

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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COVID-19 and Early Childhood

What have been your go to resources during COVID-19? Many state agencies have done a wonderful job of keeping us informed during this time.

[Iowa Department of Public Health](#) has gone above and beyond.

There is the [CDC](#) of course.

Child Care websites include [Child Care Resource and Referral](#), [Iowa Department of Human Service](#) and [Healthy Child Care Iowa](#).

Activities and resource for parents are almost overwhelming, be sure you are using or sharing with families' reputable sites. A few include: [Iowa PBS](#) and your local library's website for resources recommended through them. Parent of preschoolers are recommended to ask their teachers.

Census

Regardless of COVID-19 the Census count is still going on. Have you filled out yours? Have the families you are working with filled out theirs??

Currently the Census website is reporting the following return rates in our four counties:

Audubon 61%
Carroll 65 %
Greene 59%
Guthrie 52%

We all need to do our part to encourage people to fill out the Census. This week P4F challenges you to ask 10 people if they have filled out their Census form. If they have filled it out give them a virtual High Five. If they have not encourage them to go to the Census website and fill out the form. If they don't have the code that came in the mail they can still do it on line.

<https://2020census.gov/>

The first two people that asks 10 people and report back to Cindy will get a P4F drinking mug.
Email: p4fchildren@gmail.com



"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 June 12th at 11:30 AM**

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 June 17th. 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 5th at Noon**

via Zoom see page 4 of the newsletter for a link.

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 11th at noon.**

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

P4F Early Childhood Task Force

Thank you to everyone who participated in the ECTF via Zoom on April 1st. Although it was not ideal for discussion but it was helpful in reassuring P4F is on the right page and moving on.

At the P4F Board meeting in April the Board approved the goals. There is one that we will further define when we are able to rejoice each other in person.

As for reconvening, P4F will go back to individual meetings in each of our counties in FY21. We will meet in October and March. Watch for those meeting dates to be announced this summer.

Thank you to all the early childhood providers who are watching out for the children in our area during this time of COVID-19.

P4F Board Update

The April P4F Board meeting was successfully held via Zoom. We will be holding our May meeting on Zoom as well unless a meeting location is offered where we can maintain social distancing.

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

Partnerships 4 Families Board Meeting

Time: May 15, 2020 10:30 AM CST

Link to the ZOOM meeting can be found on Page 4

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Persons in the Spot Light-Public Health Directors

One of the most important positions in a county right now is the Public Health Director.

Prior to this pandemic the general public probably did not even know the position existed. If you see the PH Director in your county give them wave.

Audubon County:

Robert Nelson

<https://www.facebook.com/audubonpublichealth>

Carroll County:

Nikki Schwering

<https://www.facebook.com/Carroll-County-Public-Health-510158605672606>

Greene County:

Becky Wolf

<https://www.facebook.com/GreeneCountyMedicalCenter>

Guthrie County:

Jotham Abram

<https://www.facebook.com/HealthYGuthrie>



RESOURCE

Tips for Families: Coronavirus

<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/3262-young-children-at-home-during-the-covid-19-outbreak-the-importance-of-self-care>

From our friends at Zero to Three, be sure to check out all their resources.

Information about ZOOM Video Conferencing

If you are not familiar with ZOOM you can find tutorials on their website.

https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us?flash_digest=fe9c33bdf5682759771f9d2ac60482d22be6e6c6

If you have never participated in a ZOOM meeting you can download the free software at the following link or you will be promoted to do so when you sign in to your first meeting.

https://zoom.us/download?_ga=2.81117521.714015344.1584976397-1227202802.1567540066#client_4meeting

You can download the ZOOM app for your iPhone or Android through their App Stores.

Links for upcoming meetings being hosted by P4F via ZOOM

Topic: **Greene County Coalition Meeting**

Time: May 5, 2020 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84073145755?pwd=cS9tNOIUMTROYkdJdnZvcXpiaGNHUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 7314 5755

Password: 806438

Topic: **P4F Board Meeting May 15**

Time: May 15, 2020 10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87589194197?pwd=UEwvUk5xSGZmek5UV1NNTlhnRkhiUT09>

Meeting ID: 875 8919 4197

Password: 560417

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