

Partnerships 4 Families ECTF Overview September 2011

Audubon ECTF was held at 4:00 PM, September 28th at ISU Extension. Persons in attendance were: Trisha Christensen, Michelle Schlichte, Magen Fineran, Jeanne Schwab, and Cindy Duhrkopf

Carroll ECTF was held 4:00 PM, September 20th at New Opportunities, Room D. Persons in attendance were: Trisha Christensen, Nikki Heuton, Rose Miller, Sara Skinner, Magen Fineran, Jeanie Running, Annette Nees, Alayna Clancy, Shari Bieret, and Cindy Duhrkopf

Greene ECTF was held 4:00 PM, September 26th at Greene County Medical Center. Persons in attendance were: Jeanie Running, Shawne Wittrock, Pam Mentzer, Cindy Wise, Janice Johnston and Cindy Duhrkopf.

Guthrie ECTF was held 4:00 PM, September 27th at Guthrie County ISU Extension. Persons in attendance were: Trisha Christensen, Peggy Dentlinger, Shawne Wittrock, Erica Tunink, Summer Parrott and Cindy Duhrkopf

Topics covered in each county:

P4F Early Childhood Iowa Funding: A spread sheet was shared showing a decrease in funding of 31% over the last three years. Discussed were cuts were being taken, such as staff or families being put on a wait list.

Commitment to Early Childhood Iowa: Information was shared regarding a survey that the state will release asking persons to show their commitment to early childhood. Cindy Duhrkopf will forward the email when she receives it and asks that each person sign up as an individual unless they are signing up for their agency.

Preschool Mini Grants: P4F is offering a mini grant to assist in improving the outdoor play area of preschools in our four counties. Preschools must be participating in QPPS or Head Start Performance Standards to receive the funding. Funding cannot be used for large equipment, surfacing or fencing. Applications are due December 1st.

AEA Staff and Contact Information: In those counties covered by Heartland AEA a list of staff serving those counties was shared. Staff is now covering more area due to budget cuts.

Mental Health Providers: A list of mental health providers was provided with the caution that they list was last updated a year ago.

P4F Board Members: Board members are still being sought.