
1987-96 Testified on eight occasions at the request of the United States Congress (6 Senate,
2 House) regarding child health and persons with disabilities
1990-98 Member, Iowa Prevention of Disabilities Policy Council
1990-96 Consultant, Special Olympics International, Washington DC
1993-96 Project Co-Director, Regents 3 Year Grant for Preparation of Early Childhood
Educators
1998 Professor Emeritus, University of Iowa
Recipient of University Of Iowa College of Medicine Distinguished Alumni Award
for Service
2000 Chairman, Iowa Statewide Task Force on Child Development, IDPH
2002 Consultant, US Department of Justice re: Quality of Care Persons in Institutions
2004 Consultant, IDPH & IDHS ABCD II Project for Healthy Mental Development
2006 Consultant, Iowa Prevention of Disabilities Policy Council and IDHS, Physician
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Charles Bruner serves as Executive Director of the Child and Family Policy Center. He holds an

M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Stanford University, and received his B.A. from Macalester College. He served twelve years as a state legislator in Iowa.

Through the Child and Family Policy Center, Charles provides technical assistance to states, communities, and foundations on child and family issues and heads the technical assistance activities of the federally-established National Center for Service Integration. Through funding from the Ford, Kauffman, and Packard Foundation, Bruner also directs the State Early Childhood Policy Technical Assistance Network, providing evidenced-based assistance to state decision-makers on school readiness issues.

Bruner has written widely on public policy approaches to developing more comprehensive, community-based responses to children, family, and neighborhood needs.

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Bio: Christopher G. Atchison is Associate Dean for Public Health Practice and Clinical Professor in Health Management and Policy at the University of Iowa, College of Public Health. In addition, Mr. Atchison is the Interim Director of the Iowa Hygienic Laboratory, the state's designated public health laboratory. He is also the Director of the Institute for Public Health Practice, teaches the College's introduction to public health class and is course director for the MPH practicum required of all MPH candidates. Mr. Atchison is currently the principle investigator on two federal grants; the CDC funded Upper Midwest Public Health Preparedness Center and the HRSA funded Upper Midwest Public Health Training Center. Mr. Atchison also chairs the University of Iowa's Pandemic Preparedness Task Force, is the Chair of the Iowa Prevention of Disabilities Policy Council and is on the Board of the Child and Family Policy Center.

Prior to joining the University, Mr. Atchison served for eight years as Director of the Iowa Department of Public Health (1991-1999). During his tenure, Mr. Atchison chaired the Iowa Child Health Insurance Program (HAWK-I) Board, the Iowa Health Data Commission and the Governor's Task Force on Regulatory Reform. He was vice-chair of Healthy Iowans 2010, the Long Term Care Coordinating Council and was a member of the Governor's Health Care Reform Task Force and the Iowa Empowerment Board.

At the national level, Mr. Atchison served as President of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) during the years 1994 and 1995 and was chair of the Joint Council of Official Health Agencies. In 1998 he received ASTHO's Arthur T. McCormack Award for his contributions to public health practice. He has been on the board of the Public Health Foundation and was a member of the New York Academy of Medicine's Committee on Medicine and Public Health. He currently serves as the National Program Director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's State Health Leadership Initiative, the Steering Committee for the National Academy of State Health Policy.

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Bio: Dr. Michael Artman is Professor and Head, Department of Pediatrics, University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine and Physician-in-Chief, Children's Hospital of Iowa. He assumed his current positions in January 2005, after having served as Director of Pediatric Cardiology at New York University Medical Center from 1994-2004. From 1984-1994, he was on the faculty of the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. Dr. Artman is a graduate of Tulane University School of Medicine and completed his pediatric residency and pediatric cardiology fellowship training at Vanderbilt University in 1984. He has published numerous papers, books, and book chapters and has served on a variety of local, regional and national committees.

Jerry Gruba, Heartland AEA 11

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Bio: For the past six years, has supervised home interventionists, early education and early childhood special education (ECSE) consultants, and parent educator coordinators (PECs) for Heartland AEA 11. In addition, Jerry is the Region 11 Liaison for Early ACCESS. Jerry's work focuses on collaborating with others both within and outside of AEA 11 to coordinate services for children from birth to 5 years of age. This collaboration includes working with the Iowa Department of Education and the Departments of Public Health and Human Services and Child Health Specialty Clinics in planning and implementing policies and procedures for young children and families.

Within AEA 11, Jerry also works with the supervisors and staff of a number of disciplines, such as social workers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and speech language pathologists to coordinate services in homes, schools, and community-based early childhood settings.

In his 11 years with Heartland AEA, Jerry has worked as a school psychologist in public schools at the elementary, middle and early childhood levels. He also worked in Heartland's research department. Jerry received his B.A. in Psychology in 1984 from Southern Illinois University and his Ph.D. in School Psychology from the University of Oregon in 1997.

Mackenzie Lowry

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Mackenzie Lowry is a youth anti-tobacco advocate from Clear Lake, Iowa. She lost her father, a lifelong smoker, to lung cancer when she was 14. Since then, she has embarked on a deeply

personal mission to prevent anybody else from having to prematurely lose a loved one to a tobacco related disease. In May of 2006, she graduated from Clear Lake High School after already receiving her Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts with honors from North Iowa Area Community College. That summer, she accepted a one year deferral from Harvard to continue working for the cause she is so deeply committed to – a \$1 (no less) tobacco tax increase and improving prevention and cessation measures by interning with the American Cancer Society. This September, she will begin her undergraduate studies at Harvard.