

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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and Guthrie Counties

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## P4F Funding had Small Increase

For the first time in 10 year P4F will have a small increase in funding for FY20. The increases were received in both our School Ready funding and our Early Childhood funding. The School Ready funding received an increase due to the State Legislators providing a \$500,000 increase in allocation to our School Ready General category. After disbursing that across the state P4F has an increase of \$20,000. Having these funds allowed the P4F Board to fund a new program to our area of the Child Care Nurse Consultant through New Opportunities Maternal Child Health Program.

Our Early Childhood funding saw an increase due to the formula change put in place two years ago. This year we had an additional \$5000 which assisted in the funding of the Child Care Project.

## Early Childhood Information at Libraries

A few years ago P4F did an outreach project with the area libraries where we purchased brochure holders for early childhood or family information. Many of the libraries in our area still use them. This summer we will be updating those brochure holders with the new early childhood brochures.

If you would like to update your brochures in those holder or place items for parents, you are welcome to stop in any of the libraries and update your materials. If you would like to provide your brochures to Cindy she will take them around also. Please get your brochures to her by June 6<sup>th</sup>.



## 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 June 12<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 June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**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 June 4<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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**  
TBA  
ISU Extension Audubon

**Carroll**  
TBA

**Greene**  
TBA  
ISU Extension Jefferson

**Guthrie**  
TBA  
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 meet on May 17<sup>th</sup> and allocated funding to programs for FY20. All programs funded in FY19 were once again given funding. They also funded the Child Care Nurse Consultant. Watch for more information on that program.

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

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

June 21, 2019  
At 10:30 AM

in Carroll at New Opportunities

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## Person in the Spot Light-Kristen Renslow

Kristen Renslow is the Economic Development Director for the City of Stuart and deserves the Spot Light this month for all the work she has been doing to position the City of Stuart to have a successful child care center in the future. Kristen has been gathering information about the feasibility of a center in a community the size

of Stuart while working with the Stuart Enterprise for Economic Development in a future site for the center. She also secured funding from P4F and SEED to have First Children's Finance develop a financial model for a new center. Kristen and SEED know that to grow you need child care in your community.



Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) is seeking input from families that are being served by the early childhood system of providers. If you have received services or grants for your child care program through ECI, please ask families that you serve to respond to this survey.

The information will be used to help ECI partners better understand how families learn about services and make decisions regarding their family. #ThankYou

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