

Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

8-1-12

10:00

515 North Jefferson Way
Wells Fargo Building
Indianola, Iowa 50125

Attendance

Jeremy Johnson-Miller, Jodene DeVault, Stephanie Chickering, Erin Parker, Nanette Schroeder, Nichole Smith, Alisa young, Joe burke, Abby Weers, Karen Ligas, Allison Moreland, Kim Post, Brianne Rutledge, Madeline Adams, Sara Hohanshelt, Craig Hertel, Myra Wilms, Janelle Stribe, Joy Rouse, Leslie Stonehocker, Connie Jackson, Val Cameron, Colleen Reisener, Jovanka Westbrook, Bonnie Forsythe, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information

Play Therapy – There is a new agency offering play therapy called Peace of Mind, Ann VanDenTop, located at 117 Buxton Street, Indianola, IA 50125 (515) 962-5561, www.peaceofmindindianola.com

Kids Count – New updated Kids Count data is now available at www.datacenter.kidscount.org.

Cost of Living – The cost of living in Iowa from the Iowa Policy Project was disseminated. A single parent would need to make \$17.86 per hour to make ends meet, and a parent with 2 children would need to make \$24.01.

School Supplies – Red Rock Community Action is offering free school supplies, income at 200% or below are eligible.

Free Hair Cuts – J.C. Penny's is offering free haircuts for kids through the month of August for kindergarten on up. They offer this every August.

Transportation – HIRTA is offering trips to Iowa City, those on CARES the trip is \$2 and the general public is \$10. They also offer trips for \$2 to Broadlawns in Des Moines.

Warren County Resource Directory – The directory has recently been updated. It was noted that Head Start information has changed. Directories can be obtained by contacting Sara Hohanshelt.

CCRR – Child Care Resource and Referral has a new website, www.iowaccrr.org.

DCAT – Joe Burke, DCAT coordinator provided an overview of the DCAT project. Information is also located at www.cppconline.com. Approximately \$385,000 has been provided for core services such as family team meetings, CPPC, Als Pals, and Family Assistance (DHS only) and small spring projects. Madeline Adams provided an overview of family team meetings. Sara provided an update on Parent Partners and Als Pals.

Transitional Services – Brianne Rutledge provided an overview of services offered by Transitional Services.

4 R Kids Board Update – There is still an opening for a citizen to represent Warren County on the 4 R Kids ECI area board. The FY2012 annual report is in process and will be available at the next meeting.

Mental Health Resources – the one pager was briefly discussed, additional information will need to be added.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15. The next meeting is September 5, 2012, 2012. Tentative agenda items include last review of the mental health one pager. Other agenda items for the future include overview of FADSS and Gold Assessment for school readiness.