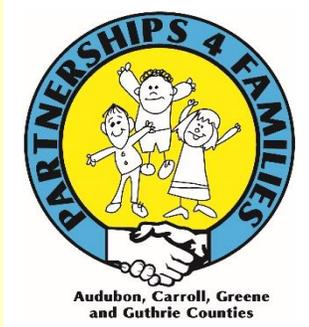


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Partnerships 4 Families would like to say thank you to every childcare provider in our four county area and across Iowa. The care you provide to our youngest citizens is the corner stone to their growth and development for years to come.

We hope this poem brings a little smile to your face and know that we recognize the work that you do is valued.

Ode to a Child Care Provider

Little children come to me for hugs
and books and such
I care for all their simple needs and I
also fix them lunch.
I pick up toys, I mop their spills and
often dry their tears.
I change their diapers, settle fights,
and kiss away their tears
I tie their shoes, I button coats and
push them on the swing.
I really love these kids, you see, but
there is just one thing
Call me Mom or Aunt or Anne, and
those names just might fit.
But please don't call me SITTER,
because I never get to SIT!

Preschool and Head Start Recruitment

Do you know a family with a child who will be 4 by September 15th? If so encourage them to reach out to their local school district about preschool in the fall. Many of the area preschools have survey's they are asking families to fill out or an Open House planned for March or April.

If you know of a family who may be eligible for Head Start, they are accepting applications for children 3 or 4 years of age. Magan Fineran

712-792-9266 or Diane Allen
Greene and Guthrie Counties
712-830-6990.

If parents ask why they need to enroll their children already, let them know that spring enrollment determines how many teachers the district will hire for the fall and it is important to have a head count in the spring.

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

Child Care Grants

Many childcare centers in our area have been the recipients of childcare grants through the state of Iowa to increase their size or quality of their locations.

Center. Check out a video about their project.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0iZ-83MjpBs>

One location that received the Child Care Challenge Grant was Greene County Early Learning

P4F Awards Four Mini Grants

Occasionally P4F has funding available for mini grants. This year they approached two new programs in the area to see if they had any additional needs. Lil' Wildcats Education Center and the new 3-Year-Old Preschool at Kuemper Cares were both awarded funds to support their new programs.

P4F also awarded funds to The Birth Place at St Anthony's to address Safe Sleep and to Greene County Public Health for home safety equipment for the HOPES families. Both of these projects will benefit families in all four of our counties.

*"Why Worry? If you've done the very best you can, worrying won't make it any better."
Walt Disney*

FY23 Funding is Status Quo

As of the publishing of this newsletter, Early Childhood Iowa's (ECI) funding for FY23 is Status Quo. That means ECI at the state level will receive the same amount as last year. Those funds are ran through a formula and allocated to 33 ECI areas across Iowa.

Locally P4F could see a small increase because of changes in population across the state. For more information on how funding is allocated to Early Childhood Iowa areas refer to Tool G on the [Early Childhood Iowa Website](#) Tools Page.

P4F Early Childhood Task Force

P4F will hold an ECTF Meeting in October of 2022. The focus of the meeting will be early childhood needs in our area.

state meetings we should plan around.

A date the last two weeks of October are being discussed. We would like to receive input if there are annual conferences or other

The meeting will be in person and held within our four counties.

Look for a date in next month's newsletter.

Home Libraries

Do you have children at your home and want to build your home library? Look no further than the local libraries in our area. Many of the libraries have book sales this time of year to raise funds for programming. Check out your local library and ask about book sales or what they do with books they no longer have in circulation.

Research has shown that a home library whether a crate of 10 books or a room of 100 is important in developing the early reading habits of children. Start building your home library today.

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Conference

The Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Conference will be held virtually again this year. It is a wonderful opportunity to hear about programs being offered across the state and current research.

To learn more or get alerts about the conference go to: <https://pcaiowa.org/>

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 2nd 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 AM, We will meet in person and possibly Zoom.**

Carroll County meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every other month. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday at Noon on June 15th @ 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 **May 3rd**. We will meet in person and via Zoom. June meeting is Zoom only.

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 16th 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 Executive Committee meet in April to approve two mini grants. The next full meeting of the board will be their allocation meeting in May.

The meetings are open to the public; agendas are available on our website 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Next Meeting is:
Thursday May 19th at 11:00 AM at
New Opportunities in Carroll and
Via Zoom.

We are on the Web!
www.partnerships4families.org

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