

**Madison County Early Childhood Committee
Minutes**

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

St. Paul Lutheran Church

1120 N. 8th Street

Winterset Iowa 50273

Meeting began at 6:00 and ended at 6:30.

Attendance

Janet Reutzell, Janelle Peiffer, Myrna Kepford, Rachel Bardwell, Phil Douglas, Natalie Scarpino, and Deb Schrader

4 R Kids Indicators

Community wide indicators were reviewed. Poverty, preschool experience, prenatal care, unemployment rate, and the quality rating system are tracked annually.

Preschool Experience

Data from all school districts in the 4 R Kids area was collected on the preschool experience rate. It is measured at the schools discretion. Madison County preschool experience rate is 82.0% and Winterset Schools rate was 79.0%. The goal is to have a 90% rate.

4th Annual Appreciation Reception

The 4 R Kids ECI Board held their 4th Annual Appreciation Reception December 4, 2014 from 5:30-7:30 at Summerset Winery. About 75 people attended and there was testimony provided by participants as to the benefits from services supported by 4 R Kids.

Child Care Assistance Data

CCA data was shared by county, Madison County families received \$325,390 in child care assistance during FY14. Over \$89 million was spent in FY14.

Mental Health Resources

A draft of local mental health resources was shared with the group. It was noted there needed to be a few more added. This will be an item on February meeting agenda with hopes to have final copy ready to post on the website in after that time.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 10, 2015 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church.
Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Director