

Dallas County Coalition

The purpose of the Coalition is to provide an opportunity to collaborate and coordinate services across many disciplines as well as provide expertise in fields of health, human services, early childhood care and education. Tasks may include but not limited to suggesting public policy, problem solving, and providing guidance on community needs and issues. Anyone may attend and participate in meetings and/or subcommittees. The coalition is in an advisory role to Generation Wellness, Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council, and the 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board. The committee normally meets on the 4th Wednesday of month with exceptions.

Feel free to contact Deb Schrader at 4rkidseci@gmail.com or 641-344-2250 if you would like to add agenda items or be added to the email distribution list.
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Lutheran Church of Hope Waukee

10:30 -12:00

Wednesday May 27, 2020

Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86363283737>

Meeting ID: 863 6328 3737

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AGENDA

- **Introductions** (approximately 10 minutes)
- **Agency Sharing** (approximately 10 minutes)
- **Covid-19 Response**
- **Early Childhood Updates/Information** (approximately 10 minutes)
(Anyone interested in early childhood, serving ages 0-5)
 - 4 R Kids ECI Board Update
 - Child Care Resources
 - Legislative Update
 - Community Plan – Dallas County Strengths and Challenges
- **Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information** (approximately 10 minutes)
(Anyone interested in child abuse prevention, serving families with children 0-18)
 - FY20 Program and Budget Update
 - Public Awareness Committee Update
 - FY21 Grant Award
 - [Child Abuse Data](#)
- **Generation Wellness Update/Information** (approximately 10 minutes)
(Anyone interested in the overall health of Dallas County residents, serving all ages)
 - ACES Presentations
 - Impacts of Covid-19
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FY20, Meetings

June 24, 2020

FY21 Meetings

July 2020 No meeting

August 26, 2020

September 23, 2020

October 28, 2020

November 2020 No meeting

December 2020 No meeting

January 2021 No meeting

February 24, 2021

March 24, 2021

April 21, 2021

May 26, 2021

June 23, 2021



Assets and Challenges from Current Community Plan

The 4 R Kids ECI area board is greatly interested in the perception at the grassroots level and depend on community partners to provide input and feedback into the community plan. During the spring of 2016 more than 50 community partners from each of the four early childhood committees provided input as to what they felt were strengths/assets and challenges/areas of improvement to the ECI service area. It's time to review the below assets and challenges to update the community plan.

4 R Kids ECI Area Strengths/Assets

- There is an active child abuse prevention council in each county and all have been awarded Prevent Child Abuse Iowa funding.
- The overall population has grown in the 4 county area which can affect funding in a positive manner.
- There is collaboration and coordination among service providers. (This was overwhelmingly mentioned multiple times)
- There is a high level of trust among service providers.
- There is a sense of innovation and proactive thinking.
- High quality child care and preschool settings.
- Food resources have increased over the past few years.

4 R Kids ECI Area Weaknesses/Challenges

- Due to the rural nature of the area, transportation is necessary to access services.
- Increasing demands due to population growth.
- Meeting the needs of an increasing diverse population in some communities.
- Retail leakage - community spends money outside the county.
- People travel outside the area to work and may not be invested in the community.
- Availability (capacity) of quality child care.
- Economic impact on the business community regarding the importance of early childhood.
- Care giver/parent engagement in parenting education.
- Limited availability of 2nd and 3rd shift as well as weekend child care.
- There is a gap in regards to [statewide voluntary preschool program](#) funding in Iowa. There are only 7 school districts in Iowa that do not participate and Dallas County has three of the seven school districts no participating.
- Growth of some of the areas has increased demand of services rich as emergency and public safety but tax dollars are slow to follow.