

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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and Guthrie Counties

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## Thank You!

Thank you to the Partnerships 4 Board and all of our early childhood partners who build our early childhood system in Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie Counties. Our state review was a cake walk. Remarks from Shanell Wagler and James Olson were all positive in the way that communication flows between the board and programs. They saw that as board members and providers you are all dedicated to serving the children in our area.

The final step in the Designation process will be acceptance of the report by the Early Childhood Iowa State Board on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. At that point we are sitting pretty until the next time. (For those that keep track we submit an updated community plan again in 2024.)

You are all a wonderful group of individuals to work with, I wish I could send you all flowers to show my appreciation. Just as it takes many different flowers to make this bouquet so too does it take many individuals working together to make our early childhood system. Cindy



## Virtual Conferences

Have you attended a virtual conference? If so what did you find useful and would you attend the conference again. As we approach "Conference Season" this spring please share with other early childhood providers how to navigate and attend a conference virtually.

One conference that had

that went virtual last year quickly was the Prevent Child Abuse Iowa. This year they are announcing from the get go that it will be virtually on May 3 & 4, 2021. For more information, go to:

<https://pcaiowa.org/state-prevention-conference/>

Be sure to share tips and tricks to navigating online conferences with co-workers.

## 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 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 April 14, 2021 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. A link for either of the meetings will be sent by Amber Schon.*

**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 February 2, 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

A full meeting of all four counties will be held on Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM via Zoom  
A link will be sent out in March for the meeting.

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 met briefly on January 19, 2021 to conduct a brief meeting. They also all participated in the State Review on January 21, 2021.

The focus of the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be on Child Care.

Next Meeting is:  
Thursday February 18, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 making plans to deliver the bags in our four counties the week of February 16. The majority of libraries and child care providers will be having bags to hand out. A group of persons will be filling the bags on Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> at New Opportunities in Carroll. Please let us know if you would like to assist in the filling or delivery of the bags.

Please email us at [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com) if you would like to assist with the process.

Many early childhood partners are coming together to promote the effort and will be supplying information or items for the bags.

