

## Warren County Early Childhood Committee

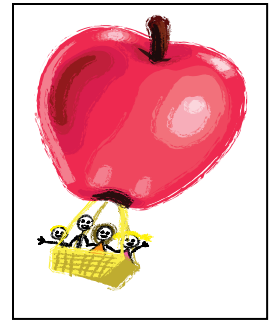
Minutes/Notes November 1, 2016

10:00 A.M.

DHS/Community Services

1007 S. Jefferson Way

Indianola, Iowa 50125



### Attendance

Janelle Peiffer, Myra Willms, Veronica McVay, Jovanka Westbrook, Daphnie Gable, Nicki McWells, Kim Post, Betsy Stursma, Karen Nelson, Bonnie Forsythe, and Debra Schrader.

### Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and what storage device do you use.

### 1st Five

The 1st Five Coalition meeting is 11-15-16 at 12:00 at the Indianola Library. There will be a webinar from Child Health Specialty Clinics as the guest speaker.

### Preschool Experience

Deb had preliminary preschool experience rate information, Warren County will most likely have a preschool experience rate of 93.6%. A survey was sent to all schools in the 4 county area and there are still 2 schools left to respond, but it will not effect the Warren County rate. The goal is to have 90%.

### Cliff Effect

United Way of Central Iowa is working on child care issues through the "Opportunity". Iowa ranks 39th in the nation for the amount of income a family can earn and still receive child care assistance. Iowa is number 1 for in the nation for the percentage of households with children under the age of 6 that have all parents employed - 75%. Early Childhood stakeholders are encouraged to attend and take part of the Opportunity work. Contact Eric Kinman at [eric.kinman@unitedwaydm.org](mailto:eric.kinman@unitedwaydm.org) or 515-979-9442.

### Paper Tigers

There will be the 1st viewing of Paper Tigers 11-29-16 at 5:00 at Wells Fargo, 2nd floor in Indianola Iowa. The event is sponsored by 1st Five and 4 R Kids ECI. Contact Veronica McVay [veronicam@warrencountyia.org](mailto:veronicam@warrencountyia.org) to sign up.

### Iowa Parental Care Survey

Information regarding data of the [Iowa prenatal Care Barriers project](#) were discussed. In Warren County 196 respondents with babies were surveyed regarding issues around demographics, indicators, pregnancy prevention, health services and hospital services.

### Children at Home

VNS/Iowa Family Support Network is the contact for the Children at Home Program. The program helps families who have children with a disability by providing financial assistance for items or services not covered by other programs. Contact VNS at for more information <http://www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org/children-at-home>

### Warren County Wellness Coalition

The next Warren County Wellness Coalition meeting is today at 12:30 at House of Mercy across from the Administration building. Everyone is invited to attend. This meeting is in direct correlation to the CHNA/HIP.

### 6th Annual Appreciation Reception

Invitations were provided to the reception to be held on December 1, 2016 from 5:30-7:30 at Annelise Winery in Indianola. The 4 R Kids Board will be honoring legislators, 4 board members that terms expire, and we will hear from participants in the programs.

### Family Support Advocacy

4 R Kids ECI had put together a draft one page advocacy document around the need for additional resources for family support services in Iowa.

At the next meeting the introductions will be what everyone uses for an email client. Meeting adjourned at 11:00. Next meeting is February 1, 2017 at the regular location, Wells Fargo, 2nd Floor, 515 N. Jefferson Way in Indianola Iowa.

*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](mailto:4rkidseci@gmail.com)*