

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.



Audubon, Carroll, Greene
and Guthrie Counties

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Back to School COVID 19 Style

Many conversations currently surround the questions, “What will school look like this year? What about preschool? What will our schedule be? How will it affect my child care?”

That is the story of our lives right now, full of questions just like a 3-year-old asking questions all day long. As we approach August 1st most of the districts in our area are proceeding with caution and making plans accordingly to have classes this fall. But things can change in a day, just as they did back in March.

As parents, early childhood supporters and concerned citizens the best we can do right now is take the philosophy of “One day at a time” and be supportive of those making decisions. Because there is no best answer.

Lastly, a big shout out should be given to all the child care homes and centers who have been navigating the pandemic for months now.

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, this meeting will take place via Zoom. A link will be sent out my Amber Schon. 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.



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

P4F Early Childhood Task Force

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday October 28th**! Partnerships 4 Families is going to do another ECTF Marathon. The focus of the meeting will be the new P4F Early Childhood Community Plan.

Carroll County 8:00 AM

Audubon County 10:00 AM

Guthrie County 1:00 PM

Greene County 3:00 PM

We will try to meet in person but will make that decision October 1, 2020.

P4F Board Update

The P4F Board did not meet in July. Our next meeting is August 21st and we will be meeting via Zoom once more. A link for that meeting will be sent out closer to the date. If you would like to receive the link email us at p4fchildren@gmail.com

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 Zoom

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Child Advocates, Know the Process

General Election 2020

Absentee Ballot

Iowa Secretary of State, Paul Pate, will send absentee ballot request forms to all voters prior to the fall election. You can also go online to download and print out the [absentee ballot request](#) and mail it to your [county auditor](#).

Are You Registered to Vote?

It is a good idea prior to the voter registration deadline to [check your registration status](#) to make sure that you are actually registered to vote.

Register to Vote

You can go [online](#) to download a voter registration form or use Iowa's online voter registration.

Be Informed

Make sure you are informed on the issues and remember to fact-check everything you hear.

Important Dates

Monday, October 5 - First day for in-person absentee voting
Tuesday, October 6 - First day of mailing in completed absentee ballots to your county auditor
Saturday, October 24 - Deadline for voter registration
Friday, October 30 - Deadline to request an absentee ballot
Monday, November 2 - Deadline for In-person absentee voting
Tuesday, November 3 - Election Day
Tuesday, November 3, 9:00 p.m. - Deadline to return completed absentee ballot

