

Madison County Early Childhood Committee Minutes

**Tuesday June 12, 2014
St. Paul Lutheran Church
1120 N. 8th Street
Winterset Iowa 50273**

Meeting began at 6:00 and ended at 6:45.

Attendance

Myrna Kepford, Janet Reutzler, Cynthia Nitchals, Val Cameron, Kelly Williams, Kate Honer, Jovanka Westbrook, Lynette Judd, Joyce Westphal and Deb Schrader

LOE Results

On June 6, 2014 the 4 R Kids ECI area board has received the highest rating in the Levels of Excellence process, Model status. Model status will provide the Board up to \$2,500 per year for five years to pay for the financial audit review, a laptop computer and funding flexibility.

Early Childhood Resources

An updated Madison County early childhood resource map and a transportation map list was disseminated. The document is also located at www.4rkids-eci.org. A dental map is also in the process of being drafted and will be provided at the next meeting.

Meeting Map

A Madison County meetings map is in the process of being developed. This will assist community members and providers as to what is available for meetings in the area, who to contact for more information and what is the benefit of attending. Once the map is completed it will be posted on at 4-rkids-eci.org.

Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PTIC)

Joyce Westphal with Crossroads Behavioral Health provided a presentation about PTIC. PTIC is an evidenced based empirically-supported treatment for young children ages 2-7 with emotional and behavioral disorders that places emphasis on improving the quality of the parent-child relationship and changing. In PCIT, parents are taught specific skills to establish a nurturing and secure relationship with their child while increasing their child's pro-social behavior and decreasing negative behavior. This treatment focuses on two basic interactions: Child Directed Interaction (CDI) is similar to play therapy in that parents engage their child in a play situation with the goal of strengthening the parent-child relationship; Parent Directed Interaction (PDI) resembles clinical behavior therapy in that parents learn to use specific behavior management techniques as they play with their child. The program uses mirrors and headsets and works with the parent in a coaching like manner.

Next Meetings

The next meeting will be August 12, 2014 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Crossroads will provide an overview of the behavioral health program. The dental map will also be provided.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Director