

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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Sesame Street in Communities

Sesame Street is still developing great resources for children, parents and providers. The most recent brought to our attention is a page on the Sesame Street in Communities site focused on resources surrounding Traumatic Experiences. There are

videos, activities and links to other resources for parents or providers. The activities are all geared to children 0-6 and could be used at home, in child care or at preschools.

With the help of Big Bird, Elmo and the rest

of the gang the resources teach about feelings, being safe and that as a child you are never alone.

Be sure to check out the website and the resources.

<https://sesamestreetinc.org/topics/traumatic-experiences/>

New Year New Board Members

P4F will be ringing in the new year and with it we would like to bring in some new board members. We are currently looking for caring adults who want to advocate for children. If you are that person or you know of someone in the P4F area that would like to serve. Have them fill out our

board member application at: <http://partnerships4families.org/partnerships-4-families-board/>

It doesn't take much time and we are currently only meeting 8 times a year. Board members get a say in how funding is allocated in our area and watch the

success that take place with the programs that are funded.

P4F Board meets in the 3rd Friday of the month at 10:30 in Carroll.



"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 10, 2018 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 17th at Noon NO DECEMBER MEETING**

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 2nd 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 March 8th at noon.**

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

CDC Releases Milestone Tracker App

Download the Milestone Tracker app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) today!

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention announced in November the new Milestone Tracker App for parents of children 2 months- 5 years of age.

Milestones matter! The app allows parents to

track their child's milestones from age 2 months to 5 years with CDC's easy-to-use illustrated checklists; get tips from CDC for encouraging child's development; and find out what to do if they are ever concerned about how their child is developing.

Currently there are apps that are similar and different one's appeal to different parents.

Text4BABY is also popular and is promoted by Iowa Department of Public Health and is sponsored by the Johnson & Johnson Foundation.

Parents seeking apps should rely on ones developed or promoted by recognized leaders in child development.

P4F Board Update

The P4F Board did not meet in December. Their meeting in January will focus Child Care. They will hear from the two child care related programs and discuss current trends in child care.

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

January 17, 201

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-Diane F

Diane Flanery, Elementary Principal in Guthrie Center is in our Spot Lite this month.

Diane has been the elementary principal for 5 years and came to the position with very little knowledge about the ins and outs of SWVPP, Creative

Curriculum, QPPS or Iowa's Early Learning Standards.

But that did not stop her.

She stepped up to the plate and has become a big advocate for early learning and quality early learning environments. She also believes that what takes

place prior to preschool-at home or in day care has a huge impact on the lifelong learning of a student.

Guthrie Center Elementary is lucky to have Mrs. Flanery.

Guess Who is Turning 20?

1. They were brought about with legislation in 1998 with the support of both Republicans and Democrats.
2. They had a funny name that no one associated with who they were out to serve.
3. The first funds were allocated based a grant with all counties being phased in over time.

If you guessed Community Empowerment/Early Childhood Iowa you are RIGHT!

Mark your calendars!

We will all gather from across the state to celebrate 20 years of system building and services to children 0-5 on

October 3, 2018.



We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.partnerships4families.org