



Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

October 1, 2014

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125

Attendance

Liz Young, Jovanka Westbrook, Shelly Jensen, Janelle Peiffer, Irvin George, Kim Kirkpatrick, Linda Hayden, Hillary Meyer, Colleen Reisener, Kate Honer, Kim Post and Debra Schrader.

Developing Brain Conference - Several attended the conference that was held September 29 at the Iowa Events center, there were over 800 people in attendance.

ACES Grant - Prevent Child Abuse Iowa has a technical assistance grant opportunity with the purpose to raise awareness of and commitment to child abuse prevention in targeted communities.

Pizza for Prevention - The Warren County Child Abuse Council will have a fund raiser at Pizza Ranch Tuesday October 7, 2014 from 4:00- 7:00.

Candidate Forum - On October 8 from 7:00-8:30 at Simpson College there will be a legislative candidate forum. The public is encouraged to attend.

Legislative Talking Points - The 4 R Kids ECI area board has issued its legislative talking points, with the main focus on restoration of funds to the 2008 funding level.

Appreciation Reception - The 4 R Kids ECI appreciation reception is December 4, 2014 at Summerset Winery. There will be testimonials from a PAT participant, preschool and child care provider. Shelia Hanson from Every Child Counts has been invited to speak as well.

TECH Track Grant - AAUW has partnered with Simpson College on obtaining a STEM grant for middle school girls. There were only 3 awards nationwide. It was noted that

Blockfest - Jovanka provided an update on Blockfest. It was discussed about having the event the same day as the Warren County Toddlerfest.

Child Abuse Data - Colleen Reisener provided an overview of the child abuse data for Warren County. Warren County ranks 71st for confirmation rate of child abuse, there were 151 abused children in FY13 of which 29% were under the age of 5.

Unity Point - Hillary Meyer from Unity Point provided an overview of the care coordination that is offered with patients. It was noted that it's important for Unity Point to know about the community resources available in order to assist the patients they serve.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30. The next meeting is November 5, 2014. There will be no December or January meeting.