

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes

Lutheran Church of Hope Waukee
305 N.E. Dartmoor
Waukee, Iowa 50263
10:30 -12:00
Wednesday October 25, 2017

Attendance and Introductions

Joy Greer, Debb Franz, Ann Cochran, Karen Goff, Peg Ragner, Nikki Kinkennon-Betts, Mandy Vellinga, Hannah Rivas, Lisa Mickelson, Kelly Phelps, Sarah Reiss, Darci Alt, Seth Johnson, and Debra Schrader.

Agency Sharing

- Strengthening Families classes will start January 21 - March 4, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 at DCG Meadows, contact Dallas County Extension for more information.
- Great Beginnings classes will start February 1 - March 1, 2018 at Grant REgan Elementary, , contact Dallas County Extension for more information.
- Blockfest will be January 20, 2018 at Crossroads church in Perry, contact Partners in Family Development for more information.
- Parent Cafe will begin January 12 - April 20, 2018 at Crossroads church in Perry, Partners in Family Development for more information.
- FaDSS day on the hill will be January 10, 2018.
- DCAT emergency funds are available for family needs, contact Jenny Felt for more information.

Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The 4 R Kids ECI Area board has issued their legislative agenda which includes reinstatement of funds to the 2008 levels, don't forgot early childhood when talking about education, and that economic development plays an integral role in early childhood.
- Preschool experience data was shared with the committee. Dallas County has 87.4% preschool experience rate, the 4 R Kids area has an overall rate of 88.7%, the goal is to be at 90% in the service area.
- [Data for Decision Makers](#) for Dallas County is available with current data by county.
- Assessment Using ECI Service Types- The assessment conducted a few months ago was tabulated and a report provided to the committee. The top six service types were in line with what the majority of ECI boards fund.
- Core Services Assessment - A compilation of the core services assessment was provided to the committee. There was concern regarding the validity of the state ECI assessment.
- Seth Johnson with United Way provided an overview of the OPPORTunity work and invited stakeholders to get involved. The next summit is February 12, 2018 at 5:00 at the State Historical Complex downtown Des Moines. The legislative agenda and the a annual report was also shared. For more information contact Seth at s.e.johnson@UNITEDWAYDM.org

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- Joy Greer provided an update on current programming efforts.
- Joy Greer asked for volunteers to help with the awareness activities for April.
- The Prevent Child Abuse Conference will be April 9-11, 2018 in Des Moines.

Generation Wellness Update/Information

- Darci Alt provided a presentation about the Hope Wellness Center. The center will become an access center effective February 1, 2018 and is open to anyone in Iowa. For more information contact Darci at Darci.Alt@co.dallas.ia.us.
- Joy Greer gave an update on the Resilience training that she attended.

Next meeting February 28, 2018

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader

