

Adair County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Adair County Extension
154 Public Square
Greenfield, Iowa 50849

Meeting began at 2:30.

Attendance

Stephanie Clausen, Terry Wangberg, Michelle Greenough, Judy Schwartz, Connie Lundy, Val Cameron, Natalie Weltner, Julie Lange, Maureen Lonsdale, Angie Powell, and Debra Schrader.

4 R Kids Board

The Board will be making funding awards at the May 21, 2015 meeting that will be in Greenfield at 6:00 at City Hall. Board member Samantha Finneseth has moved from Dallas County to Adair County and will be representing Adair County starting July 1, 2015.

Love and Logic

SWCC will be sponsoring a Love and Logic parenting class June 2, 16, 23, and 30th from 5:00-7:00 at Adair County Extension.

Bike Rodeo

On May 23, 2015 a Bike Rodeo will be at Adair County Health and Fitness Center, 202 NW Townline Road in Greenfield. For more information contact Stephanie Claussen or Denise Kuhns.

Legislation

HF347 has been signed by the Governor. This is a bill related to licensure of child care programs operated or contract for by the school districts or accredited non public schools. It was noted there are more than 160 programs that have not been monitored by the Department of Education and that now gives the Department of Human Services the authority for monitoring. Additionally, the 1st Five imitative will receive an increase this year.

Toddlerfest

The Adair County Toddlerfest took place April 21, 2015 at the Adair County Fairgrounds and there were 109 in attendance. A brief survey was conducted and 48% of respondents reported they have not visited a library in the last 30 days and 67% of respondents read to their child daily. The Parents as Teachers program is to be commended for the organization of the event.

Preschool Services Night

There will be a free clinic offered at Adair County Medical Clinic Tuesday June 16, 2015 starting at 5:30. Physicals, immunizations, dental screens, lead screens, and vision screens will be offered. This will assist preschool age children to be ready for kindergarten.

Matura Strategic Planning

Matura conducted a strategic planning event in February and the results were shared with the group. Overall, the top two issues that rose to the top in all County's served by Matura was transportation and employment needs.

Adair County's top five needs identified were identified as follows:

1. Child care
2. Community engagement
3. Mental health
4. Dental services
5. Income management/financial education

It was discussed to have lunch and learns in the County and that it is possible that DCAT may have funds available to assist with the event. It was consensus of the group to focus on community engagement.

Meeting Map

The Adair County meeting map was reviewed and there is an additional meeting to add. This will be posted on the website.

Family Support Referral Map

The Adair County family support referral map will be updated this summer utilizing a new format.

Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.

The next meeting will be June 9, 2015

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Director