

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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Free Summer Fun with Young Ones

Are you a young family with little ones? Do you work with families with little ones? Then you may be looking for free summer time fun. Look no further than your local park or the park in your neighboring community.

Parks come in many shapes and sizes with different levels of activities. A park is not

just about the equipment to play on, but maybe it is about a nature walk, throwing a Frisbee, having a picnic or better yet just throw down a blanket and reading some books.

Parks can provide historical information or a chance to talk about the life cycle of a bug. If you have a park near

you that has a trail, it can be a great place to take the trike for a ride.

Places like Swan Lake State Park, offer animals to see. The historical village in Panora offers buildings to explore. And what little one doesn't stand in awe of Albert the Bull in Audubon.

Go find a park near you!

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 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 August 16th 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.

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 16, 2017 at the meeting they were provided with an update regarding the contracting process. . The board continued their discussion on replacing board members and

elected officers for FY18. Diane Riggert will take over as Chair, Chad Wittrock will remain as vice chair, Marilyn Tilley Secretary and Karen Gotto as treasurer.

The next P4F Board

meeting is tentatively schedule for:

July 21, 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- Holly Mills

A shout out to Holly Mills the out going preschool teacher at Panorama. Miss Holly as she has been affectionately called by her many preschool students is moving on to

Heartland AEA as an early childhood consultant.

Holly's dedication to young children and their development is a

great example to many of us.

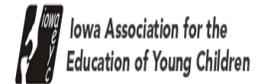
We wish Miss Holly the best and hope she ends up serving families in our area.

Iowa AEYC

Have you ever thought of being a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children? If so you then are automatically a member of the Iowa AEYC. Membership comes with a

wealth of information for early childhood professionals whether you are a teacher, para, home visitor or child care provider. Make it a professional goal to become a member.

<http://www.naeyc.org/membership-options>



Monday Musings from Early Childhood Iowa

Did you know that most Monday's the Early Childhood Iowa offices sends out a Monday Musings? Below are the topics included in this week's Monday Musings.

Rather than getting constant emails from ECI they started sending out the Monday Musings over two years ago to provide early childhood advocates with information about initiatives at the state and local level.

Topics include:

- Last Chance! - IA Department of Public Health Seeks Input for Maternal and Child Health Priorities
- Technology Privacy and Security Considerations
- State Data on Child Health Coverage in Small Towns and Rural Areas
- New Dates - Child Care Grant and Proposal Writing Workshops
- Introduction to Early Childhood Mental Health and Reflective Practice - FREE TRAINING!
- State of Preschool 2016--Change is in the Air (NIEER)
- Iowa Early Care & Education 2017 Institute - registration now open
- The Sooner You Expose a Baby to a Second Language, The Smarter They'll Be
- Equity Infographic (Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute)
- Daily Touchscreen Use in Infants and Toddlers is Associated with Reduced Sleep and Delayed Sleep Onset
- 2017 ECI Meeting Calendar

To get a copy of this week's and all previous Monday Musing go to:
http://www.state.ia.us/earlychildhood/EC_resources/monday_musings.html

To sign up for Monday Musings go to the last page of any Monday Musing for the link.

We're on the Web!
See us at:
www.partnerships4families.org