

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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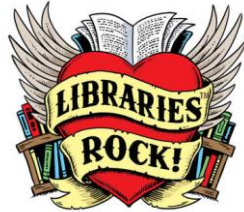
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## Summer Reading Programs at Local Libraries



Libraries Rock is the theme of the Summer Reading Program across the state of Iowa this summer. The focus is to incorporate music with reading and vice versa.

Early literacy already has the corner on that!! Everything from "Wheels on the Bus", to "Ring Around the Rosie's" combine literacy and music in a way children learn the importance of music and words.

This summer if you are a parent, provider or early childhood

professional working with families and children, think of ways you can incorporate music and literacy with young children.

And while you are at it, encourage parents to sign their children up in summer reading programs at their local libraries.

## Iowa Women's Foundation in Jefferson

The Iowa Women's Foundation (IWF) will be hosting a **Building Community Solution Collaborative** in Jefferson on June 28 from 11:00 to 1:30 for community leaders & concerned citizens. The focus will be on building solutions for the child care shortage in the county. Persons wishing to learn more or attend should email

Cindy Duhrkopf at [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com).

In the evening of June 28 from 5:30 to 7:45 the IWF will host a conversation with local child care providers. Child care providers should RSVP to Cindy Duhrkopf at [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com).

Both events will be facilitated by the IWF who are leading similar

conversations across the state of Iowa this year.

Nine of the 18 communities IWF visited in 2017 listed affordable child care as their number one concern. Jefferson was one of those. IWF is returning to help the communities seek solutions to the issue. Please plan to join us June 28<sup>th</sup>.



*"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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in January, April, June & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 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 June 20<sup>th</sup> 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 June 5<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

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

## New Early Childhood Iowa Website

Early Childhood Iowa's new website was launched this month. Take time to check it out and become familiar with what it offers.

<https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/news>

On the site you will find information or links for activities happening surrounding ECI, links to information about young children, along

with specific items for family support, ECI local boards and a section pertaining to the State ECI Board.

If you have been receiving Monday Musing in the past or would like to receive them in the future, there is a link on the front page where you sign up to receive the alerts. Monday Musings are sent each

Monday and have updates regarding ECI and initiatives taking place in the state and at the federal level that pertain to early childhood.



## P4F Board Update

The P4F Board met on May 11<sup>th</sup> to allocate the ECI funding for FY19. All FY18 programs received funding at similar levels to FY18. The P4F Board also accepted the applications of

Heidi Clark and Ann Semprini.

P4F will remain with CIJDC as their fiscal agent and employer of record for the area director.

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

June 15, 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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## Persons in the Spot Lite-

### Peggy & Abby

Peggy Dentlinger and Abby James staff the H.O.P.E.S. program in Audubon & Guthrie Counties and they are champions at working with families from Bagley to Brayton and all points in between. Three years ago the Guthrie County Health Department agreed to serve both Guthrie and Audubon county families with the

H.O.P.E.S. program. Peggy has been the Family Assessment Worker recruiting families in both counties who want home visitation services. Peggy also carries a caseload of families. Abby as a Family Support Worker focuses her time on home visits with families.

These two women are also enjoying new infants in their families. Abby had a baby boy in January and Peggy just welcomed her 2<sup>nd</sup> grand daughter in May. Thank you Peggy and Abby for the work you do with families.



## Help us Celebrate

Partnerships 4 Families is gearing up to help celebrate 20 years of offering early childhood services in Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie counties.

We are putting together a committee that will lead the celebration. The goal will be to celebrating the children we have served, the professionals that have worked with them and the support systems that make it all happen. If you would like to assist with these efforts please contact Cindy at [p4fchildren@gmail.com](mailto:p4fchildren@gmail.com).

## Summer Heat and Children

Record high temperatures in May make us wonder what is coming the rest of the summer. The CDC and Child Care Aware have information about caring for children when the heat rises.

<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/children.html>

<http://usa.childcareaware.org/advocacy-public-policy/crisis-and-disaster-resources/heat-index/>