

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.



WANTED Great Advocates for Children 0-5

Children 0-5 living in Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie Counties need great advocates to serve on the P4F Early Childhood Iowa Board. It is a great opportunity for someone to learn about what is going on in the state of Iowa for our youngest citizens. Currently P4F is seeking anyone from any of our

four counties to fill four vacant seats. One will be filled with a Board of Supervisor from Audubon or Carroll County.

Persons interested can find an application and more information on the P4F Website at www.partnerships4families.org or by emailing Cindy Duhrkopf at

p4fchildren@gmail.com

The P4F Board meets on the third Friday of the month at 10:30 AM 8-10 times a year. Board members are asked to serve a three year term.

You can also nominate someone by visiting with them and sharing their name with P4F.

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Fewer Categories for ECI Funding

ECI areas across Iowa are waiting to see if the Governor makes any changes to the legislation that was passed for ECI. Within in the bill that allocates ECI funding the categories for Preschool and Family Support were removed and the funding moves to the School Ready category. The Quality

category remained in place.

So what does this mean? Great Question! It could mean that funding has more flexibility and the P4F Board will be able to direct resources to programs that fit the need of the P4F Early Childhood Community Plan. While we wait to hear final ruling P4F

will accept their applications for funding that are due May 4th at noon and hope that by the time the Board meets on May 19th at 10:30 we will have direction from the state on how to proceed.





"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 June 14th 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 May 17th 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 May 2nd 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 June 8th at noon.**

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

ITERS-R Training this Fall in our area. What is ITERS-R?

An ITERS-R class is scheduled for Carroll at the ISU Extension Office on Thursdays, September 14, 21, 28 and October 5, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM registration will take place through the Training Registry.

You might be asking what is ITERS-R? It is one of four scales used by early childhood

professionals to rate their early childhood environments.

- Each one of the scales has items to evaluate: *Physical Environment; Basic Care; Curriculum; Interaction; Schedule and Program Structure; and Parent and Staff Education.*

- The scales are suitable for use in evaluating inclusive and culturally diverse

programs.

- The scales have proven reliability and validity.

To find out more go to the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute:

<http://ers.fpg.unc.edu/>

P4F Board Update

The P4F Board met on April 21, 2017 at the meeting they discussed the legislative session and potential allocation. The need for 4 new board members and the fiscal agent services for FY18. It

was decided at the meeting to change fiscal agents and employer of record for the area director. The switch to Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center will take place July 1, 2017.

The next P4F Board meeting is:

May 19, 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- Amy C

This month's shout out goes to Amy Carpenter. Amy has been a P4F Board member since October of 2010 and has served at the human service representative.

In her time on she served as chair, secretary and assisted with the committee that recommended the Growing Great Kids curriculum for

HOPES. Amy works with the CASA program statewide, advocating for the rights of children.

We thank Amy for her years of services to P4F.

P4F RFP due May 4th at Noon

Partnerships 4 Families will release their application for FY18 funding on March 1, 2017. All programs new or old will be required to submit an entire application this year. Email p4fchildren@gmail.com to

request an application.

Applications will be due back to the P4F office by noon on May 4th.

P4F funding will be known after the

legislative session. P4F Board will meet in May to make decisions on funding pending final notification from the state. At this time P4F is expecting a decrease in funding for FY18.

PBIS Tools for Early Childhood

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) are a multi-tiered continuum of supports for all students in the school environment and early childhood environments. Supported by ECI PBIS for early childhood provides early childhood professionals with the framework and organizational plan to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavioral competence for all children.

Training has been offered in the past in our area, if programs have not had the training they should watch the Training Registry for upcoming trainings. Often the Iowa AEYC Fall Institute will have sessions regarding PBIS to attend.

To learn more about PBIS and some of the tools available check out the following websites:

<http://www.pbis.org/>

http://www.pbis.org/community/early_childhood/default.aspx

<http://www.pbisworld.com/>

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