

**Madison County Early Childhood Committee
Minutes**

Tuesday, October 13, 2013

St. Paul Lutheran Church

1120 N. 8th Street

Winterset Iowa 50273

Meeting began at 6:00 and ended at 6.:45

Attendance

Janet Reutzell, Lynette Jude, Veronica McVay, Jovanka Westbrook, Mindie Bencik, Julie Lang, , Cynthia Nichels, and Debra Schrader.

4 R Kids Board Update

The Board will be hosting their 5th annual appreciation reception December 3, 2015 at Annelise Winery in Indianola. They will be honoring the Prevent Child Abuse Councils as well as hearing from participants from funded 4 R Kids ECI services.

CHNA/HIP

Madison County has completed the community health needs assessment and health improvement plan that will be in place for the next 5 years. The two areas of focus is youth substance abuse and mental health. Identifying strategies will be the next steps.

Child Care

Child care data sheets from CRRR was disseminated along with a compilation of data from each of the four counties. Anyone can download a copy of each of the 99 county's child care data in Iowa. Child care costs for a week is \$137 for an infant in a DHS registered home and \$172 in a licensed center.

Messaging

Stephanie Clausen, Adair County Prevent Child Abuse Council president has developed a one pager on messaging for home visitation services. It was noted that the word family is not a favorable word when working with families, as well as the words home visitor. More favorable words to use are parent and family support coaches.

4 R Kids Survey

Every three years the board is required to conduct a needs assessment. The survey that was done three years ago was reviewed by the group and modifications were made. All four early childhood committees will provide feedback into the survey. The survey will be administered this spring at Toddlerfests as well as agencies that provide services to children under the age of 6. The committee spent a great deal of time reviewing the draft questions.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be December 8, 2015 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Director