

# News 4 You

## Partnerships 4 Families

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### Careers and Education in Early Childhood

When you think of a career in early childhood what do you think of? A child care provider or preschool teachers perhaps are the most common. Recently the Iowa AEYC (see article page 3) shared a document that was developed by the Child Care Services Association listing early childhood career paths. IAIEYC updated it to include colleges in Iowa that offer educational opportunities in early childhood. The document can be found at: <http://www.iowaaeyc.org/teach/4000/4101.pdf>  
The document lists 14 different early childhood careers, a description of that career, job possibilities, education requirements and

salary's. Iowa AEYC has also developed a "Directory of Early Childhood Certificate & Degree Programs at Iowa Colleges and Universities" this resource is 171 pages in length and provides detailed information for persons seeking higher education in the field of early childhood. This document is beneficial to persons starting beginning their education or those that are seeking specific endorsements in early childhood. <http://www.iowaaeyc.org/teach/1200/1204.pdf>

Both resources offer a wealth of information.

### Statewide Voluntary Preschool Fact Sheet

The Iowa Department of Education has developed a Fact Sheet regarding the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old Children. The document can be found on the DE's website at:

[http://www.iowa.gov/education/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=940&Itemid=1279](http://www.iowa.gov/education/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=940&Itemid=1279)  
(Scroll down to Awarded Applicants and look for Fact Sheet)

The document contains enrollment information,

participating districts, funding and an outline of the requirements for a preschool programs.

Currently all school districts in the P4F area have a Statewide Voluntary Preschool with in them.

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#### Alphabet Soup:

- DHS-Department of Human Service *Education and*
- DE-Department of Education
- IDPH-Iowa Department of Public Health

## Community Human Service Coalition Meetings

Community Coalition Meetings are intentional meetings of human service providers gathering to network for the benefit of the people they serve. Any one is welcome to attend.

**Audubon County** meets at 11:30 AM on the second Wednesday of the month quarterly at the ISU Extension. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.** See article page 4.

**Carroll County** meets at noon on the third Wednesday of the month at Charlie's in the Carrollton Center. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at noon.** December's meeting will be at New Opp.

**Greene County** meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Their next meeting is **Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon.**

**Guthrie County** meets at noon quarterly in March, June, September and December on the second Thursday of the month at the Guthrie County ISU Extension meeting room. **December 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon**

The success of the meetings is driven by the people attending and the connections that are developed.

## P4F Early Childhood Task Force Meetings

Early Childhood Task Force meetings are intended to bring together early childhood providers four times a year for networking and program development. Information from the Early Childhood Task Force meetings provides local input to the Partnerships 4 Families Board decision making process.

Following are the meeting times for February.

Audubon at 4:00 PM  
Monday February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Audubon ISU Extension Meeting Room

Carroll at 4:00 PM  
Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
New Opportunities, Rm D

Greene at 4:00 PM  
Tuesday February 1<sup>st</sup> at the GC Medical Center Public

Health Conference Room  
Guthrie at 4:00 PM  
Tuesday February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Guthrie County Public Health

The focus of the February ECTF will be a legislative session, Day on the Hill and the new Levels of Excellence.

Joy is a heart full  
and a mind  
purified by  
gratitude.

*-Marietta M.*

## DECAT

A new DCAT and CPPC Coordinator has been hired, Alayna Clancy will start in November. Look for her at the monthly coalition meetings. Her Contact

information is:

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## Iowa AEYC

The Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children (Iowa AEYC) is an association of early childhood professionals working in Iowa.

We are dedicated to improving the well-being of all young children, with focus on the quality of education and developmental services for those age birth through 8. As an affiliate of National Association

for the Education of Young Children, Iowa AEYC draws on their leadership, resources and knowledge to better serve our members and the state.

We represent over 1500 Iowa AEYC members throughout our state, and support efforts to improve teaching and learning, promote leadership and

professional development in our field, support accreditation and excellence in early childhood education programs, and build public awareness through advocacy and outreach. Membership is open to all individuals who share a desire to serve and act on behalf of the needs and rights of all young children.

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

## Partnerships 4 Families Board Update

The Partnerships 4 Families Board meet on November 19<sup>th</sup> in Coon Rapids. The board had an update from Cindy Duhrkopf, Area Director and then had a working meeting surrounding the new Levels of Excellence that the P4F Area will be required to participate to maintain an ECI area. There are eight areas of the Levels of

Excellence. The Board spent the entire meeting going through the Operational area. A sub committee was established to review the bylaws making updates to ECI and new requirements. Duhrkopf shared that she has established a method for keeping materials and will start making documentation of items needed.

The P4F Board does not meet in December. The next meeting is January 21, 2011.

All meetings are open to the public and held at the Coon Rapids Municipal Building.

## Teen Pregnancy Rates in P4F Area

County	2008	2009
Audubon	10	5
Carroll	21	19
Greene	5	14
Guthrie	7	9

When looking at the above statistics we must keep in mind that these birth represent mothers from 12 to 19. In 2008 35 of the 43

births were to mothers 18-19 and in 2009 the number decreased to 27 of 47 births, indicating that there were more births to mothers under age 18. Unfortunately this is not a trend we want to see.

P4F's funding does not allow for prevention

programming for teen pregnancy but encourages teen mothers to become involved in the HOPES program in their county. Through H.O.P.E.S. they will receive education and support for raising their baby. If you know of a teen mom in your community encourage them to contact H.O.P.E.S.

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## December Carroll Coalition Meeting

New Opportunities, Inc. will host the December 15 Carroll Coalition Meeting at their central office located at 23751 Hwy 30 East in order to announce a new health initiative. The meeting will begin at 12:00 noon and lunch will be provided by New Opportunities.

Please RSVP to [mjanning@newopp.org](mailto:mjanning@newopp.org)

**Every child, beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful.**



### Audubon Coalition Meeting Going Quarterly

Due to declining attendance and additional demands on all human service providers the attendees of the Audubon Human Service Coalition have decided to meet quarterly. Guthrie County has been meeting quarterly for two years and has found it works well. Since many providers serve both Audubon and Guthrie county the meetings will off set each other allowing for less duplication of meeting in one month.

Audubon will now meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 11:30 in the months of January, April, June and October. For 2011 the meetings will be on January 12<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Guthrie Human Service Coalition meets in March, June, September and December on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Their meetings for 2011 will be on March 10<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>.

With the new arrangement we hope that human service providers will prioritize the quarterly meetings. The meetings are open to any one from the county or who serves the county in any capacity.

