

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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Child Care Home Providers Needed

Do you know of someone who would like to start a home business caring for children? If you do please encourage them to call Child Care Resource & Referral. Beth Walters is the local Child Care Consultant who could assist them in learning more about starting a business. She can be reached at 712-775-7941 or bwalters@westcca.org.

At a recent presentation to the P4F Board Deb Martens, Director of the Southwest Iowa CCR&R shared data about the number of current child care providers in our area. The four counties P4F covers has lost a significant number of home providers. Thus to give parents choice in finding child care it is important that we recruit persons willing to open their home and provide care. It is

important in rural Iowa that families have availability to child care in proximity to where they live. Persons living in small communities such as Paton, Jamaica, Exira or Lidderdale can have successful business too. So if the person you are thinking of lives in a rural community or on an acreage, don't let that stop them. We need home providers regardless of where they live.

Parentivity-Milestone Tracker-Home Visiting

Parentivity is a web based parenting program for parents with children 0-5 and is available free. It delivers "Just Right" information that is personalized to the age of the child. Parents are given information about child development, parenting and activities to do with their children.

This resource is great for all families with young children. Currently it is only available through a computer. If parents are looking for a mobile parenting app we recommend "Milestone Tracker" from the CDC. P4F strives to provide parents with research based information that will assist them in raising their child. We highly

endorse both Parentivity and the Milestone Tracker app as reliable resource for parents. Should a parent want more information or one on one support we recommend HOPES or EHS in our area. Email p4fchildren@gmail.com for more information on any of the products or services.



"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 April 4th, 2018 at 11:30. Note change due to PCA Conference**

Carroll County meets at noon on the third Wednesday of the month at ISU Extensions Meeting Room in Carroll. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday February 21st 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 February 6th 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.

P4F ECTF March 21

You are all invited to the P4F Early Childhood Task Force meeting on March 21st from 1-3 PM in Coon Rapids at the CRMU Building in the lower level.

We will refresh our minds regarding the book "Thirty Million Words" and discuss how as an area we can implement these concepts. Amy Hanken

from Heartland AEA will be leading us in the discussion.

There is no need to read the book but if participants would like to it is available on Amazon or through Barnes and Noble.

Thirty Million Words- Building a Child's Brain By Dana Suskind MD

P4F will have more posters available at the meeting.

We will briefly discuss the needs of our area and the format for the ECTF meeting in the coming year.

Plan to attend and collaborate with the other early childhood providers in the area.

P4F Board Update

The P4F Board did not succeed quorum at our January meeting but those present did hear presentations from CCR&R and the Child Care Project.

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

February 16, 2018

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-Toni & Miranda

This month's Spot Lite goes to Toni King & Miranda Sliefert, both Family Support Workers with the H.O.P.E.S. program in Carroll County. Toni and Miranda participated in the Iowa Family Development

Specialist training this fall and in January they passed the examine for the class!

Congratulation ladies! This is a huge accomplishment and wonderful education that will support the work you do with families.

If you would like information about the FDS training this spring:

<https://clas.uiowa.edu/nrcfcp/training-schedule-and-registration>

IPTV KIDS for Cold Winter Days

IPTV KIDS Live Stream...watch our new live stream to access PBS KIDS programming 24/7! Available at:
<http://www.iptv.org/iptv-kids>

Check out the new location for PBS KIDS LAB games...

On January 1, 2018, the PBS KIDS Lab website moved. Update your bookmarks to pbslearningmedia.org/kidslab so you don't miss out on any fun. PBS KIDS Lab is a website where kids can play interactive math games with various PBS KIDS characters, participate in activities and more.

Have you downloaded the PBS KIDS Games App?

[Play free learning games](#) with your favorite PBS KIDS characters anytime, anywhere. PBS KIDS Games features top shows, including *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*, *Wild Kratts*, *Super Why*, *The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!*, *Dinosaur Train* and more. Games will be added regularly, encouraging your child to engage in skills related to science, math, creativity and more in game play alongside their favorite characters! The app provides a safe, child-friendly playing experience for all ages. Kids can easily browse and play games at home, on the road, anywhere!

Have you noticed the new IPTV KIDS Channel?

Iowa Public Television launched IPTV KIDS, a new, additional program channel in high definition on December 1, 2017. The free program service features [educational programming](#) and ensures that high-quality content is available to all children and caregivers on a platform and at a time that works for them, including primetime, weekends and other out-of-school times.

And for you parents fearing screen time, check this out:

Educators and parents often find themselves in an awkward position when it comes to technology. While most adults check their phones at least 50 times a day, we are often worried about how much screen time our kids are exposed to each day. In this [TED Talk](#), Sara DeWitt, VP of PBS KIDS Digital, discussed harnessing the power of technology as a positive in children's lives, and giving parents strategies to make the most of screen time at home. Sara's talk, titled *3 fears about screen time for kids -- and why they're not true*, is now available. In it, Sara addresses three common fears parents have about screens.

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