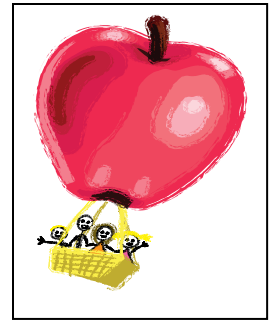


Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes
February 4, 2015
10:00 A.M.
515 North Jefferson Way
Wells Fargo Building
Indianola, Iowa 50125



Attendance

Rachel Bardwell, Shelly Jensen, Janelle Peiffer, Val Cameron, Myra Williams, Kim Post, Canton Post, Michelle Greenough, Jovanka Westbrook, Veronica McVay, Kate Honer, Sarah Peterson and Debra Schrader.

Miscellaneous Announcements

- 1st Five Coalition will meet February 17, 2015
- Mandatory Child Abuse training will be February 16 from 6:30-8:30.
- Preschool registration at the Indianola School will be February 16, 2015
- Federal poverty guidelines are out and have gone up about \$2,000, example a family of 4 can make up to \$48,500 and still qualify for preschool tuition assistance.
- Blockfest is underway, location and date is to be determined but will be held this year.
- Play Experience training for child care providers will be February 21st, contact Myra for more information.

Welcome Wagon

It was discussed that having information in the welcome wagon packets may benefit families. The one page early childhood resource document would be a good starting point. Deb will follow up on this idea.

Coordinated Intake

Val updated the group on the coordinated intake project, there has been 170 families referred to family support services but on 12 families have accepted.

Mental Health Resources

Deb disseminated the recent updated Warren County mental health resource list and few changes were made. It will posted on the website.

Toddlerfest

The Warren County Toddlerfest is March 21, 2015 from 9:00-11:30 at the Carlisle Middle School. A flyer will be posted on the website. Deb will be assisting with agency registrations again this year.

Child Care Assistance

CCA data was shared with the group. During FY14, \$866,980 was expended to assist Warren County family with child care expenses.

Child Burial Grant

Page County Public Health has the state wide child burial grant for families with children under 18 and are at 145% of poverty. Contact Page County Public health at 800-944-3446 for more information

Indicators

Deb disseminated information related to the recent update to the community plan that included local indicators and an updated Warren County educational document. The information can be found on the website.

United Health Care

United Health Care will be holding a discussion about early childhood and birth outcomes which will set the pace for future grants on February 26, 2015 from 11:00-2:00 at the Des Moines Public Library, 1000 Grand Ave in Des Moines.

FY16 Meetings

A draft of the FY16 meeting schedule was disseminated. The committee will not meet in July, August, December or January

Meeting adjourned at 11:00. It was noted that having Unity Point attend a meeting in the future would be beneficial.

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