

# Partnerships 4 Families News 4 You

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

## Area Directors Note

Bring on June!! If you were a child age 3 what do you think would be special about the month of June? I will name a few I can think of and then you add your own. My list for a three year old would be having soft green grass under my feet, a breeze in my face, watching a whirly wig fall from a tree, finding different colors of flowers, being outside, eating outside. Oh the list could go on.

As you think of that list for a 3 year old how many are favorite things of yours during June? This summer we want to ensure that all early childhood providers are doing a little self-care. Something that makes you feel good and refreshed. Whether that is making a batch of sun tea to enjoy, walking on a beautiful 78 degree day, spending time with family, going to a body of water, what ever it is for you take time to do it.

Because we want you back refreshed and ready to be the best you with the children you care for, the parent you guide or the administrative duties you over see that benefit children and families.

Cindy

## Enrollment Continues to Grow

Enrollment is growing in the Imagination Library!!!

Audubon 73 growth to 80

Carroll 430 growth to 445

Greene 137 growth to 145

Guthrie 209 growth to 212

All enrollments is done digitally through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library website at:

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>

We appreciate those spreading the word and making copies of our flyers to pass out. If you have a group event where one of the champions can speak let us know.

The DPIL Champions will meet this summer to talk about our fall campaign.

## P4F FY24 Early Childhood Iowa

Early Childhood Iowa Area will have minor changes in FY24 that the public or programs might not see. The biggest change is that ECI funding will now all flow from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services. Prior to this year since 1998 funding has been through the Department of Education and DHS. But the good news is that our funding categories remain the same.

As we go through FY24 we will keep you posted if there are any additional changes.

One important piece that ECI Area have is local control of the funding they receive to fill gaps in services in their local areas. Those gaps are different for rural vis urban areas. As of FY 24 local control is still in place and all ECI areas agree that keeping it is their #1 goal.

## 1000 Hours Outside is Great-Tell us your resources

We may be in June but there is always time to start tracking the amount of time children spend outdoors. 1000 Hours Outdoors website and blog provides lots of ideas for getting and keeping children outside.

section over the summer. Help us out and send us your best sources for outdoor activities for children or thought provoking blogs you have read to assist in reaching 1000 Hours Outside.

Do you know of other websites dedicated to outdoor play for children. P4F would like to highlight them in this

## Safe Haven Baby Box

The community of Fort Dodge is working toward having the first Safe Haven Baby Box in Iowa. Safe Haven Baby Boxes are locations where parents can anonymously give up their baby. Boxes are placed where first

responders are located 24/7 so that if a baby is left an alert will go off and the baby will be found in a short period of time. The state of Indiana has 144 locations. Legislation was passed this spring in Iowa to allow for the boxes in Iowa.

## P4F Early Childhood Task Force

*Spring time is a time of renewal and growth.*

Thank you to those who attended the Early Childhood Task Force meeting in March. An overview of the "We are ECI" Strategic Plan took place and built awareness of state level activities. We also discussed how the needs of the state reflect similarly to our local ECI Area and will be incorporated into our next Early Childhood

Community Plan that will be revised over the coming year.

Child care was discussed regarding the need for quality care and what the levels of registration and licensing is in the state of Iowa.

We left with a discussion of a goal to include more early childhood providers at our fall meeting.

### Summer Travel with Children

Do you know about the Facebook page Iowa Road Trip or Travel Iowa. Both pages give you lots of inspiration on places to see in Iowa. Some are off the beaten path and some are obvious but best of all almost all of the places listed are free! When traveling with children

Free is best! Because free means even if you spend 5 minutes at something you all still get enjoyment. Recently the highlighted Elk Horn, Iowa. Start following them for places to take the kids, grandkids or the big kids in your life.

P.S. Not on Facebook, they both have websites.

### \*\*\*\*\*Sign-up by June 20th\*\*\*\*\*

A data base is being developed with your input that will supply your information for the emails that will be generated for the Community Human Service Coalition meeting reminders. Simply go to the link at the following QR Code and sign up. You will be given a choice of counties you wish to sign up for.

As of July 1<sup>st</sup> we will only be using the information you supplied.



### Community Human Service Coalition Meeting Dates

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, July & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday July 12, 2023 at 11:30 AM, We will meet in person and possibly 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 21st @ ISU Extension Meeting Room in Carroll**  
*Offered in person and on Zoom.*

**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 6, 2023.** *Offered in person and maybe 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 14, 2023 at noon.** We will be meeting in person and maybe via Zoom.

Join us, the success of the meetings are driven by the people attending and the connections that are developed. In addition, invite others to join us.



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## P4F Board

The P4F Board met on May 18, 2023 to allocate fund for FY 24. There were no new proposals to the board and only previously funded programs were awarded funding.

The next meeting of the P4F Board is on Thursday June 15, 2023 at 11:00. The meeting will be held in person at

New Opportunities with a Zoom option.

The June meeting will focus on wrapping up FY23 programs, election of officers for FY24 and finalizing any duties before beginning FY 24 on July 1, 2023.

## P4F Board Members-

Partnerships 4 Families is currently seeking two new board members. It would be ideal if they were male board members residing in either Greene or Guthrie Counties and had a health, human service or business background. If you know of someone from the area who may be interested in advocating for children, please send their contact information and a little bit about them to Cindy Duhrkopf at [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com). She will be glad to follow up and visit with potential members about the opportunity.

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