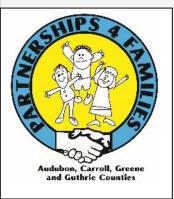
# News 4 You from P4F

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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.



## 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Kick off Celebrations

P4F will be kicking off our 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday with mini celebrations in each county the first week of February. At that time persons can stop by and pick up your t-shirt. We are asking that if you get a t-shirt you and person in your agency will wear the t-shirt on 6 pre-selected days that focus on early childhood. The days we have selected are:

Valentine's Day February 14<sup>th</sup> National Read Across America Day March 1 Prevent Child Abuse Month April 1 Week of the Young Child Wed April 10 Provider Appreciation Day May 10 P4F's Birthday July 1

Following are the dates and locations of our mini celebrations and t-shirt distribution times.

Carroll Monday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 4-6 Location TBD

Greene Tuesday Feb 5th 4-6 ISU Extension

Guthrie Wed Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 4-6 Guthrie Co Health Services

Audubon Thursday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> ISU Extension Audubon

Watch for more details next month.

### Needs Assessments

Has your agency gone through a needs assessment recently? Are you aware of needs assessments in your community? If so, please let Cindy or a P4F Board member know about them. P4F is in the process of assessing the needs in our area for children 0-5 and their families. This is something we

do every 3-5 years when we update our Early Childhood Community Plan. Our Early Childhood Task Force meeting this fall kicked off our efforts in first determine what we as early childhood providers can control in the work we do. Join us in March to move that discussion forward.

We will also be looking at the demographics of our area to see if there has been any change.

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"Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and

successful.'

## 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 January 9<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 January 16<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

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 January 8<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 March 14<sup>th</sup> at noon.

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

Tues March 26th 4:00 PM

updates on programs and

continue our discussion

regarding the Circle of

ISU Extension Guthrie

We will gather for

## P4F Early Childhood Task Force

P4F invites early childhood service providers and advocates to our Early Childhood Task Force meetings this October. Be sure to invite anyone in your agency to attend. Audubon

Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM ISU Extension Audubon

### Carroll

Date May Change from the previously scheduled March 20<sup>th</sup>-TBD later. Family Resource Center

### Greene

Wed March 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM ISU Extension Jefferson

## P4F Board Update

The P4F Board did not meet in December. We look forward to meeting again in January. The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

Guthrie

Center

Control.

January 18. 2019

At 10:30 AM or 1:00 PM

in Carroll at New Opportunities

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

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## Persons in the Spot Lite- Jeff A

Jeff Anderson has had a role in serving children and families for over 30 years. Most recently Jeff has been serving in the "second chair" position at the Early Childhood Iowa office.

Jeff has been instrumental in moving the Early Childhood lowa system forward by writing national grants that have the supported the work of the ECI System in Iowa. He also worked with the local ECI areas in development of their local systems and supported local boards. He recently attended a P4F Board and conducted our Mid Cycle Review.

Jeff is retiring in January. We wish him well and thank him for his commitment to young children in Iowa.

# Early Childhood Day on the Hill

### **Event Date:**

Thursday, January 17, 2019 - 10:00am to 2:00pm

Watch for more information this coming week.

We're on the Web! See us at: www.partnerships4families.org