

MADISON COUNTY ADVISORY ECI COMMITTEE

December 11, 2012 Minutes

PRESENT: Joyce Kooker, Julie Feirer, Brittany Curtis, Val Cameron, Lyl Wightman, Becky Conrad, Deb Schrader, Connie Jackson, Janelle Stribe, and Jackie Howard.

The minutes of the October, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

It was announced that pre-school tuition is still available and there is a new provider in Earlham. Deb Schrader also shared a report on pre-school attendance before Kindergarten which was discussed by those present.

Deb Schrader also handed out a list of Early Childhood resources available.

Deb Schrader also reported that the providers reception held on Dec. 6, 2012 was well attended. There were a lot of pre-school testimonials shared by parents.

Discussion was held on why homes that offer daycare aren't interested in obtaining the QRS certification. The following were some reasons shared.

1. Monetary reward isn't enough
2. Some don't want to be on the food program
3. Between 3 & 5 more years of education is required
4. Programs are full; hard to get into
5. Lack of incentive programs available
6. New cribs are being required for safety reasons

Jackie Howard, Public Health Nurse shared information on the Necessity Pantry. She was asking churches to put out boxes for donations and supplies for the Pantry. Jackie also shared she is starting an advisory committee for Public Health comprised of medical people along with others for that committee.

Winterset School District would be holding a professional development on Child and Sexual Abuse in January. Deb Schrader told us that Madison County ranks 19th among the 99 counties for sexual abuse and sex offender cases, additionally in FY2011 there were 27 abused children, with 48% of those cases under the age of 5.

The meeting was adjourned.