

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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healthychildren.org by AAP

Early childhood providers have many questions these days about children's health and may have been on the CDC website more times than they would like to in the past six months. While the information there is good and offers much guidance the American Academy of Pediatrics has a wonderful site for parents and early childhood providers, healthychildren.org.

A trusted source like AAP will provide parents with factual and research based information. It is a goal of P4F to provide reputable and reliable information to families. We would encourage all providers to do likewise. Sources such as the Center for Disease Control- CDC, AAP, Iowa Department of Public Health-IDPH, Public Broadcasting Service-PBS or Iowa PBS. If you have other sites we should be promoting, please let us know and we will add them to the list of reputable resources.

NAEYC Has Many Resources

Even if you are not a member of NAEYC they provide many research based materials for you to share with families. One of them is "Message in a Backpack™" is a column that appears in *Teaching Young Children*. Print these documents out and send them home with children as a resource for their families!

<https://www.naeyc.org/resources/topics/message->

Take a half hour to browse through *all* the resources and consider becoming a member of NAEYC, the number one professional organization for early childhood providers.

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

As a member of NAEYC you automatically become a member of Iowa AEYC.

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 October 14, 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 October 21st 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 6th 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 December 10th at noon.**

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

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday October 28th!**

Partnerships 4 Families is going to do another ECTF Marathon. The focus of the meeting will be networking with other early childhood providers and the new P4F Early Childhood Community Plan.

Carroll County 8:00 AM

Audubon County 10:00 AM

Guthrie County 1:00 PM

Greene County 3:00 PM

An invitation was sent attached to the newsletter announcement with the Zoom links. If you do not receive it email us at p4fchildren@gmail.com for the invitation and links.

P4F Board Update

The P4F Board meet on September 18th and approve Dan Mayhale from Jefferson to the board. The H.O.P.E.S. programs were in attendance to share highlights of their annual report, an updated on the new GGK Curriculum and information on how they are serving families during the pandemic.

Next Meeting is:
Friday November 20, 2020
10:30 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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We're on the Web!

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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 no longer want to receive updates please email us at p4fchildren@gmail.com

Join us in welcoming Sesame Street in Communities to our town!

Please join ECI in welcoming Sesame Street in Communities to Iowa! Through a partnership between Iowa stakeholders—called the Iowa Alliance for Healthy Kids—and Sesame Street in Communities, we are launching a unique initiative focused on improving the social and emotional well-being of young kids in central Iowa and across our state.

Over the next year, we'll release messages and resources that can help caregivers, providers, and our community promote early relational health with families and the healthy development of young children. A virtual kickoff event on October 16 from 10-11 a.m. will feature an introduction from Sesame Street and an overview on why this opportunity is needed and how you can get involved. RSVP here: <http://bit.ly/sesame-street-iowa>

This will be a session for folks that serve as points of contact for their group or community. The session will help those attendees determine their role when we have a big 'public' launch in January.

