

Nonprofits' collaboration topic of forum

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BLOOMINGTON — How local nonprofits can achieve more through collaboration is the topic of the spring community issues forum of The Women to Women Giving Circle.

The group, a part of the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, will meet 4:30 to 6 p.m. April 19 at the Illinois State University Alumni Center, 1101 N. Main St., Normal. The event is free and open to the public.

Panelists will discuss collaborations between The Baby Fold and McLean County Unit 5 to provide family support services at Fairview Elementary School and between Labyrinth Outreach Services and YWCA McLean County to provide services for women recently released from incarceration.

Forum attendees will be asked to discuss how more collaboration and partnerships among nonprofits may be achieved in times of less funding.

Panelists will be:

- Mary Campbell, co-founder of Labyrinth Outreach Services, a volunteer with many community nonprofits and professor emerita of social work at ISU.
- Lori Harrison, Fairview school principal, who has 18 years of experience as a teacher and administrator.
- Rebecca Kinsey, community school coordinator at The Baby Fold, who worked in child advocacy in Georgia before joining The Baby Fold in 2012 as a child welfare specialist in the foster care unit.
- D. Dontae Latson, CEO of YWCA McLean County, who was a psychotherapist at nonprofits in the Washington, D.C., area and was director of behavioral health care services for Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, N.C., before joining YWCA.

Women to Women Giving Circle, a program and funding arm of Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, works to expand philanthropy among women in McLean, DeWitt, Livingston and Logan counties while supporting programs that help women.