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text4baby

Text4baby is the country's first free, health education program using text messages, provides timely tips and expert advice sent directly to the cell phones of pregnant women and new moms. Pregnant women and new mothers who text "BABY" (or "BEBE" for Spanish) to 511411 receive weekly text messages, timed to their due date or their baby's birth date through the baby's first year. The messages, which have been developed in collaboration with government and nonprofit health experts, deal with nutrition, immunization and birth defect prevention, among other topics.

Text4baby is made possible through a public-private partnership that includes government, corporations, academic institutions, professional associations, tribal agencies and non-profit organizations. Johnson & Johnson is the founding sponsor. Founding partners include the

National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition, Voxiva, CTIA - The Wireless Foundation, and Grey Healthcare Group (WPP company). U.S. government partners include the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Defense Military Health System, and the US Department of Agriculture. The mobile health platform is provided by Voxiva, and free messaging services are generously provided by participating wireless service providers.

Register at:
<http://text4baby.ning.com/>



Request of all Preschools

Partnerships 4 Families will be updating their data base of all preschools in our four county area this summer. We would appreciate if you could email the following information to

cduhrkopf@newopp.org

1. Preschools Name
2. Address of Preschool
3. Preschool Teachers & their email addresses
4. Any other administrators or

associates who would like to receive early childhood updates that pertain to preschools or training information.

5. Time of your preschool classes & days offered
6. Enrollment in fall

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Alphabet Soup:

- IEP— Individualized Education Plan
- IFSP- Individualized Family Service Plan
- IGDI –Individual Growth & Development Indicators

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, June 8th at 11:30.**

Carroll County meets at noon on the third Wednesday of the month at Charlie's in the Carrollton Center. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday, June 15th at noon.**

Greene County meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Their next meeting is **Tuesday June 7th 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. **June 9th 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 April.

Audubon at 4:00 PM
Monday September 19th at the Audubon ISU Extension Meeting Room

Carroll at 4:00 PM Tuesday
September 20th at New Opportunities, Rm D

Greene at 4:00 PM
Thursday September 22nd at the GC Medical Center

Public Health Conference Room

Guthrie at 4:00 PM
Wednesday September 21st in Guthrie Center at the ISU Extension Meeting Room

The focus of the September ECTF will be on the new year and what it holds for our early childhood programs.

If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders.

~Abigail Van Buren

DECAT

The Decategorization Governance Board meets quarterly at:

DHS Office Board Room
608 N. Court St.
Carroll, IA 51401

DCAT Coordinator:
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Clancy covers Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie DCAT Area and the Crawford and Sac DCAT.

Early Childhood Task Force Purpose

The Partnerships 4 Families Early Childhood Task Force are held four times a year in September, November, February and April. The purpose of the meeting is to build a network of early childhood providers. Following is a list of other reasons we gather.

- *Share information on early care, health and education.
- *Build community commitment to support children (0-5) and their families
- *Build strong working relationships with community partners
- *Build a seamless transition between the system of Early

Care, Health and Education System and the K-12 education

The meetings are open to the public and early childhood providers and schools personnel are encouraged to attend. See meeting schedule on page 2 of the newsletter.

Partnerships 4 Families Board Update

The P4F Board met on May 13th to begin discussion of their allocations for FY12. They based their discussion on figures that were released by the Governors office in February. These figure presented a worse case scenario that the area could be faced with for funding. With those figures in mind the board made decisions to fund the H.O.P.E.S. program, Child Care Project, Preschool Assistance and the Area Director. Any new

programs that applied were thanked for their effort in submitting an application but due to limited resources were unable to receive funding.

The P4F Board hopes to have some indication of their funding levels at their June meeting. If no information is available the P4F Board may have to have a special meeting as soon as the information is available.

The P4F Board next meeting is J, 2011 beginning at 10:30 AM.

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

Congratulations to Jean Stadlander

Jean Stadlander of Manning and a member of the Partnerships 4 Families Board since April of 2006 was recently appointed to the Early Childhood Iowa Board of Directors by Governor Branstad's office.

Stadlander's experience and dedication to young

children will be beneficial as she begins her term in June of this year and will serve for three years.

This is the first citizen from our four county area to serve on the Early Childhood Iowa State Board. Stadlander will be instrumental in voting on

decisions that will affect the entire early child system in our state.

Along with serving on the P4F Board, Stadlander is also a CASA volunteer and an active volunteer in the Manning Community.

Congratulation Jean!!

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



From Iowa AEYC

Dear Iowa AEYC Governing Board members, AmeriCorps community partners, and T.E.A.C.H. advisory committee members,

We received notification this week that, due to budget cuts in Congress for AmeriCorps, our Build Our Future AmeriCorps planning grant is being terminated early (in late June), and it is highly unlikely that we will be funded for next year's implementation of the project.

We are very disappointed, as you might imagine. We are not ruling out the possibility of re-applying in a future year, as the budget situation improves.

Ashley will be moving into a different role here at Iowa AEYC – we are glad we don't have to lose her talents!

We greatly appreciate the time, effort, and input made by all of you to help us plan a program that would support the development of volunteers into early childhood professionals, support T.E.A.C.H. recipients, and allow for greater quality improvements to be made in child care and Head Start programs. Let us know how we can continue to work together in the future.

Barb Merrill and Ashley Blake

CCR&R Contracts Awarded by Iowa DHS

The Iowa Department of Human Services announced on May 17th its intent to award contracts for the Child Care Resource and Referral Services. Region 3 which covers Carroll, Greene, Guthrie and Audubon counties will continue to be served by West Central

Community Action Agency out of Harlan.

Please watch this newsletter for updates regarding any changes to CCR&R services in our area as they become available from West Central.