

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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## Newsletters

Time to hit the pause button and reflect.....P4F has been sending out a monthly newsletter for 24 years. That is 288 newsletters (ok, so I know a couple of months were missed.) We want to know what you have found helpful about our newsletters.

We hope that you will let us know.

A survey has been put together to gather your input. We know you are busy but please take the time to give us your input.

Thank you,  
Cindy

## Survey Regarding

## P4F Newsletter

<https://for.ms.gle/YXRAQVRaRS>

## P4F Tuition Assistance

P4F will once again be offering tuition assistance at participating preschools in our four county area. To be eligible children must be 3 years of age and family's income is below 200% FPL. Special circumstances are also taken into consideration. The application will be

made available at participating preschools or can be obtained from P4F in July.

Preschools participating include:

Greene County CSD

Panorama CSD

St John Preschool-Audubon

Zion Preschool-Manning

For more information contact:

Cindy Duhrkopf:

p4fchildren@gmail.com

If other three-year-old programs are interested in participating, please contact Cindy.



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

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in January, April, June & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday**

**June 8, 2022 at 11:30 & via Zoom.**

**Carroll County** meets at noon on the third Wednesday of the month at ISU Extensions Meeting Room in Carroll. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon & via Zoom.**

**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 June 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon. ONLY VIA ZOOM** No July or August Meetings

**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 16 at noon and Via Zoom**

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

## H.O.P.E.S. has Openings for Families

H.O.P.E.S. (Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success) has the ability to serve more families in our four county area.

Do you know of a family with a child 0-3 year of age that could use the support of someone and provide them child development information? H.O.P.E.S. is a free services and will serve families regardless of their income. We

know that a new born child regardless of the income of the family does not come with an instruction book. All parents can benefit from extra support.

Families can self-refer or be referred by someone such as a family member, friend, medical provider or child care provider. To make a referral in our area you can call the following public health offices:

Carroll: 712-794-5279  
Greene: 515-386-3228  
Guthrie & Audubon  
515-747-3972

If the family you knows lives in a different county you can find family support providers at the following link:

<http://www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org/family-support>

## P4F Board Update

The P4F Board met on May 19, 2022 to allocate their FY23 funding. All current programs were awarded their requested amount along with a new literacy program. More information will

be release about that in July.

The next meeting of the board is June 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM

In Carroll at New Opportunities

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

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## Thank You Preschool Teachers

A big thank you goes out to the preschool teachers in our area that navigated a year of learning with your three and four year olds.

These kiddos were ready to rock and roll in a classroom setting but many may have

been learning to navigate outside of their home and immediate families. Teachers navigated the protocol for quarantining and tried to stay healthy throughout it all.

So Thank You preschool teachers!! You did it, the year is done, the kiddos are all better for your care, support and love over the past year. Bring on Summer!!

## Child Care Homes NEEDED

Do you know someone who would make a great in home child care providers? Our area-actually all of Iowa is in need of home providers. Much of rural Iowa is being termed child care deserts

because of the lack of homes available.

You might ask what it takes to start a child care home. There is information on the CCR&R website but there is also one on one

consultation through CCR&R and their consultants. In our area Beth Walters is the contact. She can be reached at:

[\(712\) 775-7941](tel:7127757941)  
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## Bring on Summer

Summer reading programs are gearing up in all our local libraries. Many of them run special programs for toddlers. Be sure to check it out.

Looking for summer fun??? Check out a new park in your area. With the price of gas don't go far; a small community within 15 miles may have a hidden gem. Encourage families you work with to rate the parks they visit.

Take a normal indoor activity outdoors. Puzzles, books and games can be played out under a shady tree.

**Love the pool, but hate the crowds? Late afternoons at the pool are quieter. Consider going then or in the evening. Small children may be less intimidated with smaller crowds.**