

# Partnerships 4 Families Early Childhood Iowa

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## End of School Year for 0-5

The end of the school year is busy with sooooo many activities. Children 0-5 in the household may have their normal calm schedule interrupted because of older siblings' activities. Parents may wonder why all of the sudden their normally well-mannered three-year-old is a terror. It is probably because their sleep cycle is interrupted, meal times are off, normal down time is now filled with going to practices or games. The list could be endless.

To accommodate for schedule changes parents should accommodate by:

- \*Having extra healthy snacks available
- \*Pack a bag of quiet activities for the younger siblings
- \*Use the waiting time for learning time
- \*Take along outdoor games to play in a safe space
- \*Be sure to talk about the schedule and include the younger child in planning what they will do while waiting for the older sibling.

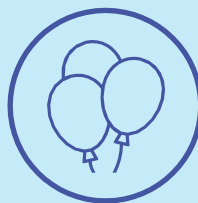
## Child Care Data

At the back of the newsletter, you will find information about Child Care Provider Appreciation Day May 10. But have you ever wondered how many child care providers there are in your community or county? That data can be found utilizing the CCR&R website. Recently that data base was updated, and you will receive real time data when you access it. Start on this page: <https://iowaccr.org/data/> then scroll down to the red box to access current information.

Person who are looking for names of providers can access those on a different site through [HHS](#).

Child care businesses that are licensed or registered will be listed. There are many child care providers across the state that are not registered and provide care. Their information is not housed on any site.

If you need more information about child care reach out to CCR&R.

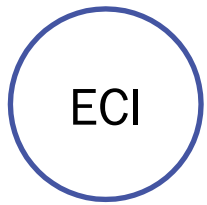


## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Partnerships 4 Families  
Board Meeting  
Thursday May 16, 2023  
11:00 AM at New Opportunities,  
Carroll or via Zoom  
The March meeting was not held.**

## Head Start Enrollment

The Head Start preschool program is currently taking applications for the upcoming school year. A child has to be 3 or 4 by September 15, 2024. Head Start is an income-based program that provides active learning experiences, nutritious snacks and meals. They also help families connect with community resources. Interested families can fill out an interest form at [www.newopp.org](http://www.newopp.org) or contact Magen at 712-830-9442 for Audubon & Carroll Counties and Diane for Greene and Guthrie Counties.



# Early Childhood Iowa Funding

Early Childhood Iowa funding levels have been released. P4F and all the ECI Areas in the state are in a unique situation. The funding level at the state level was status quo, meaning the same as last year. But that does not mean local ECI areas receive the same amount of funding. This is due to the formulas that are used to allocate ECI funds. The formula's include population data, child population data, and income related data. Due to either slight declines in our area or large increase in other counties P4F funding will go

down by \$5000 in FY25. While \$5000 does not seem like a lot in a \$500,000 budget it can impact whether a small program receives funding or not.

Historically P4F has had some carryforward funding that we put back into programming the following year. We are allowed to carry forward up to 20% of our allocation, historically we have had 12-16% carry forward. Due to programs going, increase cost and status quo funding we will not have that level of carryforward to put toward programs in FY25.

If you would like more information, please reach out to Cindy.

## Resource Guides

Are you looking for the large county resource guides? If so an electronic version of the guide can be found on the New Opportunities Website at: <https://www.newopp.org/county-resources>

Hard copies of the guide can be found at the Family Development Centers or by contacting Mollie Scott. Community Partnerships 4 Protecting Children provides the funding for the guides to be printed. We thank New Opportunities for posting them on their website.



## AEA Bill HF2612

House File 2612 passed through legislation this year with much attention and advocacy across the state. The bill will make changes to the Area Education Agencies service delivery system.

P4F is watching closely to see what will happen to Early Access services that are housed within AEAs but are a federally funded program. But for now, it is business as usual. If you have a child who you would like to have observed by AEA continue to reach out through your normal channels.

## Behavioral Health Bill

This legislative session House File 2673 passed and is on to the Governor for her signature. This bill will reorganize prevention, education, early intervention, treatment, recovery support and crisis services for mental health, substance use, tobacco use and problem gambling. FY 25 is a planning year for all the changes. Locally we will not see the effects of this bill for a year or two.

# Child Care Presentation CCGP

On May 7<sup>th</sup> Ashley Otte, Workforce Advisor with Iowa AEYC will be presenting to the Carroll County Growth Partnership a summary of the findings from the 2023 Iowa Child Care Workforce Study. Cindy Duhrkopf will share information about Carroll County child care numbers.

The goal of the meeting is for business leaders to understand the situation

child care providers are facing and thus impacting families in our area due to the lack of staff child care centers are able to recruit.

If you would like to attend please reach out to Cindy.

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## Notes from Cindy

May is upon us. Can you remember a favorite May? Was it when you graduated from high school? When one of your kids graduated? A favorite Mother's Day?

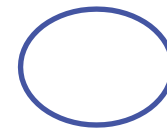
My new favorite thing about May is to try and slow down and enjoy it. As an empty nester that is easier to do than a busy household with school age children.

But I would like to encourage anyone who is reading this to find ways to enjoy May, even if it is to enjoy the busy month.

Make time for an extra walk to enjoy the flowers. If you want to walk by my house stop and I will share some that are early bloomers. Take time for a park visit, stay outside a little later while the sun is shining.

Don't get caught up in the caos of the month, take time to enjoy it.

Cindy



## Carroll Children's Museum

Have you heard the news? Carroll now has a Children's Museum located within the downtown mall where the old Christopher and Banks store was. The address is 551 N Adams Street #223.

It was started by a few young mom's who wanted to offer an opportunity to young children. There is a fee to attend and there is a special fee for families who participate in SNAP, WIC, FIP, SSD or Foster Care. Follow them on Facebook under Carroll Children's Museum for more information.



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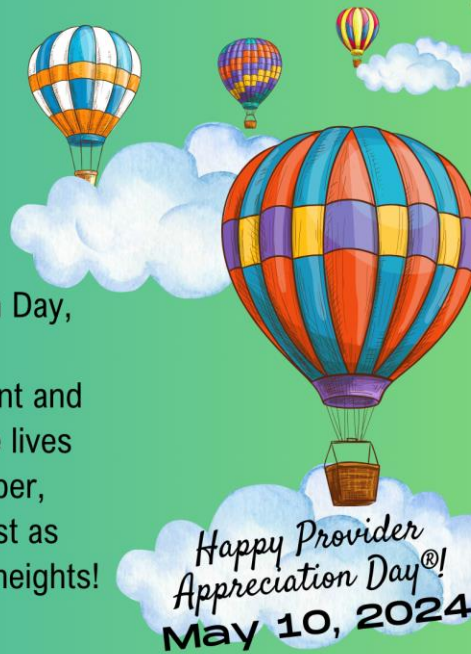
## ECI Designation

Work continues on updating the P4F Early Childhood Community Plan. We are nearing the time when we will ask early childhood providers to gather and assist in the development of our focus for the next three years.

Mark your calendars for Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 for a Zoom meeting. Link and information to follow.

# CHILD CARE LIFTS UP IOWA FAMILIES

As we celebrate Provider Appreciation Day, we thank you for all you do as early childhood educators. Your commitment and care make a world of difference in the lives of children and parents alike. Remember, CCR&R is here for you, and we are just as committed to helping you reach new heights!



From your friends at Child Care Resource & Referral

## LET CCR&R HELP YOU REACH NEW HEIGHTS



### Connect with CCR&R for assistance with:

- Licensing & Regulatory Requirements
- Training Implementation
- Consultation Guide for Registered Child Development Homes
- Regulatory Correction Action Plan
- Environment Rating Scale (ERS) Assessment
- Exemption from Immunizations Form
- Iowa Program for Infant/Toddler Care (PITC)
- ChildNet Certification
- Service Orientation or Interview
- National Accreditation
- Policies and Procedures
- Professional Development Plans
- Provider or Program Goals
- Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®)
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# Community Coalition Meetings

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 July 10, 2024 at 11:30 AM**, *Offered in person and 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 June 19, 2024 @ noon at ISU Extension Meeting Room in Carroll** *Offered in person and maybe via 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 June 4, 2024 at noon**. *Offered in person and maybe via 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 June 13, 2024 at noon**. *Offered in person and maybe via Zoom*

The meetings are offered in person and via Zoom. The Zoom link for all the above-mentioned meetings can be found on New Opportunities website at: <https://www.newopp.org/county-resources/coalitions>