

Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

October 2, 2013

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125

Attendance

Angie Reed, Val Cameron, Janelle Peiffer, Myra Willms, Leslie Stonehocker, Liz Young, Michelle Greenough, Catherine Maester, Shelly Jensen, Dawn Holt, Shelia Taylor, Bonnie Forsythe, Liz Young, Jovanka Westbrook, Ted Cochran, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information

ACES - The ACES summit is October 14, 2013 from 9:00-11:00 at the Sheraton in West Des Moines.

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa - PCA has issued a grant for community-based response to The Adverse Childhood Experiences Study will partner with six communities to develop a plan to engage more people in child abuse prevention efforts. Partners in six counties will receive in-depth coaching in the science behind The ACE Study and how child abuse prevention strategies can reduce ACEs, as well as work with PCA Iowa to examine the level of community readiness in responding to ACEs and develop an individualized communications plan for engaging more community members in local prevention initiatives.

Pizza for Prevention - The Warren County Child Abuse Prevention Council will have a fundraiser at the Pizza Ranch October 7 from 4:30-9:00.

Head Start - Head Start has moved to Whittier and is full with 34 children.

Toddlerfest - The Warren County Toddlerfest is set for March 29 in Indianola, location TBD.

PAT Group Meeting - A group meeting that will teach couponing is October 12 at 4:00 and is open to any families with children under the age 6.

Joy Ride - Ted Cochran provided the group with an overview of the services Joy Ride provides. Customer services is a key component to providing transportation. The majority of the those that use the transportation are those that are elderly and disabled.

Darkness to Light - Training will be October 29th from 5:30-8:00, contact Emmalee Bowlin for more information.

LOE - The 4 R Kids ECI Board will submit a portfolio in December to go through the levels of excellence process. A date sometime in March or April is desired for the onsite visit from the state ECI technical assistance team. Tami Foley from DHS will be the lead and Shanell Wagler will assist. A community partner meeting is required and notification will be sent in advance partners get this on their schedule. A location is yet to be determined.

Appreciation Reception - The 4 R Kids Appreciation Reception is December 5, 2015 from 5:00-7:00 with a 20 minute program at 6:00. The group provided input/recommendation regarding the program, the following was recommended:

- 4 R Kids board members construct a video again this year - this was big hit last year
- try and have someone from the Chamber or Economic Development from another county other than Warren County
- Celebrate Parents as Teachers receiving the Iowa Family Support Credential
- have Warren County Economic Development speak again
- have a family receiving family support services speak and provide testimony
- have a family that receives preschool tuition speak and provide testimony
- have someone from child care that has received training and support speak and provide testimony
- to have poster boards with results and family pictures on the walls
- have custom made postcards for thank yous

Meeting adjourned at 11:00. The next meeting is November 6, 2013. There will be no December or January meeting.

If you would like to be on the distribution list of community partners who receive regular updates regarding early childhood happenings, contact Debra Schrader at 4rkidseci@gmail.com