

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes
By Zoom
10:30am -11:45pm
Wednesday August 26, 2020

Meeting Handouts

A [Dallas County Meeting Folder](#) has been implemented for meeting handouts and other agency information. Go [here](#) to access the information and it is open to the public. Meeting agendas and minutes are located at www.4rkids-eci.org.

Attendance and Introductions

Kirsten Johnson (American Lung Association), Myra Wilms (ISU Extension), Kyra Sorenson (Every Step), Kelly Phelps (CCRR), Michelle Greenough (CCRR), Karen Goff (Broadlawns), Kate Granzo (Iowa AEYC), Dawn Holt (LSI), Alyssa Barton (LSI), Dena Owens (Providence Place), Hannah Vander Kopsa (CIAC), Erin Juel (Zion), Dawn Walton (Zion), Amy Orr (Zion), Val Owens (ISU Extension), Gina DeGroote (CIA), Jeanette Luthringer (Every Step), Stephanie Redding (Zion), Mary Krisco (ISU Extension), Jenny Felt (CPPC/DCAT), Jeanette Luthringer (Every Step), Ann Cochran (Dallas County Public Health), Marisue Hartung (ISU Extension), Damon Clark (Zion), Amber Schelling (Every Step) Deb Franz (Juvenile Court) Sheena Sullivan (The Short Years Partnership) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids ECI).

COVID-19 Response

There are few new resources available; [COVID Recovery Iowa](#), [COVID-19 in Iowa](#) and [Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program for Dallas County](#)

Agency Sharing

- 4 R Kids ECI has preschool scholarships available, contact Val Cameron at ISU Extension.
- DCAT/CPPC has emergency funds available for families in Dallas County, contact Jenny Felt.
- ISU Extension is offering face to face child care trainings, CPR and 1st Aid and a Nutrition class. Additionally there will be 4 online child care trainings for credit. Contact Myra Wilms for more information. There are Safe Serve trainings available, contact Mary Krisco.
- American Lung association provided a report of activities, there is \$45,000 to assist with efforts in Dallas County.
- LSI has a new family support coordinator Alyssa Barton.
- CCRR provided an update on the federal funds provided to child care providers, contact Kelly Phelps or Michelle Greenough for more information.
- Partners in Family Development have changed its name to The Short Years Partnership as they have merged with the Warren County Child Abuse council. Contact Sheena Sullivan for more information.
- Overdose awareness month is October 31st, contact Dawn Walton for more information.
- Zion is back to doing full service, face to face and groups. As a reminder they offer mobile crisis and administer Safe Harbor. Contact Erin Juel or Amy Orr for more information.
- 1st Five referrals were slow when the pandemic started by have increased. Contact Kyra Sorenson.
- He Dallas County Close Closter can be accessed by appointment, go [here](#). Healthiest State walk is October 7th sponsored by Delta Dental.

Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The Dallas County Early Childhood services map was reviewed. Contact Deb Schrader if there are any changes needed.
- DHS conducted a survey from child care providers as to the challenges they have due to the pandemic.
- Deb shared how the 4 R Kids ECI area aligns with the State of Iowa strategic plan for ECI.
- Data was shared on the Dallas County Health rankings. Dallas County ranks in the top 5 of 99 counties in most areas.
- The Board has two open positions on the board, contact Deb for more information.
- Deb updated the group regarding updating the community plan.

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- DCCAC was awarded \$22,047 each year for the next five years to provide sexual abuse prevention education to adults.
- CIAC will be contractor to provide sexual abuse prevention education and will look different due to the pandemic. A new curriculum may also be offered. Materials have been translated to other languages.
- The Council is required to provide two Connection Matters training to the community each year.
- Prevent Child Abuse Iowa will be having region meetings that is a required for councils to attend.
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Generation Wellness Update/Information

- [Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Conference](#) available online in 6 different sections.

Next meeting: September 23, 2020 at 10:30 and most likely will be held virtually.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader

