

# Partnerships 4 Families News 4 You

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

## Area Directors Note

August is upon us!

Each year I reflect on how many of our lives revolve around the school calendar, even if we don't have children in school. My work load even switches up a bit as I work with preschools offering tuition assistance and attending parent open houses in August. It is the highlight of my year seeing all those eager little ones ready to start a new adventure or first-time pre-school parents asking so many questions us old timers might take for granted.

I would encourage all of you to reach out to a parent sending their child off to preschool or kindergarten for the first time and be a mentor to them. Let them know you will help to answer their questions or find the answers. Preschools are great about having a parent handbook that has many of the answer's parents might have. Encourage parents to attend open houses and ask their questions. Or just be there to hear about all the fun things their children are doing. Be a mentor.

Enjoy the month of August and remember it has 31 days of enjoyment, enjoy them all.

Cindy

## Imagination Library Champions to Meet Aug 8th

WOW! What a year we have had in our area with all the activity around Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!!

We had kick off meetings fall of 2022, gathered many Champions, had many presentations, wrote and received a few grants and boy did we ever enroll children.

Now it is time to come back together with all our Champions and ask the question: What is the next step.

If you are or want to be a Champion for the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in one of our four counties join us to talk about the next steps. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30

Bayard Public Library Meeting Room  
315 Main Street

## HHS Service Delivery Alignment Assessment Project

HHS has engaged Health Management Associates to conduct a study of 19 services delivered by HHS in Iowa. Information about the process that is made public is available at the following link: [hhs.iowa.gov/service-delivery-alignment-assessment-project](https://hhs.iowa.gov/service-delivery-alignment-assessment-project).

Persons are encouraged to watch for opportunities to provide input, whether that be through surveys, focus groups or other means. The process will go rather quickly.

Be in the know.

## P4F Preschool Tuition Assistance

P4F will be again offering Tuition Assistance a participating preschool in our four county area. This coming year we will provide assistance at the following:

St John Preschool in Audubon  
Zion Preschool in Manning  
Kuemper Cares in Carroll

Greene County Elementary 3 yr old program in Jefferson that will be housed at The Children's Center Panorama Preschool in Panora

If your child attends a three year old program at another site please ask them to reach out to us about being involved with P4F.

## Child Care Survey Released in August

A very important survey will be released the first week of August to all child care providers across Iowa. This survey will only take about five minutes to answer but is very important for Iowa to capture the number of child care slots available. If you are a provider, you should

have received an email or two about it. If you work with child care providers, be sure to ask them if they have filled out the survey to update their profile.

If you have questions reach out to CCR&R. 712-755-7381

## P4F Early Childhood Task Force

SAVE THE DATE

The P4F Early Childhood Task Force will meet the afternoon of October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Watch for location information to follow.

The focus of the meeting will be to make connections.

### Water Safety and Children

Iowa DNR is a reliable source for information about safe outdoor water in Iowa. If you are traveling to any beach in Iowa it is best to check the DNR website before you go. If you want to receive alerts you can also sign up to receive those on their website.

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/environmental-protection/water-quality>

[Map](#)

Keep in mind home swimming pools not treated can be a source of bacteria if not sanitized.

### Local Coalition Meetings Information

As of July 1<sup>st</sup> the local Human Service Coalition meetings will be utilizing a new approach to informing persons about upcoming meetings. You and your colleagues can access the information on a webpage specifically set up for keeping us all connected.

That page is being sponsored by New Opportunities on their website. At the bottom of their home page under Quick Links is [County Resources](#), click on that which will take you to a

page where all the area county directories are stored and on the left hand side is a link to [Coalition](#). Click on that and get to the page where you will find the Zoom link for all coalition meetings, dates, and times of meetings and who will be sending out the email reminders for those meetings.

All are welcome. Human Service, Health, Education, Elected officials, Concerned Citizen, anyone.

### 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 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 October 11, 2023 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 September 20th @ 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 September 5, 2023**. Offered in person and maybe 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 14, 2023 at noon**. Offered 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.

## P4F Board

The next meeting of the P4F Board is on Thursday September 21, 2023 at 11:00. The meeting will be held in person at New Opportunities with a Zoom option.

There will be no July or August Board meetings unless items come up that need the boards attention.

## Walk for the Future

The Birth Place is hosting a Walk for the Future alongside the Iowa SIDS Foundation on August 27, 2022, at Swan Lake State Park in Carroll. Registration begins at 8 AM with the Family Walk to follow at 9 AM.

Activities Include: Memorial event, Face painting by the Kemper Kix, bounce house sponsored by New Opportunities, Fire truck visits from the Ralston Fire Department, Raffle

Visit website for registration information.

August 2022 - The Pulse - St. Anthony Regional Hospital ([stanthonyhospital.org](http://stanthonyhospital.org))

If interested in setting up a table for your organization, please contact Ashleigh Wiederin [awiederin@stanthonyhospital.org](mailto:awiederin@stanthonyhospital.org)

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