

# Dallas County Coalition

Minutes  
By Zoom  
10:30am -12:00 pm  
Wednesday March 24, 2021

## 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](http://www.4rkids-eci.org).

## Attendance and Introductions

Kirsten Johnson (American Lung Association), Myra Willms (ISU Extension), Kelly Phelps (CCRR), Karen Goff (Broadlawns), Hannah Vander Kopsa (CIAC), Jeanette Luthringer (Every Step), Deb Seeman (The Short Years Partnership), Amanda McCall (Zion), Debb Franz (Juvenile Court), Lynn Jenkins (Every Step), Val Cameron (ISU Extension), Kyra Sorensen (Every Step), Jenny Felt (DCAT/CPPC), Ann Cochran (Dallas County Public Health), Michelle Greenough (CCRR), Shelby Marsden (Amerigroup), Marisue Hartung (ISU Extension), Mary Krisco (ISU Extension) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids ECI).

## COVID-19 Resources

There is funding coming from the [American Rescue Plan Act](#) check out [Iowa's Portion](#).

There is [Rent and Utilities Assistance](#) of \$195 Million to serve Iowa or <https://www.iowafinance.com/iowa-rent-and-utility-assistance-program/>. The application will be released on Monday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.

There are websites available to locate COVID-19 vaccines, [Vaccine Finder](#), [Vaccinate Iowa](#), and [Vaccine Spotter](#).

## Presentation

Every Step provided an overview of the 1<sup>st</sup> Five Program.

## Agency Sharing

- Amerigroup has partnered with Aunt Bertha to provide the [Community Resource Link](#), a free online platform that allows anyone in need to easily find and connect with local free and reduced-cost programs that can help them.
- American Lung Association has met 2 of 3 goals with the tobacco grant.
- DCAT/CPPC has trainings available April 6<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>. More information is in the [Dallas County Meeting Folder](#).
- ISU Extension is partnering to provide mental health training to child care providers.
- The Early Head Start program in Perry is getting close to opening.
- WIC will start serving Dallas County families face to face sometime in April.

## Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The Board has one open position in Dallas for the board, contact Deb for more information. The Board has released an request for proposal for early childhood programming and is located at [www.4rkids-eci.org](http://www.4rkids-eci.org).
- Deb provided an overview of childcare bills, child abuse prevention bills and odd bills.
- The Governor has issued executive order 8 created a 100 day child care task force to address child care issues in Iowa.

## Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- To date \$6,306.47 expended on child abuse prevention programming offered by CIAC.
- Overcoming Barriers and Nurturing Health Sexual Development training will be offered in Spanish.
- Connections Matter training will be offered April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Many child abuse awareness activities are planned for April (trainings, blue out day, fundraisers, proclamation etc)
- The [FY21 Child Abuse Prevention Conference](#) is May 3-4<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting is 4-21-21 at 10:30 by Zoom and Sheriff Leonard as an invited guest . Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader