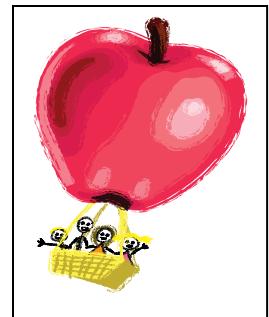


## **Warren County Early Childhood Committee**

Minutes/Notes September 7, 2016

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way  
Wells Fargo Building  
Indianola, Iowa 50125



### **Attendance**

Janelle Peiffer, Myra Willms, Veronica McVay, Val Cameron, Shelley Jensen, Jovanka Westbrook, Sarah Peterson and Debra Schrader.

### **Introductions**

Attendees introduced themselves and noted their favorite pair of shoes.

### **Warren County Public Health**

This was the year for competitive grant applications to IDPH for the Maternal Child Health grants. Warren County applied to serve Clarke, Madison and Warren county, but was awarded Madison and Warren County. Clarke will be served by Marion County Public Health starting October 1, 2016 and will go for the next 5 years.

### **Warren County Wellness Coalition**

The next Warren County Wellness Coalition meeting will be October 7, 2016 at 12:30 at the Warren County administration building. Everyone is invited to attend. This meeting is in direct correlation to the CHNA/HIP.

### **ASQ Trainer**

Veronica McVay attended the train the trainer training to provide ASQ3 and ASQSE training to those in need.

### **Preschool Tuition Scholarships and Transportation/ Coordination Intake**

Currently there are 112 students in the four county area receiving preschool tuition scholarships, of which 26 are Warren County. This is down from the previous year. There is no transportation available through HIRTA public transit for Warren County preschoolers, it's possible there may be transportation available in until 2017. Several coordinated intake referrals have been sent to family support programs.

### **Parents as Teachers**

Partners in Family Development has a new educator, Sami Heithoff. PAT is working through referrals from coordinated intake and Shared Visions.

### **4 R Kids Survey**

The results from the 4 R Kids impact survey were reviewed. There were 182 respondents from families with children under the age of 6 in Warren County, overall there were 578 respondents in the 4 county area. Highlights of the Warren County families were:

- 37.8% indicated if they had to ask for help for one item child care would be it, with housing costs being at 22.2%
- 22.4% indicated there was not enough time/too busy to seek counseling services, with cost being at 20.6%
- 40.1% indicated the biggest child care challenge was cost of care
- 27.5% of respondents had heard of 4 R Kids ECI

The survey results are available to anyone who would like to have them by contacting Deb Schrader at 4rkidseci@gmail.com. The survey results will go into the 4 R Kids community plan.

### **Generation Z and Data**

Several data points were shared with the group.

- Generation Z is still coming of age, but are breaking records according to the Anne E. Casey Foundation. Generation Z (anyone born after 1995) has seen a 40% drop in teen births, 38% drop in teens abusing drugs and alcohol, and 28% drop in teens not graduating high school on time.
- Iowa ranks 4th in the United States in child well-being in the United States, Minnesota ranks #1 and Mississippi ranks #50.
- FY15 Families with children under the age of 6 - there are 915 coupled families, 112 male householders and 240 female householders. There were 528 births of which 138 were Medicaid births or 26%

At the next meeting the introductions will be what everyone uses for an email client. Meeting adjourned at 11:00. Next meeting is October 7, 2016.