

# Partnerships 4 Families News 4 You

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

## Area Directors Note

On October 18<sup>th</sup> we gathered for the fall ECTF Meeting of early childhood providers and P4F board members. There were three items on the agenda to discuss:

Social emotional outreach activities with Sesame Street in Communities that took place last year. Participants were encouraged to spend 10 minutes on the SSIC.com website to check out all the new material.

Early childhood needs of children and families today was compared to needs indicated in 2013. Many of the needs were identical. Rather than ranking three needs it was determined that areas of need are interrelated and a

circular diagram of child development/parenting, mental health and child care was established as the best way to outline the needs of families currently.

The last area discussed surrounded the rising cost of consumer goods on families and stress families are encountering. Resources were provided to the group, some of which are included in this newsletter.

Although we don't have a magic wand to fix everything, we can arm ourselves with resources & strategies to share when needed.

In gratitude for all you do for the children in our area.

Cindy

## Imagination Library Enrollment Begins

Enrollment in Dolly Parton Imagination Library will begin for Audubon, Carroll and Greene Counties November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Guthrie County already has almost 200 children enrolled. All enrollment will be done digitally through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library website at:

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>

If children enroll before November 28<sup>th</sup> they will receive their first book in January.

Funding from P4F will kick off the programs in all four counties.

To make the program successful for the long run there are also local meetings taking place to recruit Champions to assist with local outreach and funding.

If you would like to be one of these Champions, reach out to Cindy at [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com)



### Online Poverty Simulation

Poverty simulations are a great learning experience. They create empathy and understanding. If you haven't had a chance to participate in an in person simulation, try a virtual simulation at <https://playspent.org/>. Pick a job. Make decisions on

spending. Deal with unexpected situations. Can you make it through the month? Challenge yourself!

*The site is sponsored by Urban Ministries of Durham, NC. If you know of similar sites let us know.*

### Families Seeking Food

Due to rising costs, more families have sought food resources through local food pantries in 2022 than in previous years.

A list of food pantries in our area can be found in the resource directories. Directories can be found on the New Opportunities website. On their home page scroll to the bottom, click on County

Resources to locate the directory for your county. <https://www.newopp.org/>

#### Food Bank of Iowa

You can also utilize the Food Bank of Iowa website for a wider search.

<https://foodbankiowa.org/find-food/>

### Thankful November

November is a great time to concentrate on being thankful.

Young children are never too young to learn to be thankful and will model what they see in adults. Consider taking each day in November to be thankful for something children will relate to.

There are many printable calendars on the internet to access. The favorite that we found was on the site [whatmommydoes.com](http://whatmommydoes.com). The calendar is free for registering your email. On the other hand, make your own.

Gratefulness is an easy task.

### P4F Early Childhood Task Force

The next Early Childhood Task Force meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> in the morning from 9-noon. A location TBD.

The focus of the Early Childhood Task force is to bring early childhood providers and advocates together, benefiting

the children in our area through collaboration.

This meeting will only be held in person.

Topics to be discussed:

Family Needs  
Non-Registered Child Care & Other Topics

*Though society is rapidly changing. Child development is not.*

### P4F Mini Grants Available Due November 8th

Partnerships 4 Families Early Childhood Iowa Area has released a FY23 Mini Grant Application. Mini Grants are for funding to address the quality or capacity of an early childhood program or service in the P4F Area that includes Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie Counties.

The number of grant awarded will be determined by the number received and the amounts requested. Grants are due November 8<sup>th</sup> and will be announced the end of November. Funding received from the mini grants must be spent and a claim submitted by June 1, 2023. Email: [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com) for a copy of the application.

### Child Care Data Sheets

Are you curious about childcare data in your county? Each year CCR&R releases Child Care Sheets. This fall the data for FY22 was released. There are sheets for the entire state, each CCR&R Region in the state and for each county. CCR&R also release trend data. The trend data is shows the picture of what we have seen happening in our area as we have less and less home providers and more child care center slots. With the recent opening of the Lil' Wildcats Education Center

in Glidden and the expansion into the new center in Jefferson, now called The Children's Place. Our ECI Area is a prime example of slots moving from homes to center based care.

All of the data is just a click away at:

<https://iowaccrr.org/data/>

### 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, June & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday January 11, 2023 at 11:30 AM, We will meet in person and possibly via Zoom.**

**Carroll County** meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every other month. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday at Noon on November 16th @ ISU Extension Meeting Room in Carroll.** *Now meeting every other month. Mental Health Coalition meets on the opposite months*

**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 November 1, 2022.** We will meet 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 December 8th at noon.** We will be meeting in person and via Zoom. Cindy D will be sending out a link.

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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## P4F Board

The P4F Board did not meet during October. Many board members took part in the Early Child Task Force meeting to learn about the needs of our young children and their families. The information gathered will be used to determine needs when evaluating mini grants and future funding.

The next meeting of the P4F Board is on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at

11:00. The meeting will be held in person at New Opportunities and includes a Zoom option.

Shanell Wagler, Administrator, Early Childhood Iowa will be attending our meeting to summarize the Mid Cycle Review; she conducted on our contracts this fall.

The agenda will also include evaluation of the mini grants and an update from the Child Care Project if time allows.

## Meet a P4F Board Member- Alisa Olson

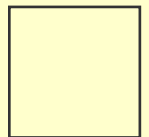
Hello, I am Alisa Olson and I live near Churdan with my husband, Shane, of Olson Iron Works and three young children. I have taught preschool at Paton-Churdan for 10 years. I am deeply devoted to the education of children, families, and caretakers. Being a P4F board member allows me to advocate

for the needs of these people and provide them with services and information that they might otherwise miss out on.

*Alisa has been a devoted ECTF meeting attendee since she started at P-C. She sees the value in connecting with EC providers.*

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