

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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## Early Childhood Task Force Meetings

Partnerships 4 Families #1 Goal this year is to build connections with all providers/early childhood professionals in our area that touch on the lives of our children 0-5. But we need your help. If you are reading this article most likely you are one of those people and we would like you to attend the October Early Childhood Task

Force meetings as outlined on page 2 of this newsletter. But not only would we like you to attend we would like you to invite someone to come with you.

P4F did not hold ECTF meetings last year but this year we want to regain that connection with our partners and talk about what it is we as early

childhood providers can control in our work with young children.

The benefits of attending the ECTF have been to connect with other providers that are serving the same families or to learn about services for the children in your care or their parents.

We hope to see you there!!

## Future Ready Iowa

Are you working with unemployed or under employed parents? If so you may want to learn more about Future Ready Iowa and share the website with those parents.

The goal of Future Ready Iowa is for 70 percent of Iowa's workforce to have education or training beyond high school by

2025. The initiative strives to get Iowa citizens working at a livable wage.

You may think: What does this have to do with early childhood? The answer is: Parents of our youngest citizens want to provide for their families, so let us help them utilize the resources available to gain skills and earn a livable wage.



[www.futurereadyiowa.gov](http://www.futurereadyiowa.gov)



*"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 October 10<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 at Noon October 17<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 October 2<sup>nd</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 December 13<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:00 PM  
ISU Extension Audubon

**Carroll**  
Wed Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM  
Family Resource Center

**Greene**  
Wed Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM  
ISU Extension Jefferson

**Guthrie**  
Tues Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 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 met on September 21, 2018. The P4F Annual Report was reviewed and approved along with the priorities of the board.

Jeff Anderson from the ECI State office was in attendance and provided a summary of the Mid Cycle Review he had conducted earlier in the day.

The next P4F Board meeting is scheduled for:

November 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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## Persons in the Spot Lite-

### Heidi Clark & Ann Semprini

The P4F Board welcomed two new board members at their September meeting, Heidi Clark and Ann Semprini.

Heidi is a nursing instructor at Iowa Central Community College and lives in rural Guthrie County. She is the mother to a busy preschooler and a one-year-old. Heidi may be

familiar to some as she worked at the Guthrie County Public Health in the HOPES program a few years back.

Ann is a recently retired elementary teacher and lives in Carroll. Her latest pride and joy is her new granddaughter who lives in Chicago. Ann and her husband

John are the parents to three adult children.

Both Heidi and Ann come to the board knowing that the early years are important years. They plan to attend the ECTF in their county in October to meet many of you and learn about the services.



**Celebrate 5-2-1-0  
Healthy Choices Count!  
in October**



October is the month to learn more about 5-2-1-0. Check out the website on how each week you can focus on a different number along with other in the state. Make it a whole family, classroom or center goal to follow the 5-2-1-0 guidelines.

**We're on the Web!**  
See us at:  
[www.partnerships4families.org](http://www.partnerships4families.org)