

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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## Thank you

Thank you to those that attended Partnerships 4 Families Planning Meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>. We had at least one representative from every facet of early childhood represented.

Our meeting may have ended with more questions than answers but that is perhaps the best sign of a successful planning meeting. Our next steps are to have you fill out the following survey and provide us with your thoughts. We already have a third of those that attended responding but we would like to hear from everyone. The link is: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1L3BUxRex6aaBQQK5zM-Uq\\_lux56jy3Axx4u4olb9WA/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1L3BUxRex6aaBQQK5zM-Uq_lux56jy3Axx4u4olb9WA/edit)

The P4F Board will discuss additional next steps at their Board meeting November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Be sure to check out the [Early Childhood Iowa Strategic Plan](#) and see where your agency can support state wide efforts.

## Male P4F Board Members Needed

P4F is seeking two new male board members who could reside in Carroll, Greene or Guthrie Counties. If you know of someone who is a great advocate for children, please visit with them then share their name with Cindy or another P4F Board members

Consider thinking of someone who represents one of our legislative mandated fields of: health, human service, business, faith or education.

If you would like a copy of our application to share with all the families, you serve please let us know.

## 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 January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30.**

**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 December 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 November 5<sup>th</sup> at Noon** No July or August Meetings

**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 12<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 will convene an all-day Early Childhood Task Force meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> with a twist. We will meet in each of our four counties all on the same day. We invite you to tag along with us or just attend the meeting in your county.

The focus of the meetings will be to receive final input on our early childhood community plan.

Meeting locations are still being finalized at that time. But plan on the following schedule.

Carroll County-8:00 AM

Greene County 10:00 AM

Guthrie County 12:30 PM (note change of time)

Audubon County 3:00 PM- Audubon County ISU Extension

## P4F Board Update

Board members attended the P4F Community Planning meeting on Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance heard first hand from the early childhood organizations. Their next meeting is in November and will focus on child care.

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

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

November 15, 2019  
At 10:30 AM

in Carroll at New Opportunities

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## Persons in the Spot Light-Pediatricians

As of today the P4F area has four pediatricians serving our area and many great family doctors that offer care to children.

It is important to have pediatricians in our area for general childhood care but they are experts in childhood development and health.

Having them in our area often keeps families from having to travel.

Thank you to those that have chosen to practice in rural Iowa. The P4F area is lucky to have all the medical providers caring for our children.



## There is still time.....P4F Offering Mini Grants in FY20

Partnerships 4 Families (P4F) Early Childhood Iowa Area is offering mini grants to assist early childhood program increase the quality or capacity of its program. Possible grants could be for training, improvements to program to meet licensing/credentialing, increase the capacity of your program to serve more children, sponsor an early childhood speaker etc. Grant must focus on one of the Early Childhood Iowa results areas:

Healthy children

Children ready to succeed in school

Safe and supportive communities

Secure and nurturing families

Secure and nurturing early learning environments

For more information and an application email:  
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