

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.



## August.....as a Young Child

Time to hit the pause button.....What is August like for a child 0-3? We often associate August with back to school, vacation still going on, hot weather, fair time, changes in routine. All adding up to chaos for a child 0-3!

This August pause and take time for those wee ones. If you are working with families bring this to their

attention and think about ways August can be easier on the 0-3 in the family. Some ideas might include: finding simple things to do, keep a routine for the little ones-even on vacation, take time to read together, keep in mind even little's people's lives change when the big kids go off to school.

If it is a hot day bring the outside in. Don't just turn on the electronics. Bring a plant inside and look at all its parts. IF outside time is a must, then make outside time in the evening or early morning.

Be Creative.

Keep August a happy consistent month for the 0-3.

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## P4F Tuition Assistance

P4F will once again be offering tuition assistance at participating preschools in our four county area. To be eligible children must be 3 years of age and family's income is below 200% FPL. Special circumstances are also taken into consideration. The application will be

made available at participating preschools or can be obtained on the P4F website.

Preschools participating include:

Carroll Area CCC & Preschool

Greene County CSD

Guthrie Center Elementary

Panorama CSD

Paton-Churdan CSD

St John Preschool- Audubon

Zion Preschool- Manning

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*"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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in January, April, June & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.**

**Carroll County** meets at noon on the third Wednesday of the month at ISU Extensions Meeting Room in Carroll. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup> at Noon**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

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

## H.O.P.E.S. has Openings for Families

H.O.P.E.S. (Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success) has the ability to serve more families in our four county area.

Do you know of a family with a child 0-3 year of age that could use the support of someone and provide them child development information? H.O.P.E.S. is a free services and will serve families regardless of their income. We

know that a new born child regardless of the income of the family does not come with an instruction book. All parents can benefit from extra support.

Families can self-refer or be referred by someone such as a family member, friend, medical provider or child care provider. To make a referral in our area you can call the following public health offices:

Carroll: 712-794-5279  
Greene: 515-386-3228  
Guthrie & Audubon  
515-747-3972

If the family you knows lives in a different county you can find family support providers at the following link:

<http://www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org/family-support>

## P4F Board Update

The P4F Board met on June 21, 2017 for a short meeting to close out their FY17 year and get a start on FY18. The Board welcomed David Brown and discussed a change in by laws that will allow for

more flexibility in recruiting board members. A second reading will take place in September. The change in fiscal agents was discussed with everything going well at this point.

The next P4F Board meeting is schedule for:

September 15, 2017  
At 10:30 in Carroll at New Opportunities

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

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## Person in the Spot Lite- Phyllis W

This month's person is Phyllis Woody of Jefferson. Phyllis has been a family support worker with the H.O.P.E.S. program in Greene County for over 10 years and has mentored families through happy

times and difficult struggles. Phyllis was also a child care provider in Jefferson prior to H.O.P.E.S. Her dedication to the young children of Greene County probably spans almost three

decades.

Thank you Phyllis, for dedicating your career to early childhood.

Oh and she is a proud Grandma, just ask her.

## Child Care Homes NEEDED

Do you know someone who would make a great in home child care providers? Our area-actually all of Iowa is in need of home providers. Much of rural Iowa is being termed child care deserts because of the lack of

homes available.

You might ask what it takes to start a child care home. There is information on the CCR&R website but there is also one on one consultation through

CCR&R and their consultants. In our area Beth Walters is the contact. She can be reached at:

[\(712\) 775-7941](tel:7127757941)  
[bwalters@westcca.org](mailto:bwalters@westcca.org)

## Have you been thinking about taking a college class?

Try T.E.A.C.H. this fall! For a limited time only, they are offering contracts with **significantly reduced requirements**. What does this mean?

- One class minimum instead of three
- Reduced commitment period
- Small bonus upon completion

## In order to be eligible for a scholarship, you need to:

- Work in a regulated preschool, child care center, or home program for at least 30 hours per week *(or full time for the hours your preschool offers programming)*
- Have worked with children birth to age 5 in your current program for at least 3 months
- Be working toward an early childhood degree, credential, or endorsement program at an Iowa college *(or would like to be)*
- Have the support of your employer *(if applicable)* and provide proof of participation or willingness to participate in a quality initiative such as QRS, QPPS, Head Start, or NAEYC/NAFCC accreditation.

Want more information?

Contact one of our staff members today! Email [teach@iowaaeyc.org](mailto:teach@iowaaeyc.org) or

call [515-331-8000](tel:515-331-8000) ext 113.

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[www.partnerships4families.org](http://www.partnerships4families.org)

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