



Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

April 2, 2014

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way
Wells Fargo Building
Indianola, Iowa 50125

Attendance

Val Cameron, Janelle Peiffer, Michelle Greenough, Jovanka Westbrook, Colleen Reisener, Shelly Jensen, Bonnie Forsythe, Myra Willms, Kate Krammer, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information

Toddlerfest - The event was March 29 from 9:00-11:30 at the Indianola Middle school. There was a good turnout with 161 in attendance. The event will be moved to Carlisle next year.

Stewards of Children - There will be a training held Wednesday April 30 from 9:00-11:30 at the Warren County Board room at the administration building. Kate Honer is the contact person to sign up.

New Parent Program - LSI announced they will be going through Healthy Families National Accreditation August 27-29, 2014.

Shared Visions - The Department of Education has released an RFP for FY16. This is the first complete RFP since its inception.

Preschool definitions - The Department of Human Services and the Department of Education preschool definitions were discussed.

Child Abuse Awareness - The Warren County Child Abuse Council is conducting many child abuse awareness activities for April. There is also a u-tube video that PCA has done that would be a great addition.

Child Abuse Conference - A participant from the Parents as Teachers program will be honored at the PCA conference.

Family Support Endorsements - Jovanka is participating in a workgroup to help draft several endorsements for family support workers.

REDCap - All family support programs funded by ECI is required to use the online data base system and the semiannual report that the state provided has inaccurate data. There are many challenges with the system, additionally the system is required to be compatible with local systems, but none of the 4 R Kids funded programs have found that to be so. There is concern if there will be reliable data for the annual report.

LOE - Community partners are invited to the community meeting April 17 from 2:30-3:30 at the Adel Library, the community is also invited to attend the LOE board meeting from 5:00-7:30.

FY15 RFR - The 4 R Kids ECI Board released the request for renewal application to current contractors, this is the last year of a three year contract. In FY16 a competitive RFP will be issued.

Transportation - There is a new transportation service in Warren County called Little Marvels. Their contact information is littlemarvelsinfo@gmail.com or (515) 971-4959. They also have a website.

EFR - Employee and Family Resource provided a presentation about the services that they offer, additionally there is a preschool through kindergarten program called PIP that provides 4 sessions uses a puppets to teach empathy, anger management, impulse control and substances. For more information contact Kate Krammer at 515-244-2297.

Early Childhood Resources - The Warren County EC resource tool was updated. Any last changes need to be to Deb by Friday.

Mental Health Resources - The Warren County mental health resource tool needs to be updated and it will be worked on at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20. The next meeting is May 7, 2014.