

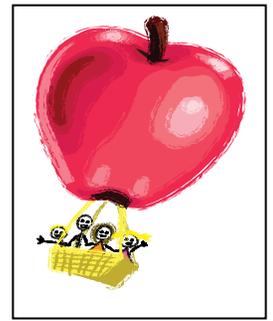
## Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes February 3, 2021

10:00 A.M.

Virtual Meeting by Zoom

**Meeting handouts are located [here](#).**



### Attendance

Shelby Marsden, Michelle Greenough, Veronica McVay, Val Cameron, Nikki Gunn, Michelle Greenough, Kerry Robertson, Ricki Schroeder, Dawn Holt, Holly Broich, Lynn Jenkins, Kate Granzno, Joe McQuery, Kelly Phelps, Myra Willms, Andrea Brown and Deb Schrader.

### Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and provided history regarding the Warren County EC Logo.

The committee thanked Warren County Public Health for the usage of the Zoom subscription for the meeting and thanks to Warren County Cares for the collaboration on meetings.

### COVID-19 Resources and Updates

There is a high demand for the vaccine and short supply.

### 4 R Kids ECI Board

- The board has a new board members representing Warren County, Nikki Gunn and 2 new members representing Adair County.
- Early Childhood Iowa conducted the designation process and the 4 R Kids ECI area board will be recommended for another 4 years of designation.
- The 4 R Kids website has undergone updating with the assistance of a SWCC student.
- The state [ECI annual report](#) has been posted online.
- The 2021 [federal poverty guidelines](#) have been released.
- The [Economic Policy Institute](#) has information by state regarding the cost of child care.

### Legislation

The legislative session is underway and there are several child care bills and a school choice bill. More information is found [here](#).

### Other

- 1<sup>st</sup> Five had 10 new referrals in January; several ASQ training for health care providers have been conducted.
- EFR provides a HALO program for children ages 3-6.
- EFR will be working on an assessment workbook in the next few months.
- Child Abuse Prevention Council will gearing up for awareness activities.
- Iowa AEYC has received \$7 million to support the WAGES program.
- A child care provider in Norwalk is a finalist for a 5-2-10 award.
- Short Years Partnership is conducting a diaper drive in collaboration with the Norwalk track team.

### Meetings and Collaboration

The Family Care Team and Warren County Cares have joined forces and will start having meetings as one. The Warren County Early Childhood committee is also willing to partner to impact policy and practice change and increase efficiencies. Nikki, Veronica and Deb will meet to discuss a phase in plan.

### Meeting Calendar

A draft meeting calendar of FY22 meetings was reviewed.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting is March 3, 2021.