

Adair County Early Childhood Committee and Adair County Interagency
Thursday September 8, 2011
4:00 P.M.
Orient-Macksburg Community School
Orient, Iowa

Minutes/Notes

Attendance

Teresa Thompson, Leslie Stonehocker, Kristen Walker, Deb Hall, Wendi Boswell, Carolyn Myers, and Debra Schrader

Introductions

Deb convened the meeting and introductions were made. The meeting purpose was reviewed. The Early Childhood committee is to be blended with other agencies to reach a wider network of service providers.

Growing Strong Families – A new parent educator has been hired, Brandi Ann Wilson. She was a former participant and has a great background for family support. PAT training will be in Minnesota.

Child Care Resource and Referral – Leslie provided the committee with information regarding the changes with Orchard Place and CCRR. Connie Jackson is the home consultant and will concentrate on providers with a QRS level 2 and below. Dallas County Extension, funded by 4 R Kids will work with providers with a QRS rating of 3-5. Higher level training will be offered through Dallas County Extension and mandatory training will be provided by CCRR. New staff from Dallas County Extension is Myra Wilms and Carolyn Myers.

Alcohol Compliance Checks – Wendi updated the group regarding a grant that the ISP received to conduct alcohol compliance checks in Adair County. Wendi will bring data regarding the checks at the next meeting.

AmeriCorps – Wendi announced that a new AmeriCorps member has been hired, Anna Waymaster. She will be assisting the Community Partnerships for Protecting Children initiative and the DCAT project.

FACT Empowerment – Deb provided the group with the showcase summary that highlights the program results from FY2011. The annual report review has been finalized and the FACT Empowerment board is officially closed.

4 R Kids ECI Board – Deb provided the group with a handout with the 4 R Kids funded programs. This will also be posted on the website.

Workforce Development – Several local Workforce Development offices will be closing and virtual offices will be set up, possibly in local libraries. There is concern for clients who may not have the technical skills to operate a computer.

Levels of Excellence – Deb provided the group with an overview of levels of excellence which replaces redesignation. It will be imperative that the committee play an integral role. Additionally, the committee will assist the 4 R Kids board in conducting a board performance evaluation.

Love and Logic – Love and logic parent education classes are currently being held at Nodaway Valley Schools. Victoria Brammer is the facilitator.

Prevent Child Abuse – The Success 4 Kids Council received funding to support Growing Strong Families. The funding will be blended with the 4 R Kids ECI funds. Of the four county area, three counties received funding totaling more than \$100,000. It was discussed to have the Success 4 Kids Council meeting prior to the Early Childhood/Interagency meeting. Council members include Maureen Lonsdale, Angie Powell, Susie Olesen, Stephanie Clausen, and Mindy Schafer. Deb will arrange the meeting and send out notices.

Future Agenda - Agenda items include in-depth presentation by Child Care Resource and Referral, board performance evaluation and data on recent alcohol compliance checks in Adair County.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00. The next meeting will be December 8, 2011 at Nodaway Valley Community School in Greenfield.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Executive Director