

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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P4F Website is your One Stop Click

Have you checked out the P4F Website and their Local Agencies section? Over the summer many agencies that provide early childhood resources were added under each county and the state section. The intent is for an early childhood provider to use this section as book marks or to guide families to this site for information about programs in their area. It is a One Stop Click for early childhood information. Similar to the early childhood brochures that have been available by county but this section of the P4F website is the electronic version. We did not list all the preschools and child care providers as we hope they will go to CCR&R for that information.

If you see that we are missing your agency or wish to have a different link provided, please let us know. We hope to have a paper bookmark available promoting the site soon.

<https://www.partnerships4families.org/localagencies.php>

How Do I get State Updates?

Getting updates from state offices is one step away. At the following link you can sign up for updates from many different departments. One of those is Early Childhood Iowa.

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/IACIO/subscriber/new?topic_id=IACIO_1443

If you have not been receiving the Monday Musing, you are encouraged to go to

this site and sign up to receive updates from Early Childhood Iowa.

You can also sign up for to join and receive alters from the Early Childhood Stakeholders Alliance at:
<https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/state-system/stakeholders-alliance>



Anyone can be a member of the Alliance and you are encouraged to join.

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 October 9th at 11:30.**

Carroll County meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every other month at ISU Extensions Meeting Room in Carroll. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday at Noon on October 16th 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 September 3rd 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 September 12th at noon.**

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



"Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful."

P4F Early Childhood Task Force

P4F will combine the Early Childhood Task Force meeting this fall into one large meeting. The intent is to bring together all early childhood providers and advocates to set our priorities for the next three to five years. We will take the information from our discussions last year regarding what we can control and what we can't control as early childhood providers. Look at the needs regarding

what we do control and set our priorities according to those needs.

An announcement regarding a date for the meeting will be released soon. The location of the meeting will most likely be at the new Audubon Rec Center.

As part of the home work for the meeting

you are encouraged to read about early childhood system building on the BUILD website. We will take pieces from BUILD to work toward our priorities and ultimately our strategic plan that is part of our Early Childhood Community Plan.

<http://www.buildinitiative.org/Resources/CommunitySystemsDevelopmentToolkit.aspx>

P4F Board Update

The P4F Board did not meet in July or August. The board will resume meetings on September 20, 2019 and will review the annual report, bylaws and discuss the upcoming Early Childhood Community Meeting October 16.

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

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

September 20, 2019
At 10:30 AM

in Carroll at New Opportunities

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Person in the Spot Light-Elementary Principals

P4F has the pleasure of working with 11 elementary principals in our four county area. Many of them jumped in feet first to learn about preschool standards when SWVPP came about almost 10 years ago. More recent principals have come with the awareness preschool standards and the Iowa Early Learning Standards.

Currently there are principals in our area having to learn about DHS licensing standards as they open their buildings to providers who will offer before and after school programs.

Thank you to all of them for embracing Early Childhood and the needs of their communities.

96% of Participation in Preschool

Partnerships 4 Families was very excited to see that our area had the highest percentage of Kindergarten students in 2018-19 in the state that had participated in a preschool in 2017-18 as reported by the Iowa Department of Education. P4F is fortunate that all of our 10 districts and the private school offer multiple sections for four year olds preschool, many of them collaborating with Head Start on site. Five of the districts collaborate with Head Start offering full day programs to four year olds.

Another benefit of the programs in our area is that the majority of the school districts do provide transportation to the programs which alleviates a large barrier to rural working families.

Each spring and often into August it is a community effort seeking out four year olds that are eligible and getting them enrolled in a program near them.

Taken from the P4F FY19 Annual Report