

Adair County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Adair County Extension

154 Public Square

Greenfield, Iowa 50849

Meeting began at 2:15.

Attendance

Colleen Theis, Natalie Weltner, Judy Swartz, Stephanie Claussen, and Debra Schrader.

Child Care Changes

Local child care providers are working with emergency management to provide required training due to the new federal changes. Child care providers are to have emergency plans in place.

Tobacco Policies

The American Lung Association is working with child care providers to assist in developing tobacco policies which is part of the new requirements with child care changes starting October 1, 2016.

Healthy Iowa's Program

SICOG was recently notified that they have been selected by the Iowa Department of Health (IDPH) to facilitate development of physical activity and nutrition strategies through the Healthy Iowans Program for Greenfield. A financial award of \$10,000 is available to assist in the implementation of projects selected by Greenfield community members. A steering committee of interested citizens will collaborate to determine just how these funds will be spent. Becky Nardy is facilitating the initiative her email is nardy@sicog.com to sign up.

New Parent Program

Lutheran Services in Iowa with the New Parent Program is revising the standards regarding the weight list criteria with a concentration on pregnant families.

PCIT - Parent Child Interaction Therapy

Crossroads has lost a therapist and are now limited on the number of clients to utilize the PCIT. The training is time intensive and expensive for therapists.

Toddlerfest

The Adair County Toddlerfest was held May 3, 2016 at the Nodaway Elementary School and an event report was provided. There were 96 in attendance. 4 R Kids, DCAT, and AmeriHealth Caritas assisted with the costs of the event.

4 R Kids Board

The Board will be looking for board members for terms starting in January and gender balance is desired.

The Board has provided contract renewals to current grantees and a list of awards was provided to the group.

A compilation of data from FY6 on the family support programs for Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County was provided, the average age of moms was 28, first time moms were 35%, and 27% of families had a primary language other than English.

Early Childhood Services

The early childhood services document was reviewed by the group. Buckle up Right needs to be added and New baby visits need to be removed.

4 R Kids Survey

The survey results are in! There were 578 surveys completed in Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County. Adair County results were broken down and reviewed by the committee. Adair County families indicated that child care and food were the two biggest things they need assistance with additionally almost 48% of respondents had heard of 4 R Kids.

Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 The next meeting will be October 11, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Director