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Area Directors Note

Did you miss us? *P4F News 4 You* took a couple of months off to assess the need for the newsletter. I was overjoyed to hear that people read it and forward it on to co-workers. So here we are, right back with you. Let us know what you want to hear about each month.

On the topic of childcare, did you know we have a new center that has opened in Glidden? It is called Lil' Wildcats Education Center and will offer care for infants to school agers. However, as of Aug 15 they still had some room for 2's, 3's and 4's.

Having a new center open is great and will help our area add slots but the bigger problem is

the need for persons to work in the childcare centers or to open a home childcare business.

Please be an advocate for child care and consider recommending to someone to start a home business or apply at a center in their area. It is a community, state and national problem.

People ask, "How do we solve the problem?" The biggest obstacle is to find additional funding to pay staff a higher wage without passing the cost on to families. So....if you win the lottery please consider donating to a childcare center in your area. 😊 Currently there is no go answer.

Thanks for reading, Cindy

Collaborative Services Areas

Collaborative Service Areas (CSAs) are the title being given to areas that will provide services for WIC, MCAH, I-Smile, Family Planning and 1st Five. Iowa Department of Public Health-IDPH, now Health and Human Services-HHS. To date we know that New Opportunities, was awarded the WIC Contract We are currently waiting to hear who will be providing the Child Health Services such as CCNC, i-Smile, Hawki outreach and other services to our CSA area.

The CSA-2 will include Audubon, Buena Vista, Carroll, Crawford, Greene, Guthrie and Sac counties.

You can find more information about this process on the IDPH website at:

<https://idph.iowa.gov/family-health/CSA>

Contracts for these programs run under a federal fiscal year that starts in October.



Child Care Resource and Referral-CCR&R

CCR&R is currently advertising for a Child Care Consultant to serve the counties of Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie.

Careers web page and click on Child Care Consultant/Data Specialist CCR&R Harlan, Carroll or Atlantic to learn more.

Interested persons should go to the West Central Community Action Agencies

<https://www.westcentralca.org/careers>



Imagination Library is Available in Guthrie Co

Have you hear about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library? It is currently available to residents of Guthrie County and will be available in Audubon, Carroll and Greene hopefully in January.

Guthrie County families with children 0-4 should head on over to the Imagination Library website and get enrolled. All enrollment is done through the website.

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>

“Anyone who does anything to help a child I his life is a hero to me.”

Fred Rogers

Be An Early Childhood Advocate during Elections

Would you like to be a voice for children when it comes to elections? Read material being offered by candidates and if you meet them in person ask them their position on funding services that pertain to the health and wellbeing of children 0-4.

Be sure to also educate a candidate on the work you do in early childhood. You might be the first person to tell them about your services.

Be a voice for the children.

October 18th 1-3:30 P4F Early Childhood Task

It is time for us to meet again as a four county region. Plan to join us in Coon Rapids at the Community Building 419 Main St.

the children in our area through collaboration.

This meeting will only be held in person.

The focus of the Early Childhood Task force is to bring early childhood providers and advocates together, benefiting

Topics to be discussed:
Social Emotional Learning
Early Childhood Needs
Raising Costs to Families

Early Childhood Services and Other Resources

Where do families go to find out about early childhood services or resources for their families? In today's society, it is most likely a friend or family member.

Locally there are community resource guides available that are housed digitally on the New Opportunities website. These resource guides cover many services throughout the county.

<https://www.newopp.org/county-resources>

Or for specifically early childhood services find links to them on the P4F website:

<https://www.partnerships4families.org/localagencies.php>

Or the EC brochures are available for download:

<https://www.partnerships4families.org/resources>



Preschools still have Room

Many of the area preschool classrooms still have room to serve additional children. Did you know there is a list of preschools on the Early Childhood brochures that P4F prints? Get your copy off our website under Resources.

If you know of a family seeking information about preschool the first place to start is the local school

district. If the child is under four years of age they are welcome to contact P4F and Cindy will work with them to find a preschool that fits their need.

Also, remember that Head Start is always recruiting for their 3 and 4 year old programs. Call them at 712-792-9266 for more information.

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 2nd Wednesday of the month in January, April, June & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday October 12, 2022 at 11:30 AM, We will meet in person and possibly via Zoom.**

Carroll County meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every other month. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday at Noon on September 21st @ ISU Extension Meeting Room in Carroll.** *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 6th** We will meet in person and 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 September 8th at noon.** We will be meeting in person and via Zoom. Cindy D will be sending out a link.

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 held their first meeting of the FY23 on July 21, 2022. Trevor Nunn took the helm as the new chairperson; other officers include Ann Semprini, Vice Chair, Rich Stoffers, Treasurer, Alissa Olson, Secretary.

The focus of the July meeting was an orientation for new members and review of Early Childhood Iowa for those that have served previously. This year's new members include Rich Ruggels, Tonya Weber, Char Bintner and Paige DenAdel.

We are happy to have a full board.

Iowa AEYC Fall Institute Sept 30-Oct 1

Iowa AEYC is holding their Fall Institute in Des Moines September 30-October 1. Early Bird registration has ended but there is still time to enroll.

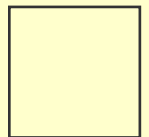
brings together early childhood professionals from across the state. For more information check out the website at:

<http://www.iowaaeyc.org/fall-institute.cfm>

This will be the first in person Institute since 2019. The Iowa Early Learning Fall Institute

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