

Partnerships 4 Families News 4 You

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

Area Directors Note

Annnnnnd we are off.....

Does Fall feel that way to you?

Funny how it is a good feeling to put order back into our lives in many ways as school years start and schedules change. However, it is also overwhelming at times.

The best advice I can give is to find some little kiddos and head off on a hike. Walk at their pace and let your five senses enjoy the journey. Embrace the sights and sounds, smells and feels of nature. Enjoy your time and be sure to post a picture of the colorful leaves you see on the P4F Facebook page.

At many of our desks, Fall is the time when meetings ramp back up and we have new things

starting. Here at P4F we have just that. New board members, new contractors, new programs, new mini grants and meetings with early childhood providers. It is all wonderful!

So come along with us on our early childhood journey as we embrace new things. You can read about many of them in our newsletter or makes plans to attend the ECTF meeting October 18th for more updates.

Be sure to post pictures of the pretty leaves you find on your walk.

Cindy

UPDATE ON Collaborative Services Areas-CSA

Collaborative Service Areas (CSAs) are the title being given to areas that will provide services for WIC, MCAH, I-Smile, Family Planning and 1st Five. Iowa Department of Public Health-IDPH, now Health and Human Services-HHS. New Opportunities Health Department will be providing WIC Services to our CSA. HCCMS- Helping Communities Connect Multiple Services out of Crawford County Community Health will be providing the Child Health Services such as CCNC, i-Smile, Hawki

outreach and other services to our CSA area.

The CSA-2 will include Audubon, Buena Vista, Carroll, Crawford, Greene, Guthrie and Sac counties.

You can find more information about this process on the IDPH website at:

<https://idph.iowa.gov/family-health/CSA>

Contracts for these programs run under a federal fiscal year that starts in October.



Child Care Resource and Referral-CCR&R

CCR&R is currently advertising for a Child Care Consultant to serve the counties of Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie.

Interested persons should go to the West Central Community Action Agencies Careers web page and click on Child Care Consultant/Data Specialist CCR&R Harlan, Carroll or Atlantic to learn more.

<https://www.westcentralca.org/careers>

or

https://www.westcentralca.org/files/ugd/92ae7d_bde159f7ed9b4b3a89309ffd5158512c.pdf

Currently Shirley Urich and Jenny Moon are assisting providers in our area.

Imagination Library Media Release

A media release regarding upcoming meetings on the roll out of Imagination Library to Audubon, Carroll, and Greene Counties is attached to the newsletter. Please make plans to attend.

Guthrie County families with children 0-4 should head on over to the Imagination Library website and get enrolled. All enrollment is done through the website.

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>



Daniel Tiger has new Songs to Manage Feelings

Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood offers so many wonderful supports for social emotional development in children. They recently released a new season of shows and new songs to help in managing feelings.

Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood materials, videos, games and more can be found on the PSB Kids website

and is funded by VROOM.
<https://pbskids.org/daniel/>

The materials are wonderful for parents, childcare providers, grandparents and libraries. Sign up to receive their new newsletter.

Be sure to check out the Dance Party video. ☺

October 18th 1-3:30 P4F Early Childhood Task

It is time for us to meet again as a four county region. Plan to join us in Coon Rapids at the Community Building 419 Main St.

The focus of the Early Childhood Task force is to bring early childhood providers and advocates together, benefiting

the children in our area through collaboration.

This meeting will only be held in person.

Topics to be discussed:
Social Emotional Learning
Early Childhood Needs
Raising Costs to Families

Though society is rapidly changing. Child development is not.

P4F Mini Grants Available Due November 8th

Partnerships 4 Families Early Childhood Iowa Area has released a FY23 Mini Grant Application. Mini Grants are for funding to address the quality or capacity of an early childhood program or service in the P4F Area that includes Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie Counties.

The number of grant awarded will be determined by the number received and the amounts requested. Grants are due November 8th and will be announced the end of November. Funding received from the mini grants must be spent and a claim submitted by June 1, 2023. Email: p4fchildren@gmail.com for a copy of the application.

Staffing Issues at Child Care

Staffing issues at local childcare centers is a topic our centers are trying to address. This issue is not just local, it is a state and national issue too. The issue is bringing childcare personnel, community leaders and businesses to the table to discuss solutions. Often the solutions include finding more staff to hire and if

possible increasing the base wage at the center.

Currently as early childhood advocates you can be on the outlook for persons who love children and have a willingness to work. Encourage that person to apply at their local childcare center for a job.

Your local childcare center will

Community Coalition Meetings

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 2nd Wednesday of the month in January, April, June & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday October 12, 2022 at 11:30 AM, We will meet in person and possibly via Zoom.**

Carroll County meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every other month. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday at Noon on November 16th @ ISU Extension 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 October 4th** We will meet in person and 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 December 8th at noon.** We will be meeting in person and via Zoom. Cindy D will be sending out a link.

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 September 15, 2022 at New Opportunities Room D and via Zoom.

A full slate of eleven board members were in attendance to approve the FY22 Annual Report and make decisions on what to do with the additional carry forward.

The Board decided to release a mini grant application that will focus on funding projects that will enhance the quality or capacity of an early childhood service in our area.

Board members are encouraged to attend the ECTF in October. The next meeting is November 17th agendas are posted on our website.

Meet a P4F Board Member- Chris Lee

In the next eleven newsletters, we are going to introduce you to one of the P4F Board Members. They will be providing you with four things about them.

Chris Lee 4 Things

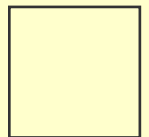
1. I am a retired child care nurse consultant
2. As a board member, I serve as an advocate for children 0-5 and their families

3. I have a strong interest in supporting quality and available childcare for families.
4. "It takes a village" Hillary Rodham Clinton

Chris lives in Coon Rapids and is serving her first term on the P4F Board; we are excited to have her expertise and passion serving the children of our ECI Area.

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