

**Dallas County Early Childhood Committee**

**Minutes/Notes**

**August 28, 2014**

**28059 Fairgrounds Road**

**Adel, Iowa 50003**

**9:45 A.M.**

**Attendance**

Jenny Felt, Debb Franz, Lisa Mickelson, al Cameron, Michelle Greenough, Natalie Scarpino, Chris Lee, Erin Bowers, Myra Wilms, Ashleigh Wiederer, Rachel Bardwell, Jovanka Westbrook, Ann Cochran and Debra Schrader.

**Announcements and Information**

**Partners in Family Development** - PFD has hired a new family support supervisor Rachel Bardwell. PFD has also lost a parent educator and one is on extended leave. PFD will be hiring for a new parent educator.

**Coordinated Intake** - Starting July 1, Val Cameron is coordinating and referring family support services funded by ECI to those that qualify for a preschool scholarship.

**Preschool Tuition** - Currently, there are more than 80 children receiving scholarships which means that many families are eligible to take part in a family support program.

**Fresh Food** - Starting August 27 through September 24 there is free food provided by the Food Bank of Iowa at the Kinnick Feller Park in Adel from 12:30-1:30. There were 54 families served on Wednesday.

**1st Five**- Ashley Wiederer provided an overview of the families that have been served. On average, per one referral to 1st Five there are total of 1.88 children in the home. This amounts to 74 children impacted by the 37 referrals received to 1st Five. There are 5 clinics that have joined 1st Five.

**Child Care Data** - CCRR has published their annual report facts by county. Dallas County has 15 total programs listed with CCRR with 5, 141 total spaces; 28 programs have a QRS rating; the average cost of care of an infant in a child development home is \$152 and \$214 in a child care center.

**Free Health Clinics** - a map of free health clinics was disseminated. There is one free clinic in Waukee.

**Adolescent Sexual Health Facts** - Eyes Open Iowa publishes data by county about sexual health. There were 28 cases of gonorrhea among teens aged 15-19 in 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45

The next meeting is October 23, 2014 at 9:45.