

Partnerships 4 Families Early Childhood Iowa Area for Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie Counties

## Early Childhood Iowa

An initiative to empower individuals and their communities to achieve desired results to improve the quality of life for children ages birth-5 years of age and their families.



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## 20 Years of Dedication to Young Children

Iowa children 0-5 in 1998 were the first to be served by an early childhood state funded program in Iowa. The DCAT area of Communities 4 Children wrote a grant forming Partnerships 4 Families and asking for funding to provide home visitation and child care support. The

area was awarded funding in 1999 to the four county area known as an Empowerment Area. The premise was to empower families through early childhood programming.

Over the next year P4F will be shining some light on all the great work that has been done in our

area and in Iowa the past 20 years. Iowa has come a long way in dedicating efforts to improving the quality of life for families and young children. Come along with us on that journey.

## Seeking Child Care Entrepreneurs

The Iowa Women's Foundation (IWF) held a **Building Community Solution Collaborative** in Jefferson on June 28 for community leaders & concerned citizens.

The term Child Care Entrepreneurs was introduced to the group. Iowa needs Child Care

Entrepreneurs! It could be persons willing to care for children and wanting a startup business of their own. But it could also be a person willing to be a substitute to child care providers or in centers. OR it could be someone who loves child care and is willing to become a

trainer for child care training.

If any of these fit you or someone you know. Contact Cindy Duhrkopf at [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com). If you or someone you know would like to start a child care business reach out to CCR&R.



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

## Community Human Resource Coalitions

Community coalition meetings are intentional meetings of human service providers and community members 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in January, April, June & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.**

**Carroll County** meets at noon on the third Wednesday of the month at ISU Extensions Meeting Room in Carroll. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday at Noon No meeting in July.**

**Greene County** meets on the first Tuesday of the month at noon at ISU Extension in Jefferson. They do take July & August off. Their next meeting is: **Tuesday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> at Noon.** No July or August Meetings

**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 September 13<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

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

## New Early Childhood Iowa Website

Early Childhood Iowa's new website was launched this month. Take time to check it out and become familiar with what it offers.

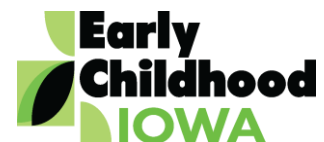
<https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/news>

On the site you will find information or links for activities happening surrounding ECI, links to information about young children, along

with specific items for family support, ECI local boards and a section pertaining to the State ECI Board.

If you have been receiving Monday Musing in the past or would like to receive them in the future, there is a link on the front page where you sign up to receive the alerts. Monday Musings are sent each

Monday and have updates regarding ECI and initiatives taking place in the state and at the federal level that pertain to early childhood.



## P4F Board Update

The P4F Board meet in June. They said good bye to two long term board members Marilyn Tilley and Diane

Riggert. Election of officers also took place. Chad Wittrock will lead the board this next year.

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

July 20, 2018

At 10:30 in Carroll at New Opportunities

All meetings are open to the public. Board minutes can be found on the P4F Website.

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## Persons in the Spot Lite-

### CCR&R Staff

The work of Child Care Resource and Referral is changing slightly in our state as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. The average citizen in Iowa won't even know there is a change. But for persons working closely with the child care industry will see changes. Listed below is the first change, the Parent Referral line. Now all calls across the state will go into one

number. Local staff will refer families to the line or to the on line data base.

One other change is that local CCR&R Child Care Consultants will work closer with new providers. This is a change that is welcomed and we hope will help persons interested in starting a child care business.

Other changes include more focus on child care expansion and retention in our state.

A big thank you to all the staff at CCR&R.



## Our New Parent Referral Line Child Care Resource and Referral

To serve Iowa families better, CCR&R has a new statewide parent referral line. We will continue to offer the same friendly service with Parent Educators now available evening and weekend hours to help parents make informed choices about the care of their children.

**855-CHILD-01**

M/W - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
T/Th/Fr - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Sat - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We invite you to share this information with partners, parents and community members!

**We're on the Web!**  
See us at:  
[www.partnerships4families.org](http://www.partnerships4families.org)