

Partnerships 4 Families News 4 You

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

Area Directors Note

April is upon us and warmer weather is ahead of us. If you are a child it means more time to play outside. I heard someone say recently that April also means mud. Some even call it mud season. Well did you know there is an International Mud Day. It may not be until June 29th but that does not mean you can't celebrate mud anytime.

Growing up on a farm, mud was my constant medium for play. You can make bowls with it, walk barefoot in it, make jewelry out of it and of course use it for filler in making a stick house. So give mud some credit for all the things it can do and be prepared for the fun it can bring in the lives of the children in your life. If mud scares you just be ready with a bucket of water to wash it off.

Enjoy the warmer weather, let children make mud and make a memory.

Cindy

Enrollment Continues to Grow

Enrollment is growing in the Imagination Library!!!

Audubon 55 growth to 69

Carroll 345 growth to 414

Greene 112 growth to 116

Guthrie 206 growth to 208

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

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>

We appreciate those spreading the word and making copies of our flyers to pass out. If you have a group event where one of the champions can speak let us know.

Guthrie County has been active a year and has already seen 32 graduates from the program.

P4F FY24 Application for Funding

P4F will be releasing their application for FY24 funding on February 1, 2023. Early Childhood program providers are encouraged to 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

Week of the Young Child

The National Association for the Education of Young Children promotes The Week of the Young Child the first week of April every year. To find out more information refer to their website at:

<https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc>

Do something special each day focused on a theme for the day:

Music Monday
Tasty Tuesday
Work Together Wednesday
Artsy Thursday
Family Friday

Toddler Fest in Greene County April 22nd

Toddler Fest is back in person on April 22, 2023 at the Greene County Rec Center from 10-12. and Partnerships 4 Families for over 10 years.

This event has been sponsored by the Greene County Librarians

The event is focused on activities for toddler age children.

P4F Early Childhood Task Force

*In all the world
there is nothing so
beautiful as a
happy child.*

Frank Baum

Thank you to those who attended the Early Childhood Task Force meeting in March. An overview of the "We are ECI" Strategic Plan took place and built awareness of state level activities. We also discussed how the needs of the state reflect similarly to our local ECI Area and will be incorporated into our next Early Childhood

Community Plan that will be revised over the coming year.

Child care was discussed regarding the need for quality care and what the levels of registration and licensing is in the state of Iowa.

We left with a discussion of a goal to include more early childhood providers at our fall meeting.

Updated Early Childhood County Brochures Available

The early childhood county brochures for Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie Counties has been updated and are available in paper copy and on our website (shortly).

If your organization would like some contact, Cindy.

This summer Cindy will be making the rounds at libraries and city halls to provide them with updated versions.

*****Sign-up by June 20th*****

A data base is being developed with your input that will supply your information for the emails that will be generated for the Community Human Service Coalition 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.

As of July 1st we will only be using the information you supplied.



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 2nd 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 April 19th @ 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 April 4th, 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 June 14, 2023 at noon.** We will be meeting in person and maybe 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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Cindy Duhrkopf
Area Director

P4F Board

The P4F Board did not meet in March but will be meeting in April and will discuss how our area will approach the possible reduction in funding for FY24. Draft allocation figures have been released and the P4F area could possibly lose \$3,368 of EC funding and \$11,940 of SR funding. This loss is due to changing population and

income trends across the state. As of this newsletter there is no expected new funding for FY24 to ECI Areas.

The next meeting of the P4F Board is on Thursday April 20, 2023 at 11:00. The meeting will be held in person at New Opportunities with a Zoom option.

Meet a P4F Board Member- Ann Semprini

Hello friends, my name is Ann Marie Nehman Semprini. I am an active retired elementary/reading teacher who enjoys being a grandma, subbing, and vacationing with my husband, John. While this is my 2nd year of my second term on the P4F Board, I continue learning new information to help meet the needs of our young children and their families.

I am extremely thankful for all of the collaborative health/ educational services & agencies available in our 4 county area to help our "Littles" learn and grow !

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