

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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## 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Kick off Celebrations

P4F will be kicking off our 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday with mini celebrations in each county the first week of February. At that time persons can stop by and pick up your t-shirt. We are asking that if you get a t-shirt you and person in your agency will wear the t-shirt on 6 pre-selected days that focus on early childhood. The days we have selected are:

Valentine's Day February 14<sup>th</sup>  
National Read Across America Day March 1  
Prevent Child Abuse Month April 1  
Week of the Young Child Wed April 10  
Provider Appreciation Day May 10  
P4F's Birthday July 1

Following are the dates and locations of our mini celebrations and t-shirt distribution times.

Carroll Monday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 4-6 Location TBD

Greene Tuesday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 4-6 ISU Extension

Guthrie Wed Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 4-6 Guthrie Co Health Services

Audubon Thursday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> ISU Extension  
Audubon

## Legislative Session and Advocacy

### Who me???

### Yes, You!!

We need you as an advocate for early childhood services in Iowa. Being an advocate does not mean you have to ask for something it may mean saying "Thank You" for a service that is already being provided and is necessary in the future.

You can be an advocate at the local, state or federal level.

Locally in your community advocate for fluoride in your water or a safe park for children.

At the state level educate your legislators about programs that support children and families or a need that is missing.

Currently at the federal level you could educate congress on the impact of the shut down on low income children.

To learn more about how to be an advocate for children go to:  
<https://www.cfpciowa.org/en/advocacy/>

Be sure to sign up for their updated.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.**

**Carroll County** meets at noon on the third Wednesday of the month at ISU Extensions Meeting Room in Carroll. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday at Noon February 20<sup>th</sup> at Noon.**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> at Noon.** No July or August Meetings A week later due to the holiday.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

P4F invites early childhood service providers and advocates to our Early Childhood Task Force meetings this March.

We will be discussing the outcomes of our Circles of Control discussion from October and look at local data trends that relate to early childhood.

**Audubon**  
Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 PM  
ISU Extension Audubon

**Carroll**  
Wed March 20<sup>th</sup>-4:00 PM  
Family Resource Center

**Greene**  
Wed March 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM  
ISU Extension Jefferson

**Guthrie**  
Tues March 26<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM  
ISU Extension Guthrie Center

Please extend this invitation to at least one other early childhood provider whose voice would be valuable to the conversation.

## P4F Board Update

The P4F Board did not meet in January due to lack of a quorum. All business of the board will take place at their next meeting February 15<sup>th</sup>. At that time the HOPES programs will be in attendance to provide an update.

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

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

February 15, 2019

At 10:30 AM or 1:00 PM

in Carroll at New Opportunities

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## Persons in the Spot Lite- Jean S

Jean Stadlander is the ultimate early childhood advocate for our area. Jean is from Manning and previously served on the school board there, she served on the P4F Board for six years and is currently serving a second term on the ECI State Board.

Jean has been a CASA volunteer for many years advocating for children

who have been removed from their homes and working on reunification.

Last summer she invited the Iowa Women's Foundation to Manning for a discussion surrounding the needs for additional child care & before and after school care in the IKM-Manning area.

She is a great example of an Early Childhood Advocate!!

### **Early Childhood Iowa Annual Report**

Please find below a link to the 2018 Early Childhood Iowa Annual Report.  
<https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/document/eci-2018-annual-report>

This year's report includes a systems-level report with data that highlights impact of the work within the early childhood system and local programs and services. We include statewide indicator charts that share population-based data as well as performance measures trend data on how ECI Area boards use the funding. We have a funding summary, funding history charts; and a State-level Professional Development funding report.

The information in the report is a culmination of many people's work, both at the state and local levels. I appreciate everyone's efforts to be as complete, transparent and conscientious as possible with their reporting.

If you have any questions about or would like to discuss the report information being shared this year, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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