

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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Preschool and Head Start Recruitment

The start of next year's school year may seem a long way away, but for preschools and Head Start sites they are thinking ahead and hope that families of children 3 and 4 are also planning ahead.

Each school district manages recruitment for preschool differently. Some have a survey indicating interests, some do developmental screenings and others have an open house.

Head Start does outreach directly to families to determine eligibility. No matter the avenue the goal is to gain information about the number of children that will be enrolling in the fall. Classrooms have a certain number of students that can be served and early enrollment allows the school district to know how many classrooms they will need and how many teachers.

All the school districts and Head Start family advocates ask that if you are working with families to encourage them to contact the school district office in their area to ask about registration or to watch the school districts website. Even if a family thinks they may be moving before fall they should go ahead and register with their local school or Head Start.

P4F Releases FY19 Application & Renewal

P4F will release their FY19 application for funding for new programs and their renewal application for currently funded programs on March 1, 2018. Renewals will be emailed to current programs and new applicants can request a form at: p4fchildren@gmail.com

The application and renewal are similar to those in the past. P4F does not anticipate an increase in funding and depending on the legislators could see a decrease due to state cuts.

Applications and renewals will be due on May 2nd at noon. The P4F board will make determination at their May meeting if

adequate information is available for the state.

P4F desires to support any effort that will increase the quality of a child's life. Whether that be through home visitation, quality child care or preschool. We recognize that other supports are essential and will entertain proposals for them also



"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 March 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 March 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 Executive Committee met on February 16th to conduct necessary business regarding, bills, P&P Manual and the release of the application for FY19.

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

March 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-Marilyn T

Marilyn Tilley is our person in the Spot Lite this month.

Marilyn is the children’s librarian at the Churdan Library and has been reading to the children there for 30 years. Marilyn has gone above the call of duty and visits child care sites and the preschool. Plans special events and

assists with Toddler Fest in Greene County.

She and the other staff at Churdan are excited for the ground breaking of their addition that will begin this spring.

Oh and Marilyn has been on the P4F Board for the past 6 years and is

looking for her replacement. She will be stepping down after serving 2 great terms- which is the limit P4F bylaws allow.

Thank you Marilyn for all you do, have done and will do in the future for the kids.

Early Childhood Day on the Hill

The Early Childhood Day on the Hill is scheduled for

March 19th, 11:30 AM – 3:00 pm.

This is an opportunity for early childhood advocates to visit the Capitol and legislators to increase their knowledge of the importance of the first 2000 days of a child’s life.

This year’s overarching theme is 2 Generation services to support young children and their families. Talking Point papers will be provided closer to the event date.

To make an appointment with your legislator go to <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/> using the Legislators tab to locate your legislator and his or her contact information.

If you can’t make it to Day on the Hill attend a local legislative forum and speak to your legislators.

We’re on the Web!

See us at:
www.partnerships4families.org