

**Early Childhood Iowa Local Area
Annual Report
State Fiscal Year 2013
July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013**

Name of Early Childhood Area: 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board

Website: 4rkids-eci.org

Counties/Area Served: 1. Adair 3. Madison
2. Dallas 4. Warren

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Assurances: I hereby affirm and certify that:

1. The information in this annual report is accurate, to the best of my knowledge.
2. The Board reviewed all indicator data, trends and analysis during this fiscal year.
3. The local ECI Board has conducted an annual review of the ECI Area Director contract with regards to state required performance measures.
4. The Community Plan was reviewed by the ECI Area Board on 6/20/13 (date).
5. This Annual Report was approved by ECI Area Board on 9/12/13 (date).

9-12-13

Signature of ECI Board Chairperson

Date

Signature of Current Fiscal Agent

Date

Bob Ockerman
ECI Chairperson's Name (print or type)

Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center
Fiscal Agent (print or type)

Early Childhood Iowa Local Board Composition

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Number/Range of Board Members Required in Bylaws:	8-12	Total Number of Board Members that served during the year:	14
Number of Board Members (board size) on June 30, 2013:	9	Total # of hours board members spent at board meetings:	162

Instructions: List all members of the ECI board during the fiscal year. List all current board members at the top of the table, followed by members that vacated board positions. You may add rows to the table as appropriate.

Name/Officer	Employer	Representation	Board Vacancies		Term Information		Meeting Attendance (place an x in the box if the member was present)											
			Date member vacated the board	Date member joined the board	Term #	Date Term Ends	07/19/12	08/16/12	09/20/12	10/18/12	11/15/12	12/13/12	01/17/13	03/21/13	04/18/13	05/16/13	06/20/13	
Kendalyn Huff	Supportive Services	Citizen		1/2011	2	1/2016	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Amy Kimball	Madison County Health Care Systems	Citizen	12/31/2012	1/2011	1	1/2013	x	x	x	x	x	x	N	N	N	N	N	N
Ann Bass	Dallas Center Grimes Schools	Required education		1/2011	2	1/2016	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
John Jakes	Calvary Baptist Church	Citizen	12/31/2012	1/2011	1	1/2013	x	x	x	x	x	x	N	N	N	N	N	N
Mike Cass	First National Bank	Citizen	11/15/2012	1/2011	1	1/2014	x	x	x	x	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Cynthia Moffitt <i>Vice Chairperson</i>	Vintage Hills	Citizen		1/2011	1	1/2014	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Bob Ockerman <i>Chairperson</i>	Mid-America Energy	Citizen		1/2011	1	1/2014	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Shirley McAdon	Elected Official	Elected Official	1/16/2013	1/2011	1	1/2015	x	x	x	x	x	x	N	N	N	N	N	N
Joyce Kooker	Tuttle Insurance	Required business		1/2011	1	1/2014	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pete Skerik	Screen Scapes	Citizen	8/30/2013	1/19/12	1	1/2015	x	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Dena Owens	Private Practice	Required health		5/17/12	1	1/2014	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Julie Feirer	St. Paul Lutheran Church	Required faith		11/15/12	1	1/2015	N	N	N	N	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Samantha Finneseth	Stay at home mother	Required consumer		1/17/13	1	1/2015	N	N	N	N	N	N	x	x	x	x	x	x
Terry Johnson	Genesis	Required human service		9/20/12	1	1/2015	N	N	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Community Plan Updates

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Iowa Code chapter 256I requires that local ECIA boards report progress toward and achievement of desired results identified in the Community Plan.

Provide a narrative of the ECIA's progress in the last year towards the priorities and strategies identified in the most recent Community Plan. Success and/or challenges to meeting the ECIA goals may also be included.

The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board utilized the current community plan to make progress toward desired results.

4 R Kids ECI Area Board Operations

The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board implemented the following steps to meet priorities:

- Utilized an open request for proposal process for all programs and implemented a three year funding plan cycle. The next open RFP will commence FY2016.
- Conducted program monitoring site visits of funded programs.
- Conducted extensive fiscal reviews of all funded programs.
- Provided for board professional development through presentations of each funded program.
- Provided for contractor meetings annually and semi annually.
- Reviewed priorities and indicator data and progress toward priorities.
- Conducted a comprehensive analysis of new community data and existing current assessments.
- Created and implemented a family survey for families with children prenatal through age 5.
- Implemented a comprehensive 4 R Kid ECI Area Board policy and procedure manual.
- Utilized social media such as the 4 R Kids website and Constant Contact.
- Reviewed data and assessments and developed a new three to five year community plan. The new community plan is available on www.4rkids-eci.org along with many other policy related documents. These documents will be submitted in the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board portfolio for Levels of Excellence by December 30, 2013.

Priority - Quality early childhood education settings

Through the preschool enrichment project 182 low income preschool aged children were provided preschool scholarships. It is important to note that the percent of kindergartners (fall of 2012) who had a preschool experience in the 4 R Kids Area remained fairly steady at 85.4%, the state rate is 63.4%. Through the Quality Improvement Project and Child Care Resource and Referral provided 55 child care training events that equaled 160 contact hours of DHS child care training. The percent of child care providers and preschools at each level of the statewide quality rating system (QRS) is 19.1% which is down 4.1%, but is above the state average of 17.5%. Child care nurse consultants in the 4 R Kids area provided onsite consultation and assessment to improve health and safety conditions in 350 early learning environments.

Priority - Health services

Through a comprehensive preschool enrichment project, 574 preschool aged children received dental screenings and 4% were referred on for additional treatment. The preschool enrichment project also had 38 preschool aged children that received lead screenings and 2% were referred for additional services/treatment. Additionally, through the child care nurse consultants, 109 early learning environments received support and 46% of children identified with special health care needs put a special needs care plan in place at child care facilities.

Priority - Family support and parent education

Six family support and parent education programs provided services in the four county area. Of the six programs, all but one has an Iowa Family Support Credential or National Accreditation. By end of FY2014 it is anticipated that 100% of the home visitation programs will be at this quality standard. The family support and parent education programs served 485 children, 367 families, provided 2,483 home visits, and 112 group parent education meetings were conducted. Of the home visitation program participants, 96% had one or more risk factors, i.e. 200% at or below the federal poverty level, one or more parents with a high school diploma, or one or more children 0-5 that had an IFSP or IEP.

Priority - Community resource management and planning

Coordination of services continue. The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board recognized the need to reduce child abuse and partnered with local Prevent Child Abuse Councils. At the end of FY2012, all four councils received funding from Prevent Child Abuse Iowa which enabled additional programming for the community. This has not been without challenges. Many of the programs utilize blended funding but the instrument to measure success are not the same. There is much work to be done to address this challenge and reduce duplication.

Successes and Challenges

The 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board supports quality programming and has invested in supporting local agencies to achieve the Iowa Family Support Credential or National Accreditation. Currently, 5 programs have achieved this elite status and it expected that by the end of FY2014, 100% of all the home visitation programs will either receive the IFSC or National Accreditation.

The Early Childhood formula that is utilized is unstable and there have been efforts as well as statewide support to revise the current formula. Currently the EC funds are based on a percentage of the average number of monthly statewide Family Investment Program (FIP) cases for families with children ages 0-5 in the preceding state fiscal year. Data from the most-current three years of funding reflects that since FY2010 over 47% of areas experienced 7% or more percentage of change from year to year. The 4 R Kids Area has seen a reduction of 11% in FY2012 and a reduction of 10% in FY2013. This fluctuation makes it difficult to operationally address needs within the community from year to year.

During the fiscal year an agency chose to terminate a Iowa Family Support Credentialed long term home visitation program. The Board acted quickly and released a request for proposal and was able to retain a contractor to provide services timely. The transition was a success and a few families were able to retained and served.