

Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

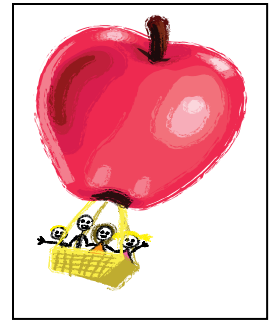
May 6, 2015

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125



Attendance

Janelle Peiffer, Val Cameron, Myra Williams, Michelle Greengough, Veronica McVay, Colleen Reisener, Jovanka Westbrook, Shelly Jensen, Amy DeWard, Shelia Taylor and Debra Schrader.

Legislation

HF347 has been signed by the Governor. This is a bill related to licensure of child care programs operated or contract for by the school districts or accredited non public schools. It was noted there are more than 160 programs that have not been monitored by the Department of Education and that now gives the Department of Human Services the authority for monitoring. Additionally, the 1st Five initiative will receive an increase this year.

Norwalk Baby Shower/Service

Deb had found an article in the Record Herald regarding a baby shower and other needs that has been organized by Stephanie Adamson. This is to assist young parents with diapers, wipes and other items. For more information contact her at 515-306-8401 or stephanie_admonson@aol.com.

Child Seat Belts

Michelle Greengough and Shelley Jensen's attended a car seat training and it was brought to the attention that there is very little safety on school buses in regards to seat/lap belts.

Simpson PR Project

Jovanka updated the group regarding the senior Capstone Public Relations project. Partners in Family Development was selected to be the center of the PR project. Four teams interviewed staff, clients, and the PFD board. Each team made a "pitch" and a the Small But Mighty team was the winner. All of the materials created by all four teams are owned by PFD and worth several thousand dollars.

Blockfest

The Blockfest event was held April 18, 2015 with 2 sessions at the Catholic Church in Winterset. It was great success and there have been several inquiries from others in having the event in their community.

4 R Kids Board

The Board will be awarding FY16 funds at the next board meeting May 21, 2015 in Greenfield.

Toddlerfest

The Warren County Toddlerfest was March 21, 2015 from 9:00-11:30 at the Carlisle Middle School. There were 103 in attendance. The committee had discussion regarding whether this was a good time to have the event due to it being spring break and it was consensus that it worked well and that the event targeted the right population. The next Toddlerfest will be in Carlisle for FY2016.

1st Five

1st Five will have an open house May 19 at 12:00 at the Indianola Library.

Support Group Document

The group reviewed the support group document tool was reviewed one last time.

Family Support Referral Map

The family support referral map was reviewed and it was agreed that a more user friendly format would be helpful. This will be summer project for Deb.

Meeting Map

The Warren County meeting map was reviewed and adding 1st Five meetings would be helpful. Deb will work on updating the map and get it posted on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15. Next meeting is June 3, 2015.

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