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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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Social Emotional Development of Children

Social emotional development of children is on many people's minds and P4F is going to spend some time and funding this year addressing the needs. On July 7th we will gather to discuss how as an Early Childhood Iowa area we can address the needs of children and early childhood providers.

A flyer for the meeting will be sent out with the newsletter announcement. The meeting is open to anyone with a concern or an idea on how to address the issue.

From Zero to Three: Social and Emotional Development

Strong, positive relationships help children develop trust, empathy, compassion and a sense of right and wrong.

Starting from birth, babies learn who they are by how they are treated. Loving relationships provide young children with a sense of comfort, safety and confidence. They teach young children how to form friendships, communicate emotions and deal with challenges.

P4F Has Available ASQ:SE-2

Are you familiar with the Ages and Stages Questionnaires? Did you know that they have been around for 40 years?

The ASQ's are screening tools that allow parents an active role in determining the development level of their child. The tool is to be filled out by the parent then scored to determine if the child is progressing according to developmental standards for their age. Together the parent and early childhood professional or medical staff can suggest resources for follow-up, monitoring or further assessment if needed.

The ASQ has developed over the years and we now have the ASQ-3 and the ASQ:SE-2, which focuses on the social emotional development of the child.

Watch for more information and availability of the screeners.

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 October 13, 2021 at 11:30 AM, We will meet in person.**

Carroll County meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every other month. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday at Noon on August 18, 2021 @ New Opportunities 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 September 7th. We will be meeting in person.**

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 9th at noon. We will be meeting in person.**

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

P4F Early Childhood Task Force

Make Wednesday October 20th a P4F Day!!

Plans are being made for an ACEs training and we will have an Early Childhood Task Force meeting the same day.

Watch for more details but pencil us in now.

P4F Board Update

The P4F Board did not meet in June but will be meeting in July to discuss the beginning of FY22 and address any items pertaining to the annual report that is due September 15th.

Next Meeting is:
Thursday July15, 2021
11:00 AM In person at New Opportunities in Carroll and via Zoom

The meetings are open to the public, a link to the Zoom meeting is posted on the agenda for the meeting that is available on our website 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Early Childhood IOWA

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

If you would like to learn more about Early Childhood Iowa and Partnerships 4 Families reach out to our Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf @ p4fchildren@gmail.com

Partnerships 4 Families has included you in our list serve to keep you informed about activities in Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie Counties. If you on longer want to receive updates please email us at p4fchildren@gmail.com

Adverse Childhood Experiences-ACEs

Do you have new staff that are not familiar with ACEs? Would yourself like a refresher? P4F, 1st-Five, Head Start and DCAT are working together to bring an ACEs training to our area October 20th. Watch for more details to come in August. For now pencil in October 20th, we will announce later the time and location.

What other trainings would benefit you and your staff?

Summer Reading Programs

The 2021 Summer Library Program slogan for all ages is *Reading Colors Your World.*

Summer Library Program is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by Iowa Library Services.

Watch for information about Summer Reading Programs in your community by visiting your library or "Like" your libraries Facebook page.

Children of all ages are encourage to participate. While at the library, be sure to sign your child up for the 1000 Books before Kindergarten program. All the libraries in our area are participating.

Early childhood professionals find out what your library requires to get a library card and share that with families so the kids can get books on their first visit.

Do you have information you want to share with early childhood providers?

You can put it here.

Email it to Cindy by the 20th of the month.