

# Partnerships 4 Families News 4 You

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## Area Directors Note

I am overwhelmed by the number of early childhood providers that have come together to support the social emotional development of the young children in our area. I am excited to see what awareness we can build over the next six months.

However, we still need more help. We need all of you sharing quality resources with families to move the needle- as they say. Our focus is on SSIC (See below) but there are also wonderful resource such as the CDC Milestone App, Daniel Tiger, Science of Parenting and Parentivity that offer different avenues for parents to receive

quality information about the overall development of their child. In this age of “how do we get information to parents”, we all need to do our part and share away. If you are looking for handouts, links or business card size giveaways let me know, I will help you find what you need.

Help us build awareness on the importance of social-emotional development in children and at the same time their overall development.

Cindy

- ◆ Every Child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful.

## SSIC

The new acronym on the street is SSIC- Sesame Streets in Communities! Here at P4F we are going to be all about SSIC the next six months. Starting in November, we will be making available a handout and activity to families in our four county area. We will distribute over 1000 copies through childcare sites, libraries, WIC and other programs. Since we cannot reach everyone, we will also email the handouts to all early childhood providers in our area for printing and distribution. Our goal is to make the information accessible to all families with children 0-5 in our area.

We will target programs that might not have access to printing services and ask that those that do please print and share with families. We will also be highlighting the topic on social media and provide links to the materials being shared that will take families to the SSIC website.

Our target is November but we are waiting on a cover sheet from SSIC national office for our kick off. Stay tuned and watch for an email

### Community Foundation Grants



Has your program ever considered writing a grant to the community foundation in your county? The community foundations each run a little differently but have historically supported our childcare programs requests and other social service's needs. If you want to write a grant but do not know where to start, reach out to Cindy or Trisha for

assistance. Trisha Christensen has assisted area child care centers in writing community foundation grants and Cindy Duhrkopf has participated as a reviewer for state level grants and is an expert at finding data to support your needs.

Email [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com) for specifics on how they can help.

### Iowa Family Support Credential

Last month we sent out Good Luck messages to Carroll and Greene who both came through their reviews with great remarks and positive reviews. Now we wish Guthrie County Health Services Good Luck as they have a modified review in November.

Iowa created a credentialing process called the Iowa Family Support Credential program to bring professionalism to the programs.

Good  
Luck!

*“Why Worry? If you’ve done the very best you can, worrying won’t make it any better.”  
Walt Disney*

### ACEs Training

Did you miss the ACEs training in our area on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Don’t fear, the training is offered online at: <https://iowaaces360.thinkific.com/collections>

We also still have ACEs 360 Healing Iowa booklets available.

Reach out to Cindy or Mollie Scott for your copy.

As a follow up to ACEs we encourage you to consider attending a Lemonade for Life training.

<https://lemonadeforlife.com/>

### Early Childhood Task Force Meetings

A spring four county meeting is being planned for March or April to bring early childhood providers together to discuss next steps in our outreach regarding Social-Emotional Development. We will also discuss gaps in services. Please let Cindy know of any conflicts in scheduling in March

or April and we will plan accordingly.

The focus of the Early Childhood Task force is to bring early childhood providers and advocates together, benefiting the children in our area through collaboration.

### Child Care Information

Are you or someone you know in need of childcare or want to start a home childcare business? Jump on over to the Child Care Resource & Referral-CCR&R website for information on both topics.

CCR&R is the state agency that is contracted to work with childcare providers in our state. On their website at [iowaccrr.org](http://iowaccrr.org) you will find a wealth of

information. There are numbers to call if you are needing care, information about how to start a child care business and if you have concerns about your child care provider there is even information on how to report a concern.

Check out the site and all the resources available. They are also on Facebook.



### Science of Parenting Blog

ISU Extension and Outreach is offering a blog called Science of Parenting. It can be found at: <https://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/scienceofparenting/about/>

Science of Parenting is a trustworthy, Iowa based blog with information about that important role a parent plays in their child's life. There are

podcasts, written blogs and Ages and Stages handouts.

The information is geared toward parents but childcare providers will find it useful as well.

Check it out and sign up to receive their blog when a new one drops.

### 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 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 January 12, 2022 at 11:30 AM, We will meet in person and possibly Zoom.**

**Carroll County** meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every other month. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday at Noon on December 15 2021 @ ISU Extension Meeting Room in Carroll.** *Now meeting every other month. Mental Health Coalition meets on the opposite months*

**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 November 2nd.** We will meet 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 December 9th at noon.** We will be meeting in person and via Zoom. Cindy D will be sending out a link.

Join us, the success of the meetings are driven by the people attending and the connections that are developed.



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**We are on the Web!**  
[www.partnerships4families.org](http://www.partnerships4families.org)

## P4F Board

The P4F Board did not meet in October but rather focused their time on attending the Iowa Family Support Reviews for Carroll or Greene County or attended the ACEs training.

The meetings are open to the public; agendas are available on

our website 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Next Meeting is:  
Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at New Opportunities in Carroll and Via Zoom.

## P4F is seeking a Christmas Present

What do you think that present is? We would like to have a full board of directors! What will that take????? One more board member is all we need. Consider making a nomination of someone you know.

The P4F Board meets 8-10 times a year on the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM. Members

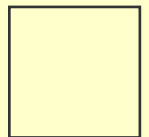
are asked to serve a three-year term.

For more information reach out to a current board member or email us at [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com)

The only requirement is that a member be a wonderful advocate for children 0-5.

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- ❖ EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS
- ❖ PARENTS
- ❖ EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVOCATES

OR FIND IT ON THE WEBSITE AND SHARE THE LINK