

# Partnerships 4 Families News 4 You

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## Area Directors Note

Reflection of 2021 bring to mind the welcoming of new board members, new early childhood stakeholders, a group of stakeholders convening all with the same cause to support the social emotional development of children in our area and a new way of doing business in some cases due to COVID 19.

However, we cannot forget why we all gather and it is for the children. It is our goal that “Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful.” I challenge you to make a list of ten ways you influenced a child or a group of children this past

year that will lead to their health and success. Recognize all the good you have done and celebrate the milestones achieved by the children.

2022 looks to be a wonderful year as we continue our work with SSIC and are starting to get statewide recognition for the work you all are doing in promoting the SSIC materials in your programs.

Thank you for the work you did in 2021 and we look forward to what 2022 will bring to the children in our area.

Cindy

## SSIC

The new acronym on the street is SSIC- Sesame Streets in Communities! Here at P4F we are going to be all about SSIC the next six months. Starting in November, we will be making available a handout and activity to families in our four county area. We will distribute over 1000 copies through childcare sites, libraries, WIC and other programs. Since we cannot reach everyone, we will also email the handouts to all early childhood providers in our area for printing and distribution. Our goal is to make the information accessible to all families with children 0-5 in our area.

We will target programs that might not have access to printing services and ask that those that do please print and share with families. We will also be highlighting the topic on social media and provide links to the materials being shared that will take families to the SSIC website.

An email went out with the Nov/Dec materials or you can find them attached to the email promoting the newsletter.

January’s topic is Resilience.

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

### Parent Survey-Please Share

P4F is assisting with the outreach of a current statewide Parent Survey for families with children 0-5. It is important that we share the survey link with families. Consider doing your part by sharing the information in a newsletter or email or even on your Facebook page this month. Information about the survey is included with the emailing

of this newsletter. Or you can find the survey at this link:

[https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8J8J8P\\_xwMEacrie](https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8J8J8P_xwMEacrie)

Locally our goal is to have 300 families fill out the survey! Help spread the word.

### Registered and Non Registered

In Iowa, we have Registered Child Development Homes and Non Registered Child Development Homes. P4F was able to access the addresses of Registered Child Development Homes to disseminate the SSIC materials but we would like to also share the information with Non-Registered providers. If you know of a Non Registered provider

please encourage them to email Cindy at [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com) so that we can mail them the SSIC handouts.

If you would like more information on Registered and Non Registered providers in the state of Iowa go to:

<https://iowaccrr.org/providers/>  
All child care centers are licensed.

### Save the Date: January 5, 2022

What is happening in early childhood in Iowa? On Wednesday, January 5, 2022 from 1:00pm-2:30pm, Early Childhood Iowa's system partners will highlight Iowa's early childhood system statewide initiatives. ECI State Board members, ECI Area Board members, early childhood

programs and service providers, Iowa legislators, and any stakeholder in Iowa's early childhood system are encouraged to attend this virtual event.

A link to the meeting will be sent out in the ECI Monthly Musings.

### Early Childhood Task Force Meetings

A spring four county meeting is being planned for March or April to bring early childhood providers together to discuss next steps in our outreach regarding Social-Emotional Development. We will also discuss gaps in services. Please let Cindy know of any conflicts in scheduling in March

or April and we will plan accordingly.

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.



*“Why Worry? If you’ve done the very best you can, worrying won’t make it any better.”  
Walt Disney*

### Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholder Alliance

Are you familiar with the ECI Stakeholder Alliance? If not check out information about them on the Early Childhood Iowa website <https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/system/s/state-system>

The Stakeholder Alliance is one large group and many sub committees working on various efforts across the

state that influence the early childhood system. A visual with a list of all the component work groups is available at: [https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2020-11/tool\\_a\\_11\\_19\\_2019\\_update.pdf](https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2020-11/tool_a_11_19_2019_update.pdf)

Consider joining a component work group in 2022.



### Safe Sleep

As we move into wintertime, Safe Sleep for children becomes a concern. As parents, early childhood providers or grandparents take time to educate yourself on Safe Sleep by checking any of the following reputable resources. Share the resources with others.

[Center for Disease Control](#) Safe Sleep

[Healthy Children. Org](#) from the AAP

[March of Dimes](#)

[Children's Safety Network](#)

[Iowa Department of Public Health](#)

### 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 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 January 12, 2022 at 11:30 AM, We will meet in person and possibly Zoom.**

**Carroll County** meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every other month. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday at Noon on December 15 2021 @ 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 December 7<sup>th</sup>** 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 in November and did a deeper dive on the financials and family support expectations outlined in Tool FF and information recently provided by Janet Horras at IDPH.

The meetings are open to the public; agendas are available on our website 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Next Meeting is:  
Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at New Opportunities in Carroll and Via Zoom.

## Still Waiting ....P4F is seeking a Christmas Present

What do you think that present is? We would like to have a full board of directors! What will that take????? One more board member is all we need. Consider making a nomination of someone you know.

The P4F Board meets 8-10 times a year on the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM. Members

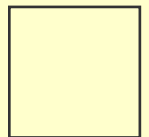
are asked to serve a three-year term.

For more information reach out to a current board member or email us at [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com)

The only requirement is that a member be a wonderful advocate for children 0-5.

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### SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH

- ❖ CO-WORKERS
- ❖ EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS
- ❖ PARENTS
- ❖ EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVOCATES

OR FIND IT ON THE WEBSITE AND SHARE THE LINK