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Area Directors Note

Do you like the new look? The old template had seen better days and was getting a little tired. With the start of a new school year I thought you might all enjoy a new look to the P4F *News 4 You* newsletter.

Funny whether you have kids heading off to school or not the start to a new school year is almost more celebrated than January 1st. It is a momentous occasion as children head back to learning, teachers prepare for a new year and communities remember to slow down for students. Even as early childhood providers, we see a shift in our roles. Childcare providers adjust to not having

school agers around. Family support programs can now focus solely on the young children in the home.

Although this school year is not starting out like last year remember to take care of your personal health and the children you work with. Encourage parents to do what is in the best interest of their children and themselves. Encourage activities that strengthen the physical health and social emotional health of everyone.

Have a wonderful September,
Cindy

Social Emotional Development Project

P4F is continuing to work on strategies to promote healthy social emotional development in children 0-5. At the September board meeting the P4F Board will finalize the initiatives that will have the most impact and reach our targeted audience.

One piece of the work that will not cost any money is a list of mental health providers in our area that provide services to children 0-5. A list is being developed and will be made available in October. If you would like to have input

on the list email Cindy at p4fchildren@gmail.com

Other resources are also available free of charge and include:

[Sesame Street in Communities](#)

[Daniel Tigers Neighborhood](#)

[Healthy Children](#)

Child Care



Child Care Resource and Referral is our statewide network to assist childcare providers and parents. If you know a parent looking for childcare, please encourage them to visit the CCR&R website.

For more information on choosing a childcare provider or assistance with locating a provider, that meets your family's needs, contact:

CCR&R Parent Referral Specialist at [855-244-5301](tel:855-244-5301)

Conduct an on-line search at [Child Care Resource & Referral](#); or [Department of Human Services](#).

Iowa Family Support Credential

Accreditation can be a costly process for family support programs, but it is an important step in proving your commitment to high quality and best practice. To help programs get there, Iowa created a credentialing process called the Iowa Family Support Credential program. Locally all three of the H.O.P.E.S. programs funded by P4F

will be going through a re-credentialing process this fall. This is the third time that they have gone through the process.

One portion of the credentialing process is for the evaluators to visit with community partners and funders of the program. You may be called upon this fall to participate in one of these sessions.

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

5-2-1-0

Six months ago, 5-2-1-0 bags were delivered to children and families in our area. If you or your program have the opportunity to promote the initiative to families and remind them of what the 5-2-1-0 represents, please do so. Consider posting information on

social media, in your classroom, or were ever parents might be reminded. Each month 5-2-1-0 puts out a newsletter that is printable, check it out at: [Healthy Choices Count!!](#)

Early Childhood Iowa State Board

The ECI State Office would like to increase the pool of interested individuals to serve on the ECI State Board. Specifically, they are looking for individuals in Congressional District 1, 2 and 4 who are female. If you are aware of anyone in your communities

that might be interested, share this information with them. [ECI State Board Responsibilities](#).

Interested candidates must complete a gubernatorial appointment resume. The gubernatorial appointment resume can be found at [Open Up Iowa](#).

ACEs

October 20, 2021 from 1:00 PM to 3 PM
Templeton Center, 230 S 5th Ave,
Templeton, IA

Join us to learn about ACEs and the latest research. We will also hear how Sesame Streets in Communities works to decrease ACEs in children.

Presenter: Lisa Cushatt the Executive Director of ACES 360

This training is free; priority will be given to early childhood and medical professionals from Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie Counties.

Register by October 14th with an email to Amber Schon, include your name, agency and email address: aschon@newopp.org



www.earlychildhood.iowa.gov

Iowa AEYC Virtual Conference

This conference is Iowa's major early childhood focused conference that is held every year and brought to us by Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children. Iowa AEYC is the state level organization for the National Association for the Education of Young Children-NAEYC.

Join them for an educational, inspirational, and fun professional development experience!

[Click here](#) to register today –

<http://www.iowaaeyc.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 October 13, 2021 at 11:30 AM, We will meet in person.**

Carroll County meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every other month. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday at Noon on October 20, 2021 @ New Opportunities 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 September 7th. We will be meeting in person.**

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 9th at noon. We will be meeting in person.**

Join us, the success of the meetings are driven by the people attending and the connections that are developed.



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We are on the Web!
www.partnerships4families.org

P4F Board

The P4F Board did not meet in August; their next meeting is September 9, at 11:00 AM. The meeting will originate from New Opportunities in Carroll but will also be available via Zoom. The agendas for all P4F Board meetings can be found on our website.

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

P4F Board Members Needed

The P4F Board is almost full. We need one more person to serve from any of our counties. Preferably, this would be a male with a business background.

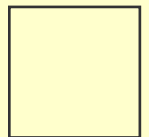
The P4F Board meets 8-10 times a year on the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM. Members are asked to serve a three-year term.

For more information reach out to a current board member or email us at p4fchildren@gmail.com

The only requirement is that a member be a wonderful advocate for children 0-5.

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