Iowa State University has evaluated **Strengthening**

Families 10-14 by comparing families who have participated in the program to families who have not. Here are some of the results.

- ☐ Youth have significantly less behavior problems in school.
- □ Parents effectively set limits and consequences, and have more positive relationships with their children.
- ☐ Youth have significantly lower rates of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana use.



These results continue for years after participation in the program.

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Strengthening Families

A Program for Parents and Youth Ages 10-14

Place: Starbuck Middle

School

1516 S. Ohio Street

Racine, WI

Days: Tuesdays

Dates: February 16-April 5

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

(Dinner at 5:30)



Who benefits from Strengthening Families?

Benefits

To Community:

- Decreased problem behaviors in teens
- Less teen use of drugs and alcohol
- Increased positive parenting of teens

To Youth and Families:

Parents Learn

- What to expect from their adolescent children
- Over a dozen tools for effectively parenting teens
- How to set limits and show love during the pre-teen and teen years

Youth Learn:

- How to resist peer pressure
- How to handle angry feelings and manage stress
- How to choose positive friends
- Appreciation for their parents

Improve family unity and have fun at the same time!

Session Agenda

5:30-6:00 PM Family Dinner

6:00-7:00 PM Group Activities

(parents and youth

are separate)

7:00-8:00 PM Family Activities

(parents and youth

together)



Dedicate time to the future of your children and to the future of your family.

Free child care is offered to participants of the program. If you require child care, please include this information on your registration form.

8:00 PM 5:30 Please complete the registration sheet below. To register, please call Ms. Sara Barrows at 262-664-6513. Ŋ, 22 and April and 15, 23, March 1,8, Tuesday, February 16, 'Strengthening Families"

Date of Birth Parent / Caregiver Name (if applicable) Telephone Number Youth Name Racine, WI 53 Birth Date of Parent / Caregiver Name Youth Name Address

children ☐ No, I do not need child care.

☐ I need child care for

Do you need child care?