

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 Abuse Prevention Month

A Resource Guide developed by three national agencies has been updated and is available as a resource during Child Abuse Prevention Month and throughout the year. This Resource Guide was developed to support service providers in their work with parents, caregivers, and their children to prevent child abuse and neglect and

promote child and family well-being. The resources featured represent the work of a broad-based partnership of national organizations, federal partners, and parents committed to strengthening families and communities. Chapter 5 of the Resource Guide has handouts in English and Spanish for sharing with families. There are a variety of

sheets, be sure to check them out and share them with families this month.

https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/guide_2018.pdf

Locally the Family Resource Center is the Child Abuse Prevention Council for Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie Counties. Contact them for information about their programs and resources.

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 April 18th 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 April 3rd 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 June 14th at noon.**

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

P4F ECTF Re Cap and FY19 Meetings

Thirty Million Words-Building a Child's Brain By Dana Suskind MD was the focus of our follow up discussion at the March 21st ECTF meeting. Early Childhood providers discussed how they had implemented the 3 T's in to their work. The 3 T's are Tune In, Talk More, Take Turns. These three strategies are important whether working with children, parents or co-workers.

Persons attending appreciated the training that took place in the fall and spring. It allowed for implementation and feedback.

In FY19 P4F will return to the local county meetings twice a year most likely in October and March or April. Plan to attend and collaborate with the other early childhood providers in the area.

The schedule will be released in July.

Thank you to Amy Hanken for leading us in our discussion this year.



P4F Board Update

The P4F Board met on March 16, 2018. Board member recruitment, FY18 Funding for electronics and preschool were discussed.

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

May 18, 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-Diane R

Diane Riggert has dedicated her life to young children whether it was at church, the library, Head Start, preschool or day care. Diane has also willingly served on the P4F Board for almost six years and will “graduate” off the board this summer. Most recently she has held the chair position and has done a mighty fine job.

At one time in the past few years Diane was the Director of Zion Preschool, a member of the Manning Area Child Care Center Board and the Manning Library Board. For a number of years, she was the lead teacher at the Carroll Head Start Classroom before “retiring” to all her board duties.

When Diane is not attending a board meeting she is busy with her grandchildren or attending one of their events.

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



Early Childhood Iowa unveiled their new logo this month.

This logo is the 4th that Community Empowerment of Early Childhood has had over the 20 year of existence. Be sure to mark your calendars for October 3rd, it will be a day of celebrating Early Childhood Iowa’s 20th Birthday.

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