

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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ECI Result Areas

Legislation in 1998 had a vision that communities and state government could work together to improve the well-being of families with young children. In 2000 the Iowa Empowerment Board adopted five desired result areas. All five remain result area and have only been wordsmithed to align with the times.

Do you know what those five result areas are?

2000

Healthy Children
Children Ready to Succeed in School
Safe & Supportive Communities
Secure & Nurturing Families
Secure & Nurturing Child Care Environments

2018

Healthy Children
Children Ready to Succeed in School
Secure & Nurturing Early Learning Environments
Safe & Nurturing Families
Save & Supportive Communities
Which of these result areas are you making a difference in?

Count the Kicks

Share information with expecting parents about the FREE Count the Kicks app.

The app makes it simple to track a baby's normal movement pattern with the touch of your finger. Its daily text feature will even remind mothers when

it's time to start counting. If mothers notice a change in their baby's regular movement pattern, they are to call their healthcare provider right away.

The app is available through Apple or Google Play.

Tell an expectant mom you know about the app. It may save a baby's 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 2nd Wednesday of the month in January, April, June & October at the ISU Extension meeting room in Audubon. Their next meeting is: **Wednesday October 10th 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 at Noon August 15th 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 Sept 4th 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 September 13th at noon.**

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

P4F Early Childhood Task Force

P4F invites early childhood service providers and advocates to our Early Childhood Task Force meetings this October. Be sure to invite anyone in your agency to attend.

This year we will be holding two meetings in each county. Some meetings will be at 4:00 and some at 1:00 or 1:30 and held on a Wednesday to accommodate preschool teachers.

Audubon
Tues Oct 23rd 4:00 PM
ISU Extension Audubon

Carroll
Wed Oct 24th 1:00 PM
Family Resource Center

Greene
Wed Oct 17th 1:00 PM
ISU Extension Jefferson

Guthrie
Tues Oct 16th 4:00 PM
ISU Extension Guthrie Center

We will gather for updates on programs and move into a discussion regarding the Circle of Control. It will be a time for reflection on where we fit in serving children and families. Or where we can make a difference.

Plan to attend & invite a co-worker.



P4F Board Update

The P4F Board did not meet in July.

During July two new board members participated in

Orientations: Heidi Clark of Bayard and Ann Semprini of Carroll.

Welcome!

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

September 21, 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-

Founding Mothers

The title must be clarified. In the beginning of Empowerment/Early Childhood Iowa there were a couple of males involved with the process Jack Slauson and Lloyd DeMoss. But the majority of the organization of Partnerships 4 Families was led by a group of women. We apologize in

advance if any are left out but some of those involved were: Cindy Kail, LouAnn Mowery, Jeanne Running, Kathy Schultz, Marla Janning, Donna Sutton, Janell Stringham and others. They all joined together realizing the importance of bringing early childhood programs to our area through a new state funding stream.

The original title Empowerment was used as a catalyst to empower communities to come together to support young children and their families in communities. These founding woman named and those unnamed saw that vision and ran with it.

Thank you!

Child care is a family issue, a workforce issue and a community issue!

Early Childhood Iowa Areas, Child Care Resource & Referral, Manning Child Care Center, Little Hawks Child Care Center, Early Childhood Advocates and the Iowa Women's Foundation invite you to our Building Community Solutions Collaborative:

Monday August 6, 2018
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with lunch served
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM with supper served

Timmerman Shelter House
Manning, Iowa

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

The collaborative will explore innovative ways to exchange ideas among business and community leaders, employees and organizations to promote child care investments that support children's healthy development and a competitive business environment, both in the short and long term. The efforts are based on community-led change. Through listening and learning, educating and engaging, the collaboration ultimately supports a stronger workforce and economy. We would welcome your participation in the solutions collaborative with other key community leaders. If you are unable to attend, we would welcome a designee from your staff to participate as your representative.

Please RSVP to Linda Muhlbauer at 712-655-2260 or mannplib@mmctsu.com OR Jodi Muhlbauer at 712-269-6101 or email jodimuhlbauer@gmail.com