



## Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

June 4, 2014

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125

### **Attendance**

Janelle Peiffer, Michelle Greenough, Jovanka Westbrook, Myra Willms, Val Cameron, Kate Honer, Angie Reed, Kim Nelson, Cheryl Guerts, Bonnie Forsythe, Sarah Constable, Bonnie Forsythe, and Debra Schrader.

### **Indianola Preschool**

Indianola Preschool received a QRS 5 and is the first one in Warren County.

### **1st Five/Resource Directory**

Kate updated the group regarding an online resource directory that she is putting together.

### **Meeting Map**

A Warren 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](http://4-rkids-eci.org).

### **America World Adoption**

Angie Reed announced she is working part time for America World Adoption.

### **Statistics**

Deb shared how Iowa compares to Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska in regards to certain indicators such as poverty, home foreclosure rates, and other data.

### **Block Fest**

Jovanka Westbrook updated the group on Block Fest. Block Fest was developed to provide an interactive block building experience for young children ages 8 months to 8 years and their parents. It supports parents and children to form an emotional bond during the learning experience. The exhibit has been shown to increase parent knowledge of early development in the areas of math and science education while providing opportunities to increase social skills and literacy opportunities for young children. Several PAT educators will be trained and this will be the first one in Iowa.

### **Mental Health Resource**

The Mental Health Resource document was reviewed and updates are needed. Deb will make updates and bring to the August meeting for review.

### **HARTA Transportation**

Sarah Constable provided a presentation about the changes with public transportation. Red Rock Community Action will no longer be the contractor holder to provide public transportation. HARTA will now be doing all the transportation and people are to call the 877-686-0029 that is in Des Moines to arrange transportation.

### **Electronic Faux Pas**

Deb shared 10 electronic etiquette faux pas. Did you know if you return a voicemail message within 24 hours?

Meeting adjourned at 11:00. The next meeting is August 6, 2014. There is no July meeting.

*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](mailto:4rkidseci@gmail.com)*