

Warren County Early Childhood Committee

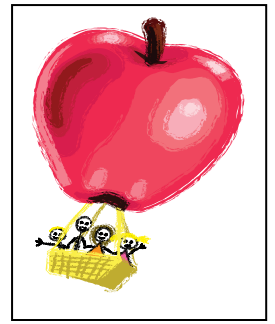
Minutes/Notes October 7, 2015

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125



Attendance

Janelle Peiffer, Michelle Greenough, Veronica McVay, Colleen Reisener, Jovanka Westbrook, Colleen Theis, Cal Cameron, Joanne Crane, Kim Post, Daffney Gabel, Joe Murphy, Bonnie Forsythe, Mary Vaske, Nanette Schroeder, Myra Willms, and Debra Schrader.

Much discussion around Aldees and what the grocery store chain has to offer.

Partners in Family Development

Bonnie updated the group that Stewards of Children will be provided to all I-35 school staff. Additionally there will be Parent Cafe in Earlham and in Winterset at the low income housing units. A Blockfest was held in Carroll. Parents as Teachers has had 18 new enrollments the 1st quarter of the fiscal year.

WeLift

WeLift will be expanding their services and will now be in Winterset 1 day a week.

Pizza For Prevention

The Warren County Child Abuse Council raised \$772 at Pizza Ranch.

Messaging

Stephanie Claussen, Success 4 Kids Council president put together a one page document with the findings of what messaging strategies work with families. A few key points were to avoid jargon such as toxic stress, ACEs, and two generation; say parent not family; least popular phrases are home visitors and government leaders, social workers. If anyone would like a copy of the one pager, contact Deb Schrader.

IMPACT Community Action Agency

Red Rock Community Action has changed their name to IMPACT and has also moved locations. They are located at 210 W 2nd Ave, St. B in Indianola. The Community Action Agency is now combined with Polk County. They now serve, Polk, Warren, Jasper, Boone, and Marion County. Joanna Crane gave an overview of the programs that are provided through IMPACT.

5th Annual Appreciation Reception

The 5th Annual Appreciation Reception will be held Thursday December 3, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 at Annelise Winery. The reception will focus on honoring each of the 4 child abuse councils, testimonials from participants in home visitation participants, preschool scholarships, dental screenings and child care programs.

4 R Kids Survey

Every three years the 4 R Kids ECI Board is required to conduct a needs assessment/survey. The survey from FY12 was reviewed and changes suggested. It was also suggested to contact Sarah Welch and Prevent Child Abuse Iowa to get input into a mental health questions. The survey could be administered at the Toddlerfests in the spring. There will be an online version as well.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20. Next meeting is November 4, 2015.