



Early Childhood Iowa  
Monday Musings  
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Welcome to the ECI **Monday Musings**. It is a compilation of information, practical advice, training announcements, and/or success stories. **Monday Musings** is intended to disseminate information to Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholders in a timely fashion. (We may on occasion send out a separate email with information if it needs immediate attention or if for a specific audience.)

Please let us know if you have something you would like to contribute or have suggestions or comments at [jeffrey.anderson@iowa.gov](mailto:jeffrey.anderson@iowa.gov)

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*"Progress always involves risk; you can't steal second base and keep your foot on first."*  
—Frederick Wilcox

## State Information:

### Governor to Sign *Week of the Young Child Proclamation*

Join the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children for the signing of the 2015 Week of the Young Child Proclamation.

Thursday, April 9 at 2:20PM in the Governor's Formal Office (room 109 in the Capitol)

The Week of the Young Child celebration is April 12 -18, 2015.

For some ideas how to celebrate the week visit [NAEYC Week of the Young Child](#).

### TEXT4Baby

Has your ECI Area become an outreach partner? Iowa officially became a TEXT4Baby partner in this national initiative that is endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control. Mothers receive three free text messages a week, timed to their due date or their baby's birth date, through pregnancy and up until the baby's first birthday. The messages address topics such as labor signs and symptoms, prenatal care, urgent alerts, developmental milestones, immunizations, nutrition, birth defect prevention, safe sleep, safety, and more.

Local ECI areas and family support programs can become outreach partners for TEXT4Baby. To learn more: <https://www.text4baby.org/index.php/about>

## **Doing the Right Thing for Children: Eight Qualities of Leadership**

### **Iowa AEYC's Spring Leadership Institute**

May 16, 2015

Altoona, Iowa

**Maurice Sykes, special guest and keynoter.**

We (Iowa AEYC) invite you and your colleagues to join us for the annual Spring Leadership Institute, bringing together early childhood leaders across the state for appropriate professional development.

**Registration is now open!** Please share the **attached form and information** about the day with your colleagues and distribution lists. [www.iowaaeyc.org](http://www.iowaaeyc.org)

### **Parents as Teachers: Foundational and Model Implementation Training in Iowa**

There is a new training opportunity for the Foundational and Model Implementation trainings April 27 - May 1 2015 in Indianola, Iowa.

Don't wait, space is limited and registration closes at midnight on April 13th.

For more information, please go to our website at [www.parentsasteachers.org](http://www.parentsasteachers.org) and click on the portal log-in link in the upper right corner. You'll find all open trainings under the "education" column. To register click on "class schedules". (You must be logged in to register for trainings)

#### **Address of training:**

Wells Fargo Financial Center  
515 N Jefferson Way 2nd Floor Conference Room  
Indianola IA 50125

#### **Hotel Suggestion:**

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g38017-Indianola\\_Iowa-Hotels.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g38017-Indianola_Iowa-Hotels.html)

#### **Pricing:**

Foundational and Model Training	\$1000
Foundational Training	\$900
Model Implementation	\$300

#### **Agendas**

[Foundational Training Agenda \(3-Day\)](#)

[Model Implementation Agenda \(2-Day\)](#)

[Cancellation Policy \(Rev 1-14\)](#)

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## Federal Information:

### Head Start: 50 Years of Opportunities

Fifty years ago our nation made a commitment to opening windows of opportunity for at risk children. Since the summer of 1965, more than 32 million children have benefitted from Head Start's comprehensive services - they have become business women and men, professors, teachers, lawyers, elected officials, foundation Presidents, Grammy-winning musicians, poets, and parents.

To honor [Head Start's 50th anniversary](#), the National Head Start Association (NHSA) is leading a year-long celebration to celebrate our shared commitment to ensuring every child is given a foundation for future success, in school and in life. If you are a proud Head Start alumni, [identify yourself](#) and join us in celebrating the incredible difference Head Start is making in the lives of at-risk families across the country.

### CCDF Reauthorization Frequently Asked Questions

The Office of Child Care (OCC) has posted responses to a selection of frequently asked questions (FAQs) related to the Reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). The FAQs can be found on [this page](#) of the OCC Web site.

Since the law was reauthorized in November, many questions have been submitted, including through the OCC CCDF Reauthorization e-mail address, through OCC Regional Offices, and during meetings and webinars. We know that the FAQs that we have posted do not address all the questions that have been raised, but they cover a wide range of topics; we believe that they will help CCDF grantees as they continue the work of implementing the new law.

## Other Information:

### Webinar: The Performance Imperative: Living Up to the Promise of the Social Sector

Hear how nonprofits, foundations, and public agencies can use the *Performance Imperative* as their North Star to guide them on a journey of continuous improvement to achieve better, more sustainable outcomes for communities, children, adults and families.

**Date:** Thu, April 16, 2015

**Time:** 3:00 PM EDT

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes

For more information or to register: [Social Solutions](#)

### Public Release Briefing for the Institute of Medicine and National Research Council Report "Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth to Age Eight: A Unifying Foundation"

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) and The National Research Council (NRC) is pleased to announce the release of the report, *Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth to Age Eight: A Unifying Foundation*, authored by the Committee on the Science of Children Birth to Age Eight: Deepening and Broadening the Foundation for Success.

For more information or to register for webcast: [IOM](#)

**For more information about Early Childhood Iowa, visit our website:**

<http://www.earlychildhoodiowa.org/>

**To join the ECI Stakeholders, please complete the commitment survey at:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FSXR5F2>

**2015 ECI Meeting Calendar:**

**ECI State Board**

10:00 – 1:00

April 3

June 5

September 4 November 6

**ECI State Dept. Directors**

8:30 – 9:30

May 1

October 2

**ECI Stakeholders Alliance**

3 – 4 Hour meetings

May 12 (PM)

September 8 (AM)

December 8 (PM)

**ECI Steering Committee**

Time Varies

April 2 (9:00 AM – Noon)

June 4 (9:00 AM – Noon)

August 4 (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM)

October 1 (9:00 AM – Noon)

November 5 (9:00 AM – Noon)

**ECI Area Directors**

All day

April 8

(June will be regional meetings)

September 16

(December will be regional meetings)