

Partnerships 4 Families Early Childhood Iowa

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Changes in FY26

The Partnerships 4 Families Early Childhood Iowa area that serves Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie Counties will see some changes in FY26 due to directives from the Early Intervention and Support Bureau at Iowa Health and Human Services. ECI areas are no longer eligible to support programs that provide consultation or nursing services to child care environments. Those services are to be provided exclusively by CCR&R. Due to this change, a long standing program that P4F has supported for over 25 years will no longer be eligible for funds. It is with very sad news we announce that the Child Care Project will no longer be available to programs in our area. The support that Trisha Christensen has provided for 25 years will be greatly missed.

Providers will continue to see the CCNC available in our area but funding for that shifted and will now be provided 100% by HHS.

P4F will continue to support the HOPES program in all four of our counties. They will be working to align with a national family support model in FY26. Stay tuned for that change.

Early Childhood Continuum of Care Grant Opportunity

Although the Iowa Legislature did not pass the bill that contained the Early Childhood Continuum of Care grant Iowa HHS and DE are moving forward with the grant.

The goal of the grant is to allow school districts and licensed child care centers to work together to offer a full day of care to children attending preschool.

Information can be found at the following website.

<https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/eci>

Upcoming Meetings

**Partnerships 4 Families
Thursday, June 19, 2025
11:00 AM at New Opportunities,
Carroll or via Zoom**

The focus of this meeting will be to start the close out of FY25 and any remaining details to begin FY26.

June is

Summer!!! With the chilly May we have had everyone is ready for some warm weather to warm up the pools, put away the sweatshirts and bring out the sidewalk chalk.

What is your favorite outdoor childhood activity?

Sun Safety

As the clouds of spring start to move out it is time to get out the sunscreen and protect the winter white cheeks of the little ones in your life.

The AAP recommends keeping babies under the age of 6 months out of direct sunlight due to the damaging rays of the sun.

When choosing sunscreen they recommend an SPF of at least a 15 and to reapply every two hours or after swimming.

Even if there are some clouds the sun does shine through, so use the sunscreen on cloudy days too.

Risk Factors

Risk factors in child development encompass a wide range of factors that can negatively impact a child's physical, emotional, social, and cognitive growth. These factors can be broadly categorized into biological, environmental, and familial influences. Examples include poverty, maternal depression, substance abuse during pregnancy, exposure to violence or neglect, and poor nutrition.

Early Interventions and Support at Iowa HHS

Iowa HHS now has a Bureau that houses many programs that focus on early childhood. The name of this Bureau is Early Interventions and Supports and is where Early Childhood Iowa is housed. A list of the programs within this bureau can be found on their website at: <https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/early-intervention-and-support>



P4F News 4 You

As we begin a new year, the P4F News 4 You newsletter is being evaluated as it if it will continue in the future.

Let us know if you have found it helpful or if there is a better way to get information to you.

Email us at p4fchildren@gmail.com with your comments.

Caring Hearts Will Sponsor DPIL in Carroll & Greene Counties

Our Community Health Foundation and Partnerships 4 Families is excited to announce that Caring Hearts will be taking over the sponsorship of Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Carroll and Greene Counties effective June 1. What this means is there will be no drop in service to these two counties and Caring Hearts will now be

the go to agency for outreach and fundraising for the project in these two counties.

Our Community Health Foundation will continue to serve Audubon and Guthrie Counties.

Joellen Buerckley, Executive Director at Caring Hearts will be the main contact for now. She can be reached at 712-775-2726 or jbuerckley@caringheartswcia.org

Thank you to Caring Hearts for being willing to take this on.

Notes from Cindy

June!! They say it is the month for brides but I think it is the month for kids! June brings on so many fun activities but near and dear to my heart are the children under five who may be carting too and fro to all their older siblings activities.

Be aware of the needs of these younger ones as their schedules are changed.

The other thing I like about June is pools opening up, splash pads available and water play of any type.

As an adult be sure to join in the fun and splash a little water! It is sure to bring a smile to your face.

Happy June!!

Cindy

First Aid

Basic First Aid Skills Every Parent Needs to Know

Dr. Katie Giordano, a pediatric emergency physician, joins host Dr. Bracho-Sanchez to explore what to do when your child gets injured. They discuss treating cuts and scrapes, head injuries after a fall, what to do if a tooth gets knocked out, assembling a first aid kit and what to look for when choosing a CPR class.

This episode and many others can be found on the HealthyChildren.org website sponsored by the AAP.

Community Coalition Meetings

Community coalition meetings are intentional meetings of community members and service providers gathering to network for the benefit of the people they serve. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Audubon County meets at 11:30 AM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in January, April, July & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is **Wednesday July 9, 2025 at 11:30 AM**, Offered in person and via Zoom

Carroll County meets at noon on the third Wednesday of five times a year in Feb, April, June, Sept, Nov. Their next meeting is **Wednesday at Noon on June 18, 2025 @ noon at New Opportunities, Room D in Carroll** Offered in person and maybe via Zoom There is no December meeting as the website said.

Greene County meets on the first Tuesday of the month five times a year at noon at ISU Extension in Jefferson. The five months are Feb, April, June, Sept & Nov. Their next meeting is **Tuesday June 3, 2025 at noon**. Offered in person and via Zoom

Guthrie County meets at noon four times a year in March, June, September and December on the second Thursday of the month at the ISU Extension meeting room in Guthrie Center. Their next meeting is **Thursday June 12, 2025 at noon**. Offered in person and via Zoom

The meetings are offered in person and via Zoom. The Zoom link for all the above-mentioned meetings can be found on New Opportunities website at: <https://www.newopp.org/county-resources/coalitions>

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