

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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FY22 Programs funded by P4F

On May 20th the P4F Board met to discuss and allocate funding for FY22. This marks the 23rd funding cycle that the P4F Board has completed. They continue to focus a majority of the school ready funding on the HOPES program that provides home visitation to families. A focus will be on serving prenatal families or families with children 0-3. During FY22 the P4F Board will spend the year getting to know the program better, the staffing of it and the number of families being served.

Funding was also allocated to the Child Care Project that supports our licensed child care centers and preschools in our area. The Child Care Nurse Consultant, dental screenings at preschools, and preschool tuition assistance to three year olds at participating preschools. These projects, along with funding to support the activities of the board and the area director who networks with early childhood providers to build our early childhood system, are intended to assist in “Every child beginning at birth being healthy and successful.”

Sesame Street in Communities Resources

Have you taken the time to look through all the resources on the [Sesame Street and Communities](#) website? Want help on how to handle a 2 year old [tantrum](#), there are 16 resources plus more for that one topic.

Sesame Street in Communities is a great resource for parents,

Child care providers, grandparents, or any early childhood provider. Share the information with families you serve. Be sure to make your own account and save your favorite activities.

If you find a favorite activity and how you used it share it with us and we will highlight it next month.

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 June 9, 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 June 16, 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 June 1, 2021** A combination of in person and via Zoom will take place. Nancy Rowedder will send out information.

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 10th at noon. We will be meeting in person.**

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

If you do not receive a link to any of the meetings email us at p4fchildren@gmail.com



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

P4F Early Childhood Task Force

A small group of early childhood providers is being convened to focus on the needs of social emotional learning and outreach in our area. If you are interested please send an email to Cindy at p4fchildren@gmail.com
A Doodle Poll was sent out seeking input on dates to meet.

A full ECTF will be held in the fall.

Please consider promoting one of the following initiatives through your program.

[5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices](#)
[1000 Books before Kindergarten](#)

[Count the Kicks](#)
[CDC Milestones](#)

P4F Board Update

The P4F Board made decisions on the allocation of funding for FY22 and welcomed new board members Chris Lee.

The board set aside funding to focus on social emotional learning project in FY22.

Next Meeting is:
Thursday June 17, 2021
11:00 AM In person at New Opportunities in Carroll and via Zoom

The meetings are open to the public, a link to the Zoom meeting is posted on the agenda for the meeting that is available on our website 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

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We're on the Web!

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If you would like to learn more about Early Childhood Iowa and Partnerships 4 Families reach out to our Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf @ p4fchildren@gmail.com

Partnerships 4 Families has included you in our list serve to keep you informed about activities in Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie Counties. If you no longer want to receive updates please email us at p4fchildren@gmail.com

Child Care Providers Needed

Child care providers are needed throughout our four county area.

Child Care Resource and Referral has developed Child Care Ready a four session workshop to assist persons interested in starting a child care business or work in a child care center get started. Persons interested should contact Shirley at surich@westcca.org or 712-579-9057.

If you know of someone who would make a great providers share this information with them.

A flyer with this information was attached to those getting the newsletter reminder.

Count the Kicks

HAVE YOU HEARD????

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A COVID-19 BABY BOOM!!!

FAMILIES ARE GETTING READY FOR NEW ARRIVALS

CHILD CARE SLOTS ARE FILLING UP

AND WE WANT THOSE LITTLE ONES TO ARRIVE SAFELY.

IF YOU KNOW OF A NEW MOM SHARE INFORMATION WITH HER AND DAD ABOUT COUNT THE KICKS. IT CAN SAVE THE BABIES LIFE

The logo for "Count the Kicks" features the words "Count" and "the Kicks" in a red, stylized, hand-drawn font. The word "Count" is on the top line and "the Kicks" is on the bottom line. To the right of the word "Count" is a red circular icon containing a white silhouette of a baby's head and shoulders, with a small circle above it representing a head or a kick.

Do you have information you want to share with early
childhood providers?

You can put it here.

Email it to Cindy by the 20th of the month.

