

Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

September 4, 2013

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125

Attendance

Val Cameron, Janelle Peiffer, Myra Willms, Leslie Stonehocker, Liz Young, Michelle Greenough, Joy Rouse, Colleen Theis, Angie Reed, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information

Head Start- Head Start moved from Erving Elementary to Whittier Elementary. They aren't open quit yet as they are remodeling.

Health Fair - The Warren County Health Fair is September 3:00-6:00 on the Courthouse lawn.

Preschool Transportation - Val updated the group on the challenges with preschool transportation. Currently they have 5 children that ECI will pay for preschool transportation. It was also noted that there is a transportation committee that meets in Warren County monthly where they brainstorm and discuss challenges.

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa - PCAI has been awarded a \$255,000 grant to work on issues regarding ACES study, to develop a family support worker certification for advanced workers, and to assist with the PCA conference.

PCA Conference - The conference is April 14-16, 2014.

ACES Conference - will be October 14, 2014 from 9:00-4:00 for more information go to www.iowaes360.org.

Lifeline Phones - Lifeline will provide land line or cell phones to income illegible families for \$9.25 a month.

Contact the Iowa Utilities Board at 877-565-4450 or visit www.iowa.gov for more information.

4 R Kids Board Update - The board is looking for a Warren County Board member. Many suggestions were provided and Deb will follow-up with current board members.

CCRR - Michelle Greenough is the consultant that will serve Adair, Dallas, Madison, Warren and part of Polk County. Leslie provided an overview of the FY2013 data/statistics from CCRR. Warren County has 166 total programs listed with CCRR, 80% of all parents working and have children under the age of 6, and the average cost of an infant in a child development home is \$129 weekly and \$186 in a center. The state wide average is \$134 and \$176 respectively, and the region average is \$133 and \$190 respectively.

Federal Legislation - Leslie updated the group on pending legislation that will have an impact on child care providers, mainly homes. It is proposed that background checks & finger printing, pre-service training, and a pre-inspection before opening may be required. This would be an unfunded mandate. It is to be noted that Iowa ranks 43rd in the nation for quality child care.

CCRR Training - CCRR will provide PBIS training during FY2014

Meeting adjourned at 11:00. The next meeting is October 2, 2013.