

## Warren County Early Childhood Committee

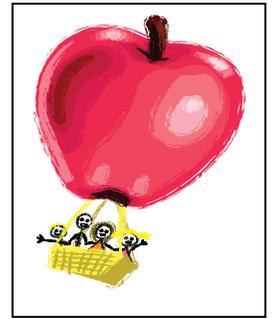
Minutes/Notes March 2, 2016

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125



### Attendance

Janelle Peiffer, Michelle Greenough, Colleen Reisener, Myra Willms, Nannette Schroeder, Colleen Theis, Shelley Jensen, Mary Brandt, Karen Nelson, Natalie Kerber, Bonnie Forsythe, Jovanka Westbrook, Val Cameron, Kay Peck, and Debra Schrader.

### **4 R Kids Survey**

The survey is ready to go and agencies are asked to help administer it with families of children ages prenatal through age 5. You can contact Deb for copies, or download the document on the website, or there will be a survey link.

### **K-12 Spending**

Deb provided an overview of K-12 spending per pupil from 2000 (\$5,122) through 2016 (\$8,874) which equals a 73% increase per pupil in 16 years. Preschool spending in 2008 was \$2,927 and in 2016 it was \$3,230 which is a 10% increase.

### **December 3, 2015 Reception**

The 5th annual appreciation reception was a success with about 75 in attendance. Senator Gustafson was moved by the dental screening testimonial that he has donated 144 delta dental toothbrushes to the project. Changes for next were discussed with the possibility of having military or law enforcement attend and provide testimonial.

### **Legislative Update**

- Day on the Hill was February 23, 2016.
- SSB3128 has passed the senate study committee and now waiting to be discussed in the Appropriations committee. This is the bill regarding language changes to ECI, but no increase in funding.
- Mini day on the Hill is March 29th from 12:00-1:00. This is a collaborative effort among 12 ECI areas to bring more awareness to ECI.
- Deb provided information of materials that are available at the capitol.

### **Data**

Every Child Counts data is now available by county and is located on the website. They will no longer offer bound hard copies of the data, but all data can be found online.

### **New Parent Program**

LSI announced they have filled a vacancy within 30 days for a new family support worker.

### **Warren County Prevent Child Abuse**

The Council is underway with planning efforts for April which is prevent child abuse month. Additionally, they have partnered with the Food and Nutrition Program to family nutrition offer classes.

### **Preschool**

- Val announced the preschool scholarship applications are now available for fall on the Warren County ISU Extension website.
- Deb reported for Kim Post that the Indianola Preschool registration for fall is now open.
- Head Start is taking applications as well.

### **FY17 Meeting Schedule**

The FY17 meeting schedule was reviewed. It was consensus to continue to meet the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:00 at the Wells Fargo building, taking July, August, December and January off.

### **AmeriHealth Caritas**

An informative presentation was provided by one of the MCO's for Medicaid. For more information or a presentation contact Karen Nelson a (515) 729-3937 or knelson@amerihealthcaritasia.com.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30. Next meeting is April 6, 2016.

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