

# Partnerships 4 Families Early Childhood Iowa

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## FY25

The P4F board meet on May 16<sup>th</sup> and was posed with tough decisions regarding Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) funding. Funding from the state will be down \$5000 and P4F has reached the point of little carryforward being passed on year to year. That and the increased cost the programs incur lead to tough decisions that had to be made.

The board agreed that they did not want to do an across the board cut and put programs in jeopardy of not having a quality program. Their approach was to cut programs that may affect fewer children or there may not be enough funds to serve all the children needed. The choice was made to discontinue offering preschool tuition assistance and to not fund the Oral Health program for preschoolers. Duhrkopf will work with preschools to find other avenues for funding and with the Oral Health program to communicate to the dentist that they screenings will not be taking place.

Other programs sustained cuts that may result in a reduction of hours. Should P4F have some carry forward dollars they will attempt to fill in some gaps left by the cuts.

## Join us June 3rd

Join us June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-3 via Zoom for P4F Early Childhood Task Force meeting where we will set the goals of our Early Childhood Community Plan that will drive our work for the next few years. If we need more time we will have a follow-up meeting on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you plan to attend and need the Zoom link email Cindy at [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com). Materials that will be evaluated will also be emailed to you.

The updating of the goals is the last step in updating the Early Childhood Community Plan that will be submitted to the state by October 31<sup>st</sup> for our re-designation.

We hope that you can attend and provide your input.

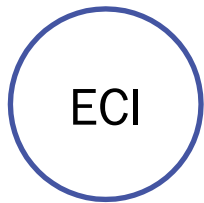


### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Partnerships 4 Families  
Board Meeting  
Thursday June 20, 2023  
11:00 AM at New Opportunities,  
Carroll or via Zoom  
The P4F Board may be taking July &  
August off.**

## Summer Reading

Summer Reading programs at our local libraries will be kicking off soon. Be sure to connect families you serve with their local library and encourage them to participate. Many of the libraries offer programs for 0-5. Many of the libraries also have programs that take place. Although the topic may be more geared to elementary age children, young children can learn social skills by attending programs too. Facebook is a terrific way to learn about all that is happening at your library.



# 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 significant 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.



## Do a park tour!

Have you ever done a tour of the parks in your town, county or area? Make it a summer goal to expand your horizon and visit as many parks as you can.

If you are wondering how to find a list, check with your local parks department, your county conservation board or the state of Iowa website. <https://www.iowadnr.gov/places-to-go/state-parks/iowa-state-parks>

## Behavioral Health Bill Update

This legislative session House File 2673 was passed and will reorganize prevention, education, early intervention, treatment, recovery support and crisis services for mental health, substance use, tobacco use and problem gambling. According to details released, a map designating the Districts will be released by August. 1.

# Child Care Presentation with CCGP

This has been postponed to June 18<sup>th</sup> it will be held in a meeting room at Western Iowa Network in Carroll 17809 Kittyhawk Ave from noon to 1:00. 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 can recruit.

If you would like to attend, please reach out to Cindy it is an open meeting but we want to.

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## Notes from Cindy

June is upon us and are you ready? For many years summers in my life revolved around baseball either watching husband coach, my son play or my husband coach my son. Now I get to watch my grandson's play. Due to their distance away it is not every game but we will be able to see a couple of games.

What is the one thing that your family does that makes summer special.

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Is it a family reunion? A 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party? Or just time together taking in children's activities.

What ever it is for your family celebrate it and make memories that last a life time.

Cindy

## Emergency Preparedness

Considering all the terrible storms Iowa has encountered this spring take time to develop a Family Emergency Pan. There is a wealth of information on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Don't let it overwhelm you but start with baby steps for your family's well-being.

<https://www.ready.gov/plan>



# NEW OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTS

## Parenting the Love and Logic Way™

This parenting program is designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately!

**In 4 sessions learn how to:**

- Put end to arguing, talking back and begging
- Teach responsibility without losing their love
- Setting limits without waging war
- Avoid power struggles
- Guiding children to own and solve their problems
- Teaching kids to complete chores without pay & reminders

<b>WHEN</b>
June 4, 6, 11, and 13
<b>TIME</b>
6-8 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>
Manning Public Library 123 Main Street, Manning, IA

Are you ready to have some fun?



For more information or to register contact Ann at 712.792.9266 [anewman@newopp.org](mailto:anewman@newopp.org)



Register Now!

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This event is in partnership with:



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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 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 via Zoom

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