

## Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

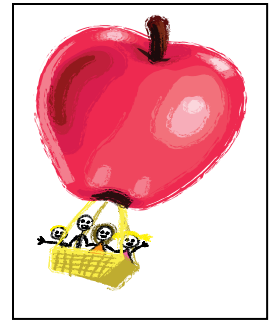
March 4, 2015

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125



### Attendance

Janelle Peiffer, Val Cameron, Myra Williams, Michelle Greenough, Veronica McVay, Sarah Peterson, Colleen Theis, Colleen Reisener, Bonnie Forsythe and Debra Schrader.

### Miscellaneous Announcements

- Free Income Tax assistance is available for those who make less than \$58,000, locations at WeLift in Indianola and in Des Moines.
- ECI Day on the Hill is March 5, 2015. Everyone is welcome to attend at the capital.
- 4 R Kids ECI has collected family stories and can be found at [www.4rkids-eci.org](http://www.4rkids-eci.org).
- 1st Five will have a learning opportunity for parents Aril 28th from 4:30 - 6:30 at the Indianola Library with free pizza.
- Indianola school will no longer have a pre-kindergarten class.

### **Blockfest**

The Blockfest has been scheduled for April 18, 2015 with 2 sessions starting at 10:00-11:00 and then again from 1:00-2:00 at the Catholic Church in Winterset. A flyer will be out soon.

### **4 R Kids Board**

The Board will release a 3 year funding RFP on March 20 and it will be due April 20, 2015.

### **Coordinated Intake**

Val updated the group on the coordinated intake project.

### **Preschool Tuition Policy**

The 4 R Kids ECI board has updated the preschool tuition policy for FY16. The major change is having a cap of \$175 versus \$150.

### **MIECHV**

Iowa applied for the Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting grant and was denied \$6.6 million. This will have a negative impact statewide. Currently, LSI had 47 position funded under this grant. There are several infrastructure things are will be impacted along with direct service such as the REDCap data management system. IDPH is appealing the decision to the federal government.

### **Toddlerfest**

The Warren County Toddlerfest is March 21, 2015 from 9:00-11:30 at the Carlisle Middle School. There is very few service providers signed up to participate, please help spread the word about the event.

### **Support Group Document**

The group reviewed the support group document tool and will make updates, and bring back to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15. Next meeting is April 1, 2015.