

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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2021 What will it hold?

It will hold many wonderful early childhood professionals that have navigated a pandemic and came out stronger because of the things they learned and new skills developed. It will also hold staff who continued to put the well-being of children in the forefront. From child care providers to home visitors to WIC staff to preschool teachers and all those that support our early childhood system we recognize YOU!! Partnerships 4 Families is proud of your continued efforts to provide services to the children in our area.

2021 most likely will hold many of the adjustments we have made this year. Online meetings, trainings, and conferences to begin with. There will be strategies shared with each other on how to reach families in unique ways. We also hope that we see Clorox Anywhere back on the shelves.

We are all glad that 2020 is in the rear view mirror but take time to recognize the new skills or knowledge you gained this year and put them to good use in 2021.

ECI State Review January 21, 2021

Mark your calendars!! P4F is having their state review on Thursday January 21, 2021 and all of our early childhood partners are welcome and encouraged to participate in discussion regarding your collaboration within the P4F area and with the P4F board. The meeting with partners will take place from 9:30-10:30 AM and will be via Zoom. A link will be shared with all members of the four county

Early Childhood Task Force Members and other community partners. Participation is not limited to those receiving an invitation. If you would like a link to the meeting please email us at p4fchildren@gmail.com

ECI State TA Team members conducting the review will be Shanell Wagler and James Olson

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 2nd Wednesday of the month in January, April, June & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday January 13, 2020 at 11:30 AM** A Zoom link will be sent by Mollie Scott.

Carroll County meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every other month at ISU Extensions Meeting Room in Carroll. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday at Noon on February 17, 2021.** 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 January 5, 2021 at Noon via Zoom,** a link will be sent by Nancy Rowedder.

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 11, 2021 at noon via Zoom** A link will be sent by Cindy Duhrkopf

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



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

P4F Early Childhood Task Force

Members of the Early Childhood Task Force are invited to participate January 21, 2021 in the P4F State Review. See page one for more information and watch for a link to the meeting.

A full meeting of all four counties will be held on Wednesday March 24th at 1:00 PM.

Please consider how your program can assist in the promotion of the following initiatives:

5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices
Count the Kicks
1000 Books before Kindergarten
2000 Days
CDC Milestones

P4F Board Update

The P4F board will not meet in December. The next meeting of the board will be the state review on January 21st at 11:00 AM.

The board is currently seeking two new members One with a health background and the other preferably from the business sector.

Next Meeting is:
Thursday January 21, 2021
11:00 AM CST 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

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 on longer want to receive updates please email us at p4fchildren@gmail.com



Are you familiar with 5-2-1-0? It is a nationally recognized and evidence based prevention framework to promote healthy habits. It has also been shown to reduce obesity in children. As an Early Childhood Iowa area we are going to embrace the initiative and take it to families and child care providers this winter.

We are planning a drive by pick up in February in each of our counties where families can pick up a bag with items focused on each of the numbers and a wonderful booklet from called Healthy Choices Count. It will include recipes, activities and ideas to create a healthy lifestyle with children.

Please email us at p4fchildren@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of the committee.

We will be looking for people to assist with the drive by hand out in each of our counties.

Links to Zoom meetings
are now being sent out to
members. If you would
like to be included please
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