

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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Child Care Provider Appreciation

Historically Child Care Provider Appreciation Day is the Friday before Mother's Day. This year it is May 10th.

Be sure to reach out to a child care provider you know and thank them for the work they do. Whether it is in their home or at a center a child care provider is a very important person in a child's life. Often then spend as many waking hours in a week with a child as parents do.

Child care providers are also an important economic factor in our communities as they care for children so that their parents can work. Currently we need more child care providers in the state of Iowa. If you know of someone who would make a great home provider, they can get information at: Child Care Resource & Referral <https://iowaccrr.org/> or to work in a center contact a local child care center director.

P4F Releases FY20 Application & Renewal

P4F will release their FY20 application for funding for new programs and their renewal application for currently funded programs on March 18, 2019. Renewals will be emailed to current programs and new applicants can request a form at: p4fchildren@gmail.com

The application and renewal are similar to those in the past. P4F does not anticipate an increase in funding and depending on the legislators could see a decrease due to state cuts.



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 2nd Wednesday of the month in January, April, June & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday June 12th 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 May 15th**

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 May 7th at Noon.** No July or August Meetings *A week later due to the holiday.*

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 13th at noon.**

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



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

P4F Early Childhood Task Force

Our ECTF meetings are done for the year. But we still need more input.

Watch for a group summer meeting or fall meeting.

Those that were able to attend gave great input and we thank you for making the effort.

Audubon
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ISU Extension Audubon

Carroll
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Greene
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ISU Extension Jefferson

Guthrie
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ISU Extension Guthrie Center

Please extend this invitation to at least one other early childhood provider whose voice would be valuable to the conversation.

P4F Board Update

The P4F Board did not meet in April. Our May meeting will focus on the allocations for FY20. At the time of this newsletter P4F is receiving status quo funding for FY20.

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

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

May 17, 2019
At 10:30 AM

in Carroll at New Opportunities

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Persons in the Spot Lite-Chad Wittrock

Although he still has two board meetings to lead it is time to give a shout out to the current P4F Board Chair who has served in that capacity twice in his six years on the P4F Board. Due to our term limits Chad will be "graduating" off the board in July. During the six years he has served, Chad and

his wife Shawnee and daughter welcomed a set of twin girls to their family who are now 5.

For P4F he has been instrumental in assisting with the P4F website and brochures sharing his graphic design talents.

Chad, thank you for serving P4F and the kids in our area.

P4F Board Members Needed

Due to Chad Wittrock's "graduation from the P4F Board and a change in job's at ISU Extension & Outreach for Dr David Brown we will have at least two openings on the board this July.

The P4F Board is looking for persons willing to represent the children as a board member. We meet 8-10 times a year most recently in Carroll but we may consider moving our meeting around in our counties. The meetings are from 10:30 to noon on the third Friday of the month. Board members are asked to serve a three-year term. Per Iowa Code we must have someone who represents the following area: faith, business, health, human service, education and consumer of early childhood services. If you or someone you know would make a great board member, please have them reach out to Cindy Duhrkopf or a current board member.

Find out more about us at www.partnerships4families.org