

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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Early Childhood Iowa Designation Process

Iowa Code 256I.4(8): 8. Develop and implement a designation process for area boards. Allow for flexibility and creativity of area boards in implementing area board responsibilities and provide authority for the area boards to support the communities in the areas served. The system shall provide for action to address poor performing areas as well as higher performing areas. The state board shall determine how often area boards are reviewed under the system.

Current guidance is for ECI area boards to go through a process every four years to be designated an area. P4F is going through that process of designation this year. As of August 21st our updated Early Childhood Community Plan has been submitted to the state for review. We will hear this winter when the ECI State TA Members will conduct an onsite review of our area. At that time early childhood community professionals will be asked to participate and share their experiences with in our Early Childhood Iowa Area. The TA Team Members will also conduct a meeting with the P4F Board.

We look forward to sharing with the state how wonderful our early childhood system is and the great work that all of you do in serving the children of our area.

A copy of our Early Childhood Community Plan available by sending an email to: p4fchildren@gmail.com

Iowa AEYC Going Virtual

Iowa AEYC yearly offers the best conference in the state for early childhood providers. This year they are going virtual.

<http://www.iowaaec.org/fall-institute.cfm>

In a year full of changes and difficulty getting training hours, this is a great opportunity for early childhood professionals across the state.

Directors and child care center boards should be encouraging participation by staff.

Watch for more information and considering joining Iowa AEYC through the national organization NAYEC.

<https://www.naeyc.org/get-involved/membership>

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,**

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 September 1st 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 September 10th at noon.**

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



"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 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

We will try to meet in person but will make that decision October 1, 2020.

P4F Board Update

September 21st the P4F Board met to approve the FY20 Annual Report and conduct other business of the board.

The board is still seeking a business representative for the board.

All meetings are open to the public. Board agendas and minutes can be found on the P4F Website.

Next Meeting is:
Friday September 18, 2020
10:30 AM CST

Location TBD

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Census Update

#CountAllKids

The [Census Bureau announced they intend to move up the reporting deadline for the 2020 Census to September 30](#), a change that would jeopardize critical outreach efforts needed to ensure the accurate count of marginalized populations, including babies, toddlers, and young children. NAEYC has joined national organizations in [calling on Congress to include language in the next COVID relief packet that would extend the statutory reporting deadlines for the 2020 Census by four months](#), but we simultaneously need your help to continue encouraging families to complete the Census now. Here are some resources to help:

- Learn more about the undercount of young children and what's at stake by visiting americaforearlyed.org/census and countallkids.org.
- Encourage everyone to complete the census [online, by phone, or by mail](#).

Source: NAEYC

**Iowa's response rate is currently at 69.1.
Let's see how high we can reach!**

Day Care Guidelines and School Guidelines

Early childhood providers may start hearing comments from parents like this....."My preschool says ABC and my child care provider says XYZ. Which is right?" As an early childhood professional you can most likely say they are both right.

Child care providers and centers are governed by DHS for licensing and registration and must follow those guidelines

School districts are governed by DE and are following their guidelines.

As professionals it is our job to help parents ask questions and understand the guidance whether it is for child care or for schools.

