

Adair County Early Childhood Committee and Adair County Interagency
Thursday March 8, 2012
5:00 P.M.
West Central Valley School
320 N.E. 3rd Street
Stuart Iowa

Minutes/Notes

Attendance

Jocelyn Blazek, Sharon Campbell, Myra Wilms, Carolyn Myer, Sharon Sloss, and Debra Schrader.

Introductions - Deb convened the meeting and introductions were made.

Foster Care Recruitment- A foster care recruitment event will be held March 24th from 10-1 at the First Christian Church in Creston. Contact Anna Crill at acrill@dhs.state.ia.us for more information

Provider Training – There will be a mini conference for child care providers, centers and preschool April 38th in Waukee from 8:00-4. Training credit of 7 hours will be given.

Legislative Updates – Deb provided an update regarding SSB3187 regarding quality home visitation and the phase in of standards, SF2225 changes to child abuse reporting, and SF216 the change of earned income tax credits for the low income. The Governor and the House has no increase in Early Childhood Iowa funds, but the Senate has a 3% increase in one of the categorical funds, family support, most likely it will be status quo for FY2013.

4 R Kids update - The preschool tuition policy has been amended with the major change to use of other government funds. It will now be encouraged to fill a statewide voluntary slot versus required. There is also a change in contractors for home visitation in Madison County due Family Directions of Iowa closing; Partners in Family Development will now be providing Parents as Teachers home visitation in Madison County. The 4 R Kids ECI area board RFP will be released on March 23, 2012 and due April 23, 2012. The mileage policy for contractors will change for FY2013; if a contractor has been asked to attend the board meeting and is on the agenda, the agency is allowed to be reimbursed for mileage.

Success 4 Kids Council – The Success 4 Kids Council did not apply for Prevent Child Abuse funds for FY2013. Growing Strong Families has been a recipient of those funds for the past few years. Councils had the opportunity to apply for up to \$60,000 for FY2013. It is unclear if the Council is still viable, Jocelyn will follow-up as to the status. Prevent Child Abuse Iowa is seeking grant readers for FY2013.

CPPC and DCAT – Jocelyn provided an update to the group regarding the mini grants provided to local agencies. A total of 8 projects in Adair, Adams, and Union County were funded for a total of \$14,787. In Adair County, the Boys and Girls club received \$1,650 and Growing Strong Families received \$2,650.

West Central Valley Preschool – Ms. Sloss provided us with an overview and tour of the statewide voluntary four year old preschool.

Next meeting will be June 7, 2012 at 5:00 at Adair Casey School in Adair Iowa.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Executive Director