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Area Directors Note

Do you have a favorite time of year? Many people say Christmas or Summer. But I have noticed that Fall is gaining in popularity. Well for me Fall has always been the best time of year. Some might say it is because my birthday is in fall or the color of the leaves or fall activities. But if I drilled down further it would be because I grew up on a farm in Woodbury County that has now been in the family for over 100 years and I loved fall harvest time. There was something about the businesses of that time of year that made for lots to do.

I am fortunate that my office is not that busy during the month of October so that I can step away a little bit. Some may ask, why isn't it busy in your office? Actually, it is the quietest time of year once September 15th hits. The annual report is done, the new fiscal year is in month three and preschool tuition assistance applications have been processed. So if I am hard to find this month don't worry I shall return when the weather gets cold and grey.

Happy Fall Y'all!!

Cindy

Iowa Family Support Network

- ◆ Every Child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful.

The Iowa Family Support Network is a site available to serve Iowans by connecting Iowa families and children to care and support services.

Say you are working with a family and they are getting ready to move to another part of the state. Incomes IFSN website to help you connect to providers in that other county.

Families can utilize the site to in finding family support services in their county or other services.

Iowa does have many one-stop shop websites for families to find resources, we just have to let them know about the websites.

Check it out yourself.

lafamilysupportnetwork.org

HHS Service Delivery Alignment Assessment Project

HHS has engaged Health Management Associates to conduct a study of 19 services delivered by HHS in Iowa. Information about the process that is made public is available at the following link: hhs.iowa.gov/service-delivery-alignment-assessment-project.

Persons are encouraged to watch for opportunities to provide input, whether that be through surveys, focus groups or other means. The process will go rather quickly.

Be in the know.

Child Care Data

Child Care Resource and Referral will soon be releasing their 2023 Data Sheets. Currently their annual report is available on their website at: lowaccrr.org, then click on Data to get to all the reports they offer.

need in the area and in providing data for grants and reports.

While you are on the CCR&R website be sure to check out all the other information available.

The data sheets are useful to child care entities when looking at rates,

Child Care Resource and Referral
At: iowaccrr.org

Kinder Nature <https://kindernature.org/>

Jump on over to Kinder Nature and find valuable resources for learning in nature. It is an Iowa based resource, so you will find topics related to natural surroundings in Iowa.

If you are a teacher who wants to align with science standards, they have that information for you too.

Take a peak and see what they all have to offer.

P4F Early Childhood Task Force

SAVE THE DATE

The P4F Early Childhood Task Force will meet the afternoon of October 24th from 1-3 via Zoom.

To ensure that more people can attend the meeting has been moved to Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86024537274?pwd=M3JuT05VYVlEUeQ0RDVfUx1ZmhQdz09>

We will focus our time on building relationships, serving children and discussing any new needs of children and families in our area.

Resources Based in Iowa

Looking for resources from Iowa for raising young children. Look no further than ISU Extension's website at:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humanosciences/infant-toddler>

If you would like to receive a newsletter written specifically for the age of your child

then sign up for the Just in Time Parenting Newsletter. <https://jitp.info/>

It is important that as early childhood professionals we are sharing quality information with families. Iowa State Extension is one of those quality sources. Check them out today.

Fall Activities with Little Ones

A fun fall activity with children often includes a trip to the pumpkin patch. In our area Deal's in Jefferson is by far the most popular. Although a little more of a travel is the Pumpkinfest at Twin Lakes Bible Camp north of Rockwell City. They are only open weekends so check ahead before you go.

Do you have a favorite pumpkin patch?

Deal's Apple Orchard <https://dealsorchard.com/>

Pumpkinfest Twin Lakes Bible Camp

<https://www.twinlakesbiblecamp.org/camps-and-events/pumpkinfest>

Do you have pumpkins you could donate to a preschool or daycare? Give them a call I know they would love to have some.

Community Human Service Coalition Meeting Dates

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, July & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday October 11, 2023 at 11:30 AM**, Offered in person and via Zoom

Carroll County meets at noon on the third Wednesday of five times a year in Feb, April, June, Sept, Nov. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday at Noon on November 15th @ ISU Extension Meeting Room in Carroll** Offered in person and maybe via Zoom

Greene County meets on the first Tuesday of the month five times a year at noon at ISU Extension in Jefferson. The five months are Feb, April, June, Sept & Nov. Their next meeting is: **Tuesday November 7, 2023**. Offered in person and maybe via Zoom

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 14, 2023 at noon**. Offered in person and maybe via Zoom

The meetings are offered in person and via Zoom. The Zoom link for all the above mentioned meetings can be found on New Opportunities website at: <https://www.newopp.org/county-resources/coalitions>

P4F Board

The P4F Board meet on September 21, 2023 and welcome two new board members. The board is following state guidelines for full representation on the board.

Items on the agenda included the annual report, a small amount of additional carry forward that was

awarded to the preschool tuition assistance and discussion of potential impact of the HHS Assessment.

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

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

We are quickly approaching the one year mark of having Dolly Parton Imagination Library available to children 0-5 in our area. DPIL says that if you get 65% of the children enrolled in your program over the first two years you can consider the program successfully enrolled. Well they don't know how good of Champions and early childhood providers we have in the ECI area because we are rocking the enrollment stats.

Audubon 52% enrolled

Carroll 58% enrolled

Greene 52% enrolled

Guthrie 59% enrolled

Keep up the good work in getting the word out about this wonderful program.

Also, consider adopting the DPIL as your new place to give and give online at:
<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>

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