

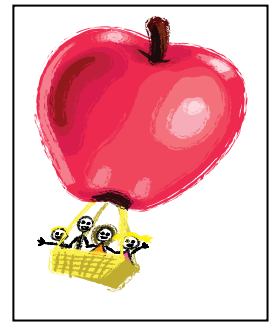
## Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes March 4, 2020

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way

Indianola, Iowa 50125



### Attendance

Myra Willms, Michelle Greenough, Nikki Gunn, Kelly Phelps, Michelle Patrick, Betsy Stursma, Bonnie Forsyth, Haley Austin, Julie Miller, Val Cameron and Deb Schrader.

### Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and what is their favorite sandwich.

### Announcements

**4 R Kids ECI Board** -The board is looking for board members, there is an application at [www.4rkids-eci.org](http://www.4rkids-eci.org) for anyone who is interested. Adair spots are open. A male would be preferable.

**Legislative Update** – Several child care bills are still alive and ECI is monitoring them. SF2366 is a bill that requires those receiving public assistance must work 20 hours or volunteer 20 hours a week in order to receive assistance, there is support for this in the Senate.

**1<sup>st</sup> Five** – The 1<sup>st</sup> Five Grant will be extended for 2 additional years (FY21 and FY22) after that a full RFP will be available. There have been 7 new referrals in Warren County.

**Darkness to Light** – Training will be held April 28, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 at the Carlisle School. The public is invited to attend.

**Resilience** – There will be a free training April 23, 2020 from 6:00-7:30 at Wells Fargo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in Indianola. The public is invited to attend.

**Problem Gambling** – March is problem gambling awareness month.

**Student Assistance Program** – Carlisle and Norwalk School is collaborating with EFR to provide up to 6 free therapy sessions for students.

**Medicaid Births** – The state of Iowa Library has a map that shows the percentage of Medicaid births by year. Warren County for 2018 had 28.1% of births were Medicaid, the highest in Iowa was Wapello County with 70.4% and Lowest was Dallas County with 19.4%

**DinoFest** – Michelle Patrick with the Indianola Library provided an overview of the literacy event on April 25 from 10:00-12:00. It is for families with children under the age of 6. 4 R Kids ECI is sponsoring the event.

**Your Life Iowa Presentation** – Nikki Gunn with EFR provided a presentation about Your Life Iowa.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting is April 1, 2020 at 10:00 at Wells Fargo.