

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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and Guthrie Counties

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## Iowa Core Knowledge of Child Development

Are you familiar with the Iowa Core Knowledge of Child Development? If not check them out and think of ways you can use them and how you can use them with any staff you have.

The Iowa Core Knowledge of Child Development assists adults with ideas to increase their knowledge and

their ability to appropriately respond to children in their lives. Go to <http://www.iowaageyc.org/iowa-core-knowledge-of-child-development.cfm> and click on one of the puzzle pieces to access resources for each topic.

The handouts are great for sharing with families or staff

electronically or printed.

The resources provided have been researched by early childhood experts in Iowa.

## Summer Activities for Children 0-5

As the weather finally gets nice it is time to think about summer and outdoor activities for children 0-5 and their families. Time to turn off the TV, put down the electronics and head out side.

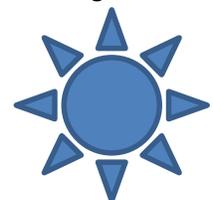
If you are working with families encourage them to explore their community through free activities for children.

There are parks, trails, ball parks, tennis courts, sidewalks and more to explore. In our area we are not far from a small lake with a park, trails, and nature to explore.

Small towns in our area have their special days that often have free activities for families. 50115 Festival, Bell Tower Festival, Albert the Bull Festival, Carrollfest, Lake

Panorama Days, to name a few. And don't forget county fairs held in July or over Labor Day weekend.

Children 0-5 love the outdoors, help them find enjoyment in the little things in life.





*"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 May 16<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 May 1<sup>st</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 did not meet in April.

The May meeting has been changed to May 11<sup>th</sup>. Applications are due May 2<sup>nd</sup> by noon.

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

May 11, 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- Child Care Providers

Child Care Provider Appreciation Day is Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>. Parents are encouraged to show appreciation but we as community members should also show appreciate.

Child care providers are an important member of our communities not only for the love and care they provide to our little ones, they are an important piece of our economic development system. Ask yourself, of the people you work with, would they be able to work if they did not have a child care provider caring for their children. Also think of the professionals that you work with, could they be at their job if they didn't have child care?

Make it a point to thank a child care provider on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Paternity Affidavit Program

Every birthing hospital in the state of Iowa is required to provide information to unmarried parents about how to establish paternity. However, there is a lot of important information to communicate to parents during their short hospital stay.

Based on this, a program has been developed to help hospital employees, community organization employees, and unmarried parents to understand the importance of establishing paternity.

For more information, please contact:

- Natalie Reich – [nreich@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:nreich@dhs.state.ia.us)

Natalie is willing to come to your organization to conduct a training for staff.

There is more information, handouts and forms at:

<http://childwelfareproject.hs.iastate.edu/paternity-affidavit-program/>

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[www.partnerships4families.org](http://www.partnerships4families.org)

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