

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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Happy New Year

New Year you say??? Yes, July 1st is a New Year's Day for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) and a birthday of sorts for Partnerships 4 Families. We have now been serving the children 0-5 and their families for 21 years. During that time over \$12M in funding has boosted our early childhood system into what it is today.

For FY21 the P4F Board has determined that they fund all of the programs from FY20 with hopes that COVID 19 allows them to provide services to children and families, those programs are:

Child Care Project- FRC	\$73,700.00
CCR&R Quality Child QIP, BIP and Training	\$10,000.00
Child Care Nurse Consultant	\$ 22,400.00
Dental Preschool-New Opp.	\$7,000.00
iSmile Dental Webster-Greene Co	\$2,000.00
HOPES----Carroll	\$128,529.37
HOPES-----Greene	\$77,758.80
HOPES ---Guthrie/Audubon	\$112,123.00
P4F Preschool Assistance	\$46,553.83
Early Head Start Classroom Equipment Mini Grant	\$7,500.00
P4F Board & Area Director	\$65,427.29

COVID -19 Children Resources

As we move further into the COVID 19 pandemic more and more information has become available regarding the possible effects on young children. Early childhood providers and advocates are encouraged to educate themselves on resources that can be shared with families if behaviors arise due to external stressors. Following are just a few national sources:

Fred Rogers Institute

<https://www.fredrogers.org/coronavirus/>

National Child Traumatic Stress Network

<https://www.nctsn.org/resources/supporting-children-during-coronavirus-covid19>

Sesame Street

<https://www.sesamestreet.org/caring>

Kids Health

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/stress.html>

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 October 14, 2020 at 11:30 AM,**

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 August 19th. 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 September 1st at Noon.**

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 September 10th at noon.**

The successes of the meetings are driven by the people attending and the connections that are developed.

All meetings are scheduled to be in person as of July 1, 2020.



"Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful."

P4F Early Childhood Task Force

P4F would like to increase the participation of early childhood providers at our Early Childhood Task Force meetings. Please participate in our Survey to assist us in gaining input on a good time to meet and what topics you would find beneficial to cover at the meetings.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NVM6T2>

Please take the survey by July 31, 2020 for your input to be included in our planning.

P4F Board Update

The P4F Board meet on June 19th and said goodbye to P4F Board member Genelle Deist. Recently Genelle served as treasurer and represented the children of Audubon County well. At the meeting the board approved the P4F Early Childhood Community Plan for the next five years.

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

Next Meeting is:
Friday August 21, 2020
10:30 AM CST

Location TBD

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Children's Behavioral Health System State Board

The Children's Behavioral Health System State Board (Children's Board) is the single point of responsibility in the implementation and management of a Children's Mental Health System (Children's System) that is committed to improving children's well-being, building healthy and resilient children, providing for educational growth, and coordinating medical and mental health care for those in need.

Signed into law on May 1, 2019, House File 690 established requirements for the Children's Behavioral Health System after receiving the Strategic Plan for the Children's System State Board as ordered by Executive Order No. 2 signed April 23, 2018.

Each mental health region in the state of Iowa has a Children's Advisory Board that is being developed.

Persons wishing to learn more are encouraged to follow the website or sign up for updates: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/about/mhds-advisory-groups/childrens-system-state-board>



The Iowa Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IAIECMH) is a committed group of professionals who understand and value the role of mental health among young children and their families, and actively strive to deliver quality services that support children's social, emotional and behavioral development. For more information go to our website at: <http://promotingmentalhealthiowa.org/>