

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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## Child Care Provider Appreciation

Historically Child Care Provider Appreciation Day is the Friday before Mother's Day. This year it is May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Be sure to reach out to a child care provider you know and thank them for the work they do. Whether it is in their home or at a center a child care provider is a very important person in a child's life. Often then spend as many waking hours in a week with a child as parents do.

Child care providers are also an important economic factor in our communities as they care for children so that their parents can work. Currently we need more child care providers in the state of Iowa. If you know of someone who would make a great home provider, they can get information at: Child Care Resource & Referral <https://iowaccrr.org/> or to work in a center contact a local child care center director.

## Family Support through H.O.P.E.S. Or EHS

The P4F Area is fortunate to have two family support home visitation programs to walk along with families as their children grow and develop. Both programs can start prenatally or enrollment may take place until age three.

Family support programs offer a curriculum based program that assists with

the development of the child and barriers parents may encounter in their lives

If you know of a family that could benefit, please check for information in our [Early Childhood Brochures](#).

## 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 9, 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 June 16, 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 May 4, 2021** A combination of in person and via Zoom will take place. Nancy Rowedder will send out information.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> at noon. We will be meeting in person.**

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

If you do not receive a link to any of the meetings email us at [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com)



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

## P4F Early Childhood Task Force

A small group of early childhood providers is being convened to focus on the needs of social emotional learning for children in our area. If you are interested please send an email to Cindy at [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com)

A full ECTF will be held in the fall.

Please consider promoting one of the following initiatives through your program.

[5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices](#)      [Count the Kicks](#)  
1000 Books before Kindergarten      2000 Days      [CDC Milestones](#)

## P4F Board Update

The P4F Board meet on April 22 to approve the P4F fiscal agent and employer of record for FY22. They also discussed changes to the HOPES program due to a resignation in Guthrie County.

The May meeting will focus on the allocation of funding for FY22.

Next Meeting is:  
Thursday May 20, 2021  
11:00 AM In person 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 posted on our website 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

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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](mailto: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 no longer want to receive updates please email us at [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com)

## Child Care Providers Needed

Child care providers are needed throughout our four county area.

Child Care Resource and Referral has developed Child Care Ready a four session workshop to assist persons interested in starting a child care business or work in a child care center get started. Persons interested should contact Shirley at [surich@westcca.org](mailto:surich@westcca.org) or 712-579-9057.

If you know of someone who would make a great providers share this information with them.

A flyer with this information was attached to those getting the newsletter reminder.

## Updated Brochures

Since 2006 Partnerships 4 Families has partnered with early childhood providers to offer a brochure that is a "one stop shop" for early childhood programs.

<https://www.partnerships4families.org/resources>

P4F also offers a website with links to early childhood programs and services in our four counties. Be sure to tell families about it.

[HTTPS://WWW.PARTNERSHIPS4FAMILIES.ORG/LOCALAGENCIES.PHP](https://www.partnerships4families.org/localagencies.php)

**BROCHURES HAVE BEEN UPDATED, IF YOU NEED THEM FOR YOUR AGENCY PLEASE EMAIL CINDY.**



Provider Appreciation Day is a great opportunity to recognize the heroic efforts of providers. You are invited to join us May 6th at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the early care and education profession.

### ***The Danger of a Single Story***

with Kelly Matthews, CCR&R staff and exceptional door prizes!

**PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY! #PAD21**



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