

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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This month you are receiving our newsletter as an attachment because..... P4F is getting a new website!! A goal of the P4F Board is to connect with families more through social media providing families and early childhood professionals with quality early childhood information and local resources. The

New Web Site

plan is to have the same site address just a new look.

We need your help!! What do you think we should have on the website? We are looking for a list of quality resources that we should connect families to. Send us your ideas.

The new site will also have a page that you can send people to about serving on the P4F

Board. We have a goal of gaining four new board members in 2019. Once our site is up you can send persons there to gain information about the importance of serving.

Look for our new sight to go live in the next month!! OH and we will have a new Facebook page too.

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.



"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 2nd Wednesday of the month in January, April, June & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday January 9th 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 16th 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 December 4th at Noon.** No July or August Meetings

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 13th at noon.**

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

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 18th
4:00 PM
ISU Extension Audubon

Carroll
Date May Change from the previously scheduled March 20th-TBD later.
Family Resource Center

Greene
Wed March 27th 1:00 PM
ISU Extension Jefferson

Guthrie
Tues March 26th 4:00 PM
ISU Extension Guthrie Center

We will gather for updates on programs and continue our discussion regarding the Circle of Control.

P4F Board Update

The P4F Board met in November and discussed the use of additional carry forward funds. The majority of the funding will go toward quality training efforts for child care providers and preschools in our area.

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

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- Santa

Ok, I bet you are wondering what is Cindy talking about!! Santa, we know he is in the Spot Lite this month.

Well, I am talking about those people in your community that are willing to dress up and be Santa for a day or a night. We all have them.

This year, if you are calling on Santa for an event be sure to tell them Thank You from P4F for providing joy in the hearts of little ones in our area.

Because aren't they a part of our early childhood system???

Merry Christmas from Partnerships 4 Families

HOW TO ACCESS LICENSED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Go to <https://ibpllicense.iowa.gov/PublicPortal/Iowa/IBPL/publicsearch/publicsearch.jsp>. This is the search portal for the Bureau of Professional Licensure for the Iowa Department of Public Health.
2. To begin your search, under Search Criteria, select the Board tab and first search for Behavioral Science (LMFT's and LMHC's) and then Social Work. There will be a lot more Social Workers. You may also select Psychology if you choose to obtain a list of Licensed Psychologists.
3. Then under the Status tab you would select Active. Then your search will only include those providers who have an active license.
4. After a Board is selected and the Active tab is selected, then you click on Search and this will bring up a complete listing of all active providers in the state regulated by that Board.
5. After the list of providers is displayed on the screen, you then scroll down and click on Export, which will be on the left side of your screen. This will cause a list to be generated in excel format which you can then download. It will ask you if you wish to open this file. You then select Yes.
6. You can then save this file for further use. Note however, that some of the listings in this file will not be up to date.
7. You can select the city tab if you choose prior to clicking on Search, however the list of providers that is exported in excel format allows you to search and group providers by county.

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

Thank you to Dr David Brown for sharing this article.