

Warren County Early Childhood Committee

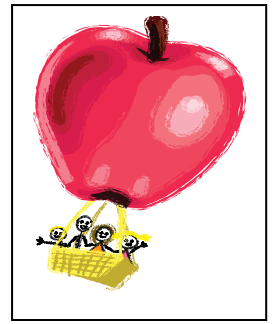
Minutes/Notes February 1, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Wells Fargo

515 N. Jefferson Way

Indianola, Iowa 50125



Attendance

Janelle Peiffer, Myra Willms, Veronica McVay, Jovanka Westbrook, Kim Post, Karen Nelson, Bonnie Forsythe, Megan Bernholtz, Susan O'Brien, Niki McWay, Kelly Parker, Jodi Spargur-Tate, Lora Patton, Leslie Stonehocker, Colleen Theis, Val Cameron, Michelle Greenough, Shelly Jensen, and Debra Schrader.

Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and what winter TV show they watch.

6th Annual Appreciation Reception

The R Kids reception was held on December 1, 2016 from 5:30-7:30 at Annelise Winery in Indianola. The attendance exceeded 80 people. The 7th annual reception will be December 7, 2017.

Head Start

Drake University Head Start is accepting applications for fall preschool. Call 515-271-1854 for more information.

Warren County Prevent Child Abuse

The Council has named a new coordinator Val Cameron and her duties began in January.

1st Five

Veronica will be hosting a ASQ training on March 21, 2017. Currently 1st Five has received 11 new referrals and the Iowa Clinic has provided their first referral.

Parents as Teachers

Partners in Family Development will be part of an 18 month research project that covers Dallas, Madison, and Warren County. The project will focus on post partum depression. Moms need to be in early pregnancy and no more than 28 weeks to be part of the project. The project is funded by MIECV federal funds allocated to IDPH.

Blockfest

Partners in Family Development will host a Blockfest March 3 and will have 3 sessions at Crayons to Pencils in Norwalk. Preregistration is required.

AmeriHealth Caritas

An enrollment event will be held at the YMCA in Indianola on February 28, 2017 for Medicaid enrollees with AmeriHealth Caritas.

Preschool

Preschool registration has begun at the Indianola Schools.

CCRR

CCRR will be hiring 2 new part-time positions to coordinate QRS work. CCRR provided an overview of the FY16 Warren County data on child care; 35% of providers have a QRS rating which is high compared to the rest of the region.

Roll and Read

A Roll and Read event will replace the Toddlerfest this year; it will be May 7 from 3:00-5:00 at Banner Lakes Summerset Park.

Preschool Experience Rate

Information was shared regarding the recent data that was collected from the school regarding preschool experience rate. The overall rate for the four county area is 89.9% and the Warren County rate is 93.6%, the goal is 90%.

Connect 2 Careers

Children & Families of Iowa provided a presentation about Connect 2 Careers. The project works with ages 14-24 and focuses on education, vocation and independent living skills and self-sufficiency. For more information contact Jodi Tate at JodieS@cfiowa.org.

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.

Next meeting is March 1, 2017 at 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