

# Partnerships 4 Families News 4 You

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Audubon, Carroll, Greene  
and Guthrie Counties



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

## Area Directors Note

Early Childhood Iowa has released the FY22ECI State Annual Report. If you have never taken the time to glance at the report I encourage you to do so. There is information about the historical funding of ECI, performance measure data and a highlight of projects that might have taken place this year across the state.

It is very impressive to see how many children are served through family support programs. It was 6,384 if you were wondering, but check out the annual report to show who is being served. Or did you know that across the state 20 ECI area boards expended \$680,414 and served 14,866 children who

received dental screenings. Early Childhood Iowa funding is reaching children in many ways.

<https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/document/eci-fy22-annual-report>

If you look at the report and have questions let me know I would be happy to meet with you and discuss how P4F utilized our funding in FY22.

Now that we talked about FY22 it is on to FY23 AND FY24. The application for FY24 funding will be release this week for programs wishing to seek renewals or have an early childhood program they would like to fund. Watch for that email this week.

Cindy

## You are doing GREAT!!

Enrollment in Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Audubon, Carroll and Greene Counties is off to a tremendous start. As of January 31<sup>st</sup> we have the following number enrolled thanks to so many people spreading the news.

Audubon 51      Carroll 322  
Greene 111      Guthrie 211

It is important that families know if they register in say January, they will not receive a book until March.

Books go out on a rotating bases according to the age of the child. But all children receiving the Welcome Book in their first month will receive it toward the beginning of the month.

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

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>



### 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)

### Iowa Health and Human Services-Iowa HHS

Iowa HHS changes are moving forward. As of March of 2022 Early Childhood Iowa was informed that they would be placed under HHS. As the reorganization has been proceeding Early Childhood Iowa has found out that they will be placed with in the Family Well-Being and Protection area of the organizational chart. Janee Harvey has been hired as the FWBP Director. She will oversee a Child Care

area, Child Protection and Services area and Early Intervention and Supports area which Early Childhood Iowa will be located under. We hope to learn soon who will be heading up the Early Intervention and Supports area.

Updates regarding the alignment can be found at: <https://hhsalignment.iowa.gov/>

### Toddler Fest in Greene County April 22nd

IT'S BACK!!

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.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to assist with an activity.

### 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. 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

*What flower gives  
the most kisses on  
Valentines?*

*TuLIPS*

### Early Childhood Brochures

Last Call for Changes to the Early Childhood Brochures for each of the counties P4F serves.

You can find the brochures on our website.

Email: [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com) if there is a change that needs to be made.

### Community Human Services Coalition Meetings Sign-up

Last month you heard about the upcoming changes to the Community Human Services Coalition Meetings. This month we want to encourage you and others in your office to use the sign up for the 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 February 16th @ 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 February 7, 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 took the month of December off but was back meeting in January. Thanks to the Zoom option we were able to meet on a snowy day with an in-person option at New Opportunities if anyone had needed it.

The Board spent a good deal of the meeting learning about the funding for the HOPES program as a prelim

to hearing from the programs at the February meeting.

There was also an update given on the transition of ECI to HHS.

The next meeting of the P4F Board is on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 11:00. The meeting will be held in person at New Opportunities with a Zoom option.

## Meet a P4F Board Member- Char Bintner

Hello, I am Char Bintner a lifelong resident of Exira and married to my high school sweetheart for 48 years. I am a proud mother of two and an ecstatic grandmother of six children. Over the years I have provided day care in my home, taught Sunday School for 23 years and was a para educator for 24 years. Recently I came out of retirement to fill in at preschool for six weeks. If that doesn't show my

passion for children and learning, I don't know what could!!

I use to attend the P4F meetings as an educator and received the benefit of the programs. Now on the board I am learning how the programs get funded.

We appreciate Char and her dedication to early childhood.

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