

# Partnerships 4 Families News 4 You

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Audubon, Carroll, Greene  
and Guthrie Counties



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## Area Directors Note

We hope you can join us for the Early Childhood Task Force meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon. (details on page 2).

I would like to give you some home work to do before coming to the meeting. Please take time to read through the [We are ECI :Strategic Plan 2023-2026](#) paying close attention to the state goals. During the ECTF meeting we will discuss those goals. We will also consider if P4F will adopt any of these goals when updating our local Early Childhood Community Plan.

Many voices make for a robust local planning. We hope that you can attend and please extend this invitation to others you know who would benefit from the conversation.

We will also spend some time circling back to the needs of families that was discussed at our October ECTF meeting.

See you at the ECTF meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon.

Cindy

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

## You are doing GREAT!! Keep Going!!

Keep spreading the word about the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library-DPIL for short.

Audubon 55      Carroll 345  
Greene 112      Guthrie 206

Remind families there is a two month delay in getting books once they have been enrolled. Every child receives the welcome book and then books will be delivered based on the child's age. Children in the same family will not receive their

books all on the same day or even week. It is a rolling bases according to age.

All enrollments will be done digitally through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library website at:

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>

If your agency is willing to print some additional flyers for the project please let Cindy know.



## P4F FY24 Application for Funding

P4F will be releasing their application for FY24 funding on February 1, 2023. Early Childhood program providers are encouraged review the application. This year a full application will be submitted by all entities requesting funding.

To receive a copy of the P4F ECI FY24 application email us at: [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com)

## “We are ECI “Strategic Plan

On January 6, 2023 the ECI State Board adopted the, 'We are ECI' 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. Here is a [link to the ECI Strategic Plan 2023-2026](#). This plan builds on the plan from 2019-2022 and continues to have a comprehensive and

inclusive approach. Early childhood partners will continue to come together to make the system stronger and more impactful for young children, their families and all those who provide services.

## Toddler Fest in Greene County April 22nd

Toddler Fest is back in person on April 22, 2023 at the Greene County Rec Center from 10-12.

This event has been sponsored by the Greene County Librarians

and Partnerships 4 Families for over 10 years.

The event is focused on activities for toddler age children.

## P4F Early Childhood Task Force

The next Early Childhood Task Force meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> in the morning from 9-noon. The meeting will be held at St Anthony Regional Hospital in the Education Center located on the 4th Floor of the Surgery Center in the St Anthony Room. Enter through the elevator in the parking garage.

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.

Topics to be discussed:

- Family Needs
- Non-Registered Child Care
- We are ECI Strategic Plan

*Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert?  
Because she was stuffed.*

### Family Support Programs Flyer

A new flyer was developed and finalized in January to highlight the family support/home visiting programs in our counties. The piece has already been utilized during a conversation with state leaders who wanted to know what programs were

offered in Audubon County. A copy of the flyer was sent out with the newsletter and will be available on the P4F Website.

Please share the information with persons you know working with families. Keep in mind the FaDSS program does not have an age limit for the families they serve.

### Community Human Services Coalition Meetings Sign-up

Keep spreading the news about the online sign up for the Community Human Service Coalition meetings. Come June if you are not signed up you will not receive notification of upcoming meetings.

A data base is being developed with your input that will supply your information for the emails that will be generated for the meeting reminders. Simply go to the link at the following QR Code and sign up. You will be given a choice of counties you wish to sign up for.



### Community Human Service Coalition Meeting Dates

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, July & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday April 12, 2023 at 11:30 AM, We will meet in person and possibly via Zoom.**

**Carroll County** meets at noon on the third Wednesday of five times a year in Feb, April, June, Sept, Nov. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday at Noon on April 19th @ ISU Extension Meeting Room in Carroll**  
*Offered in person and on Zoom.*

**Greene County** meets on the first Tuesday of the month five times a year at noon at ISU Extension in Jefferson. The five months are Feb, April, June, Sept & Nov. Their next meeting is: **Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** *Offered in person and on 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 March 9, 2023 at noon.** We will be meeting in person and via Zoom.

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 was able to meet on February 16<sup>th</sup> thanks to the wonders of hybrid meetings. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting that may have had to be canceled due to weather Zoom was not available.

At the February meeting the board heard about the increase to our insurance rate of over \$500 an 18% increase.

They also heard from Sara, Sara and Jenny about the HOPES programs in each of the four counties. Board members appreciate hearing firsthand from the funded programs.

The next meeting of the P4F Board is on Thursday April 20, 2023 at 11:00. The meeting will be held in person at New Opportunities with a Zoom option.

## Meet a P4F Board Member- Dan Meythaler

Dan Meythaler came on the P4F Board in the beginning of the pandemic and has been able to attend meetings due to the virtual nature of our meetings. He has been known to pick up one of his two boys from preschool while listening in to a meeting.

Dan and his family live in Jefferson, he is the owner of Meythaler Photography (follow him on Facebook). He and his wife are very active in Jefferson and enjoy watching their two active boys grow.

Dan will be stepping off the board in July but we appreciate the time he has given representing Greene County and the business community.

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- ❖ EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS
- ❖ PARENTS
- ❖ EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVOCATES

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