



**KIDS Coalition
Minutes
St Paul Lutheran Church
1120 N. 8th Street
Winterset, Iowa 50273**

Meeting started at 12:00 and ended at 1:30

Attendance

Genelle Trowbridge, Mindie Bentcik, Carol Lietchy, Sami Heithoff, Dawn Holt, Cynthia Nitchels, Bonnie Forsyth, Angie Russell, Lynette Judd, Ruth Maas, and Debra Schrader.

Overview of Kids Coalition

This meeting is a combined meeting between 4RKIDS, CRISP- Community Resources in Service to People - and 1st Five. The goal is to efficiently and effectively deliver pertinent information to the community, regarding issues and concerns centering on children. 4RKIDS and 1st Five focus on young children, while as the Madison County Prevent Child Abuse Council, CRISP focuses on children of all ages. Members of businesses, organizations, agencies, groups, and all professions are welcome. Please bring your questions and ideas as well. Together we will encourage policy and practice changes at both county and local levels. This is the first meeting of the new format.

1st Five

- Veronica was unable to attend the meeting as the state of Iowa Governors conference was today.
- Madison County had 0 referrals for 1st Five in March.
- For more information about 1st Five contact Veronica McVay 515-961-1074/ veronicam@warrencountyia.org.
- A final free viewing of Paper Tigers in Winterset will be offered by the KIDS Coalition on Wednesday April 26th from 6:30-9:00 at the Winterset Public Library.

CRISP

- Pizza for Prevention will be April 24, 2017 at the Pizza Ranch. Proceeds will go to CRISP.
- Picnic 4 Prevention will be April 22, 2017 at the North Shelter House in the City Park. A light lunch will be served and there will be games and activities for children.
- Child abuse prevent conference is May 1-3, 2017 in Des Moines.
- A Roll n Read is scheduled for April 29, 2017 from 10:00-3:00 for families with children under the age of 5. This is a physical activity with literacy built in and its free for families

4 R Kids

- Legislative language regarding flexibility for statewide voluntary preschool funding is moving through the Iowa legislature, elimination of categorical funding for ECI has also been presented in language.
- Early Childhood Iowa has requested that local ECI areas conduct a core services assessment in each county. The intent of the assessment is to identify the perceived level of service for service types. The group assisted with the assessment and the data will be entered on behalf of the 4 R Kids ECI.
- Kids Count data was shared with the group.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is May 10, 2017 at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, ECI Director