

Partnerships 4 Families News 4 You

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Area Directors Note

Tell me, what data speaks to you when you think about early childhood? Is it immunizations rates, low birth weights, child care slots? What is the number that you watch to see if we are making a difference in the lives of children.

I was meeting with a new board member today for an orientation and was covering the five results areas of ECI and the indicators that we track state wide. From immunization rates to tracking quality child care that is based on IQ4K rates. How do we know that we are making a difference in the lives of the children we serve.

Ponder these thoughts and make plans to attend our Early Childhood Task Force meeting in October where we will touch on data but spend time talking about how you make a difference in the lives of the children you serve.

Have a wonderful September!!

Cindy

Child Care Center Staff and Home Providers Needed

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

Do you know someone looking for a job that would be a wonderful care taker for children? Our child care centers are in need of staff this time of year after all the college kids leave. Encourage people you know to reach out to a center in their community to see what their needs are.

Our area has also experienced a drop in child care home providers. Persons interested in starting their own home business can obtain

support through Child Care Resource and Referral on starting their business.

<https://iowaccrr.org/>

Now is a great time to become a registered child care home.



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.

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.

Story Times Resume

Fall is a great time to check into Story Time at your local library. Whether it is for your own children or families you work with Story Time is beneficial to children and parents.

Story time for children helps children get to know sounds, words,

and early literacy skills all while learning how to act in a group setting. For parents it might be a time to build relationships with other parents who are experiencing the same parenting struggles and successes.

Don't hesitate, check out a Story Time near you today.

P4F Early Childhood Task Force

SAVE THE DATE

The P4F Early Childhood Task Force will meet the afternoon of October 24th from 1-3 via Zoom.

To ensure that more people can attend the meeting has been moved to Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86024537274?pwd=M3JuT05VYVlEUeQ0RDVfUx1ZmhQdz09>

We will focus our time on building relationships, serving children and discussing any new needs of children and families in our area.

Farm Safety for Children

Children in rural Iowa whether living on a farm or in a community with farming activity near by should be taught aspects of farm safety. The National Ag Safety Database has developed a wonderful table to help us understand dangers with rural living and rules or expectations that are

age appropriate to teach children to keep them safe.

Take time to go to the link below to learn more and be sure to share it with others who could benefit from the information.

<https://nasdonline.org/1278/d001082/farm-safety-for-young-children.html>

What meetings do you attend?

Part of Partnerships 4 Families duties is to make connections with and among the early childhood providers in our four counties.

To better serve everyone and assist in making connections we would like to develop an inventory of early childhood related meetings or community meetings that are taking place with

in the four counties. If you attend a meeting that others would benefit from, please send information about the meeting to: p4fchildren@gmail.com. Indicate who is involved in the meeting and who you think would benefit from attending.

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 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

The meetings are offered in person and via Zoom. The Zoom link for all the above mentioned meetings can be found on New Opportunities website at: <https://www.newopp.org/county-resources/coalitions>

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.

The P4F FY 23 Annual Report was submitted to the state on time and is available upon request.

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

St Anthony The Birth Place Open House

The Birth Place at St Anthony Regional Hospital has undergone a major renovation the past six month and is ready to open their doors to new mom's and babies. But first they will open their doors to the public for an open house on Thursday September 7th from 5-7 PM on the 3rd Floor of St Anthony's.

Come out and see the renovation and growth that has taken place at The Birth Place.

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