

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.



P4F Area is GREAT for Preschoolers

As an Early Childhood Iowa Area, P4F assess needs and assets for children 0-5 in our four counties of Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie counties. A big asset/strength to our area is the number of preschool slots available to four year olds. The SWVPP-State Wide Voluntary Preschool Program is available at all of our school districts and

to our knowledge a child has never had to go on a wait list at any site. This could be up wards of 500 preschool slots. Head Start serves students too, often allowing 4 year olds to dual enroll, giving our highest risk children an all-day program.

Families in the P4F area are fortunate to have such opportunities for 4

year olds.

As for our three year olds, families who are looking for a program can find one in most of our communities. These slots are not as wide spread but the demand is not as high either.

A list of preschools in each county is listed in the P4F early childhood brochures, on the P4F website.

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Iowa AEYC Fall Institute

Have you ever attended the Fall Institute? This year on Thursday they are offering many one day intense sessions. Be sure to check it out.

<http://www.iowaaeyc.org/fall-institute>.

The Iowa AEYC Fall Institute offers college and DHS credit. It is a great way for

teacher, child care providers and other early childhood professionals to network and hear from world experts on early childhood all while getting credit.

The Fall Institute has become the premier conference in Iowa for early childhood professionals.



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 October 11th 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 September 20th 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 5th 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 14th at noon.**

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



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

178 Children

An earlier article told of the success in our area serving preschool children. Let us tell you another success. In our ECI area 153 children were served in the H.O.P.E.S. (Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success) program last year. AND 24 children were served in the federally funded Early Head Start program that also provides home visitation services in Carroll, Greene and

Guthrie counties

That is a total of 178 children's parents getting one on one support to make them a better parent and learn about proper child development. These are parents that chose to receive guidance and want their children to succeed.



To make a referral or find out more:

H.O.P.E.S. call:
Carroll: 712-794-5279
Greene: 515-386-3228
Guthrie & Audubon
515-747-3972

Early Head Start call:

712-792-9266 Ext 400

P4F Board Update

The P4F Board did not meet in August. They did have the opportunity to view the annual report electronically. It has been submitted to the state and is available to others upon request. It is

also available on the P4F website.



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- Melanie G

Melanie Girard is the coordinator for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) program in our area. CACFP plays a critical role in supporting the wellness, health, and development of children. Home based child

care providers in working with Melanie have a powerful opportunity to instill healthy habits in young children that serve as a foundation for healthy choices in life.

Melanie has served three of the P4F counties for 9 years. Currently, she is busy helping providers learn about the new food plans that are coming out this fall for CACFP participants.

P4F ECTF October 18

Caregiver Language Matters: Learn a simple technique to turn language interactions into positive social emotional support for young children at the two ECTF gatherings this

year that P4F will host and be lead by Amy Hanken, M Ed, Special Education Consultant, Heartland AEA.

More information can be

found on the P4F website at:

<http://partnerships4families.org/early-childhood-task-force/>

The Big Read 2017 is October 2, 2017

Las Vegas, Nevada, July 2017 — The 1000 Books Foundation is proud to announce that The Big Read 2017 has been scheduled for October 2, 2017. We encourage all parents/caregivers to participate in this one-day online event. One Day. One Book.

What is The Big Read?

The Big Read 2017 is our annual one-day, online event to help kick-start early childhood literacy. We simply ask all parents and caregivers to read one book to their child on that day. We encourage you to read as many books as you wish, as you embark upon your journey, the goal of reading “1000 Books Before Kindergarten.”

What is the goal?

This is a worldwide campaign developed by the 1000 Books Foundation, a Nevada-based 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity, in partnership with other non-profit partners. The goal of #TheBigRead2017 is to promote the importance of early childhood literacy and encourage all parents and caregivers to read with their children.

Why should I care about The Big Read 2017?

Numerous studies have shown that parents who expose children to early language and literacy, create a bond that teaches vocabulary, introduces the connection between pictures and words, and promotes quality time spent with the people they love the most. This reinforces your role as your child's first teacher. Parents and caregivers provide “early readers” the opportunity to have a head start which strengthens their confidence to succeed.

How do I get involved?

It's very simple, on **October 2, 2017**;

Read a book to your child.

Take a picture and use the hashtag #TheBigRead2017 to post your involvement on social media (e.g, Facebook/Twitter/Instagram/Pinterest/Snapchat, etc.)

****Optional ** Donate \$1.00 to the 1000 Books Foundation.** This tax deductible donation is not mandatory to participate, however, it allows us to continue to innovate, grow and inspire children all over the world. <https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/the-big-read-2017/>

We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.partnerships4families.org