

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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Thoughts to Ponder Going into 2020

Following are thoughts P4F would like you to ponder going into 2020.

1. Iowa is leading the nation in many ways in regards to our work in early childhood. How do we get all this great information to parents and other adults caring for children 0-5?
2. If you were to promote two prevention based campaign that are already developed what would it be? Ex 1000 Books before Kindergarten, Safe Sleep, 5-2-1-0 etc.
3. How do we promote that the use of electronics in children 0-5 has a negative influence on their behaviors and learning?
4. Who do you know who is a great advocate for children 0-5 in your community and should be at our table when we discuss early childhood activities?
5. What is one New Year's resolution you could set that would make you an even better early childhood advocate?

Feel free to email us at p4fchildren@gmail.com with your thoughts.

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 2nd Wednesday of the month in January, April, June & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday January 8th, 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 18th. 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 December 5th 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 12th 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 1st 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

The P4F Board met in November to allocate \$25,000 in Mini Grants. They also heard updates from the Child Care Project and CCR&R. Both programs also provided input on how the CCNC is serving our counties.

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

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

January 17, 2019
At 10:30 AM

in Carroll at New Opportunities

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Persons in the Spot Light-Community Organizers

As we enjoy the holiday season in our communities and attend a holiday festival. Be sure to thank the organizers of those festivals.

Whether it is the city crew putting up lights, a church organizing a tree walk, Main Street organizations doing a cookie walk.

If you are one of those individuals, P4F thanks you for the work you do

Look at all of that through the eyes of a child and give thanks for those making our communities a little brighter.



Congratulations to Those Receiving P4F Mini Grants in FY20

P4F Board awarded the following mini grants at their November meeting.

Churdan Public Library	GR	\$625.00	Lori Lynn at the Library	Training
IKM-Manning Preschool Program	CA	\$1,050.00	Literacy & Science IQPPS Improvements	Classroom
Audubon PreK/Head Start	AU	\$3,250.00	Fencing for PreK/HS playground	Outdoor Area
Little Panther Daycare & Preschool	GU	\$4,050.00	Technology and Play	Classroom
Carroll Area Child Care Center & Preschool	CA	\$4,000.00	Importance of Play Training	Training & Classroom
Panorama Preschool	GU	\$4,000.00	Panorama EC PD & Teton Science School	Training
Greene County Early Learning Center	GR	\$8,000.00	Designing a Child Care Facility to Expand Capacity	Expansion