

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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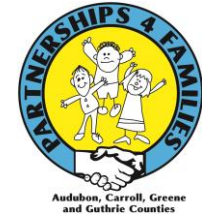


New Format

In my fifteen years of putting out this newsletter I have changed the format three times. I am a creature of habit. With this change comes a few new topics I want to spot light. One is you the people who provide the services to the children and families in our area. I will be

asking you to step up and tell us about the work you do with families. #2 is I want to highlight services to children in our area. You are welcome to help me out or I will come asking.

We will continue to be a place you can come for the local resource meetings,



the Early Childhood Task Force meeting dates and an update from the P4F Board.

If you have other topics you would like covered please let me know.

Happy New Year

Cindy

2017 Legislative Session

The Iowa Legislative session will begin on January 9th and is scheduled to end on April 28th. The biggest change will be the change in leadership of the Iowa Senate from Democrat to Republican.

Locally the P4F area did not experience any change in the six

seats that represent the children and families in Audubon, Carroll, Greene or Guthrie Counties. Senators are Mark Segebart, Jerry Behn and Jake Chapman. Representatives are Brian Best, Chip Baltimore and Clel Baudler.

You can find all their contact information at:
<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>

This year Early Childhood Iowa is not having a Day on the Hill. Persons are encouraged to visit with the legislators locally.



"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 January 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 January 18th 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 January 3rd at Noon.**

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 March 9th at noon.**

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

2016 Child Care Workforce Study

Did you know that lead teachers in licensed child care centers in Iowa earn, on average, \$9.00-\$12.00 per hour? And assistant teachers earn, on average, only \$8.00-\$9.84 per hour? Iowa AEYC recently released the *2016 Working in Early*

Care and Education in Iowa report, which includes these and other facts about the workforce. View the full report online [here](#).

The trends described in the report are very true of what is happening locally in our area. Please share this information

with decision makers in your community.

If you would like timely information such as this study become a member of NAEYC and Iowa AEYC in order to receive the Iowa AEYC Weekly.

P4F Board Update

The P4F Board did not meet in December.

The next P4F Board meeting is:

January 20, 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- Cindy

It is only fair if I am going to spot lite others that I show you what I might ask.

Hi I am Cindy Duhrkopf and I have been the Area Director for P4F for

15 years. The favorite part of my job is making connections that will benefit the children in our area. My role is to help all the early childhood providers connect

with each other to build our early childhood system. I have personally re-entered the world of early childhood with a 1 yr old grandson and the 2nd due in May

What is P4F

Partnerships 4 Families is the local Early Childhood Iowa area for Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie Counties. We are one of 38 ECI areas in the state of Iowa.

The link below will get you to all the areas and a contact person for each area.

http://www.state.ia.us/earlychildhood/local_system/map/index.html

An ECI area is made up of all early childhood providers, early childhood advocates, families and of course the children

Early Childhood Task Force Meetings

Early Childhood Task Force meeting are intended to bring together early childhood providers three times a year for networking and to provide input on our local Early Childhood Area to the P4F Board.

Audubon County will meet at 4:00 on Monday March 6th at the ISU Extension Meeting Room.

Carroll County will meet at 4:00 on Tuesday March 13th at New Opportunities in Meeting Room D

Greene County will meet at 4:00 on Tuesday March 7th Greene County Medical Center-Main Entrance-Directions will be given at the door.

Guthrie County will meet at 4:00 on Tuesday March 14th at the Guthrie County Extension Office.

This is a great opportunity to connect with others serving the young children in the counties. Make plans to attend.

The ECTF meetings will be held in October, March and June of this fiscal year.

We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.partnerships4families.org