

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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Training Needs for EC Professionals

For a number of years P4F had funding to offering a number of trainings to early childhood professionals in our area. Due to shifts in funding we have not had that availability the last three years. Due to some carry forward funding P4F could have the availability this spring to offer some trainings. But we need your help. If you did not attend

one of the ECTF meetings in October, please send Cindy an email regarding your training needs. Be general or be specific. We are interested in offering support that is needed to improve the quality of our early childhood system.

Other trainings in our area that are already planned

through CCR&R include an all-day training on November 10th focused on STEM put on by Lakeshore. Check the DHS Child Care Training Registry for more information. Also a CPR/First Aid is being sponsored by Iowa Works and CCR&R on November 8th, call 712-792-2685 for more information.

<https://www.vroom.org/>

Check it out and tell everyone you know who is a brain builder! That's right a brain builder. As parents, early childhood providers and community members we are all brain builders. We are helping the next generation build their brains.

Vroom is a website dedicated to building a

child's brain with the help of caring adults. It is available via desktop or app and provides daily tips on how to be a brain builder. There is the capability to add more than one child. The tips involve using everyday items or events and creating teachable moments.

Check it out but be sure to use ".org" or else you will be buying a car.

Hello, Brain Builder



"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 2nd Wednesday of the month in January, April, June & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday January 9th at 11:30.**

Carroll County meets at noon on the third Wednesday of the month at ISU Extensions Meeting Room in Carroll. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday at Noon November 21st at Noon.**

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 6th at Noon.** 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 December 13th at noon.**

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

P4F Early Childhood Task Force

P4F invites early childhood service providers and advocates to our Early Childhood Task Force meetings this October. Be sure to invite anyone in your agency to attend.

This year we will be holding two meetings in each county. Some meetings will be at 4:00 and some at 1:00 or 1:30 and held on a Wednesday to accommodate preschool teachers.

Audubon
Monday March 18th 4:00 PM
ISU Extension Audubon

Carroll
Wed Oct 20th 1:30 PM
Family Resource Center

Greene
Wed March 27th 1:00 PM
ISU Extension Jefferson

Guthrie
Tues March 26th 4:00 PM
ISU Extension Guthrie Center

We will gather for updates on programs and move into a discussion regarding the Circle of Control. It will be a time for reflection on where we fit in serving children and families. Or where we can make a difference.

Plan to attend & invite a co-worker.

P4F Board Update

The P4F Board did not meet in October, Board members attended the ECTF in their county in lieu of the meeting. Needs discussed at the

ECTF and heard by the board members will be discussed at their November meeting.

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

November 16, 2018

At 10:30 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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Persons in the Spot Lite- Carol Jensen, CCR&R

Carol Jensen is currently the Community Development Specialist with Child Care Resource & Referral of Southwest Iowa. She started her career with CCR&R in 1992, in her tenure with CCR&R she has held many positions including that of Parent Referral. Carol was instrumental for many years in assisting parents finding child care in SW Iowa. Currently Carol is

working with communities to enhance the number of child care slots that directly impact community growth.

Carol is a past recipient of the Janet George Leadership Award. An award given to persons who have a passionate commitment to children and their care.

An Open House to honor her is being planned for December at the CCR&R Regional office in Harlan.

Thank you Carol, for all the work you have done in the past 26 years. Enjoy retirement!

Iowa Concern

Iowa Concern is a program of the [Iowa State University Extension and Outreach](#). The program began in 1985 as a toll-free number serving the agricultural community. Today, Iowa Concern serves both urban and rural Iowans. Iowa Concern services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week at no charge.

Iowa Concern has access to an attorney for legal education, stress counselors, and information and referral services for a wide variety of topics.

Access Iowa Concern Resources

Hotline - toll-free at 1-800-447-1985; language interpretation services available

Frequently asked questions (currently unavailable for updating) database of legal, finance, crisis and disaster, and personal health issues.

Live chat service that immediately connects you with a stress counselor where you can "talk" (type) one-on-one in a secure environment

Email an expert with your [legal](#), [finance](#), [stress](#), or [crisis/disaster](#) questions.

www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/

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