

MADISON COUNTY ADVISORY ECI COMMITTEE MINUTES  
August 13, 2013

Present: Joyce Kooker, Deb Schrader, Myra Willms, Julie Feirer, Myrna Kepford, Janet Reutzel, and Lynett Judd.

Introductions were made by those present.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as written.

Janet Reutzel asked for explanation of Reaching for the Stars program mentioned in the previous minutes. Myra Willms said the Quality Improvement System is similar to Reaching for the Stars. The purpose of each program is to help day care providers become more familiar with the programs available in their areas to improve the quality of their care. It starts with health and safety. The home visits with providers will help them become proficient at QRS.

Deb Schrader shared hand outs she had prepared showing how Early Childhood funding has decreased over the last seven years. Deb is asking those affected to contact their legislators and ask for the funding to be back at the 2008 levels. She said there is \$1.6 billions in reserves and people should become invested and talk with their legislators.

Lynett Judd, C.R.I.S.P. director spoke on their services. Their purpose is to help families find resources and match them to the need. The cover ages birth to 18. There is some cash, but very little available. They also work with churches to provide some services for those who really need it.. Lynett stated some families need help budgeting. They also help with Christmas gifts for children. For some, that is the only time they get something new. C.R.I.S.P. works with the Madison County Child Abuse Council.

Myra Willms told of the ECI grants to be awarded to Register and Licensed Child Care providers in Adair and Madison counties. There is an application process and quality improvement action plan. Information would be available at a meeting to be held on August 27th.

The meeting was adjourned.