

Warren County Early Childhood Committee

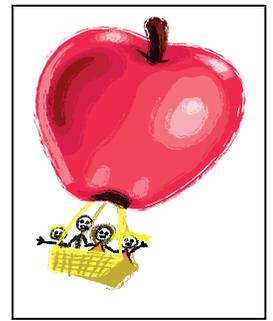
Minutes/Notes September 2, 2015

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125



Attendance

Janelle Peiffer, Michelle Greenough, Janelle Peiffer Veronica McVay, Colleen Reisener, Jovanka Westbrook, Shelly Jensen, Liz Young, Hillary Meyer, Colleen Theis, Cal Cameron, Dara Madigan, Sarah Peterson Myra Willms, and Debra Schrader.

Legislation

The Iowa legislature adjourned late this year which put everything behind. The state capitol cafeteria is no longer operating as well as the cafeteria at the Lucas building.

State Committee

Deb has been participating in a state ECI committee to change language in 256.i and it has been challenging. One of the major language change to be recommended is to collapse all funding streams into one category and to allow a 5% admin fee. Several other changes will also be recommended but all is language change/and or cleanup, there will be no ask for an increase in funding.

CCRR

Cathy Wheatcraft, CCRR director will be retiring in October and replacement has been announced. Laura Patton will start her duties this month to assure a smooth transition. An retirement open house is scheduled for October 1, 2015.

Head Start

Head Start still has a few openings for Warren County families. There will be a new program coordinator, Mary Vansky. This will be Liz Young's last meeting as she has taken a different position with Head Start.

AEYC

The Early Care and Education Fall institute will be September 8-9 at the Altoona conference center.

Breaking the Silence

Breaking the Silence is a documentary that aired on TLC August 30. It is about child sexual abuse.

4 R Kids Board

The Board has not met since May, the next meeting is September 10, 2015 in Adel.

1st Five

1st Five coalition will meet September 15, 2015 at 12:00 at the Indianola Library, CPPC will be presenting.

CBCAP Grant

DHS announced the CBCAP grant awards and the Indianola Cluster was awarded \$4,127 a year for three years (FY17-Fy19). Funds will be used for the Young Parents group in Warren County.

Child Care Data

The group discussed the FY15 CCRR data sheets regarding child care. Additionally, child care data was gathered on Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County for comparison. Warren County has 81% of families with both parents working with child under the age of 6, the state rate is 75%. The average weekly income for Warren County families is \$1,434 and 14% of their income- before taxes - is expended on child care in a DHS licensed center. Also reviewed was Child Care Aware data that compares Iowa to other states. Data of interest is 43% of parents request infant/toddler care compared to the US at 40.7%. Average annual income of a child care worker is \$18,540 compared to the US at \$21,710.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15. Next meeting is October 7, 2015.