

Adair County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Adair County Extension

154 Public Square

Greenfield, Iowa 50849

Meeting began at 2:15.

Attendance

Angie Engles, Jody Haley, Judy Swartz, Stephanie Claussen, and Debra Schrader.

Stephanie Claussen

Stephanie Claussen was among 6 winners in the 2015 IDPH Iowa Immunization Champion award and it was noted in the newspaper. Congratulations to Stephanie.

Child Care Needs In Stuart

Partnerships 4 Families ECI area director Cindy Duhrkopf is spearheading conversations about the need of child care in Stuart. A child care survey was done through West Central Valley Schools and will be shared December 8, 2015 at 6:30 at the public meeting at the Stuart City Hall. Currently, there are 6 registered child care homes who are not participating in the state QRS and there are no centers in Stuart.

SWCC Update

- SWCC will be sponsoring a Blockfest February 2, 2016
- Parents as Teachers will have Rumble Tumble in February, 2016.

Toddlerfest

The Adair County Toddlerfest is being planned and the date is May 3, 2016. More information will follow.

4 R Kids Board

- The community survey was reviewed again with no changes. Each early childhood committee will have the opportunity to review the survey twice before its administered in the spring.
- Community partners have been asked to conduct a board evaluation on the 4 R Kids board.
- An infographic placemat has been developed with state and national data.
- An infographic has been developed to showcase the success of FY15.
- The 5th Annual Appreciation reception was December 3, 2015 with 63 people registered. The board honored the Prevent Child Abuse Councils in each of the four counties, additionally we heard from participants of the funded early childhood programs.
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Preschool Experience Rate

The ECI Director collected data from all the school districts in or around the four counties regarding the number of kindergartners and the number that had a preschool experience. Adair County has a preschool experience rate of 93.5%, Dallas County 91.8%, Madison County 89.4% and Warren County 84.7%.

CHINA/HIP

Adair County is in the process of updating the community health needs assessment health improvement plan. The two issues that will be concentrated on is mental health and childhood obesity.

Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:00. The next meeting will be February 9, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Director