



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

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*Careful the things you say,
Children will listen.*

*Careful the things you do,
Children will see and learn.*

*Children may not obey
But, children will listen.*

*Children will look to you
For which way to turn,
To learn what to be.*

*Careful before you say,
"Listen to me".*

Children will listen.

Into the Woods – *Stephen Sondheim*
(Video: [Mandy Patinkin](#))

State Information:

Orchard Place Presents An Evening Reception

Featuring - Dr. Marva Lewis

Tulane University

Wednesday June 10, 2015 4:30 – 6:30 PM

Holiday Inn Airport, 6111 Fleur Drive Des Moines, IA

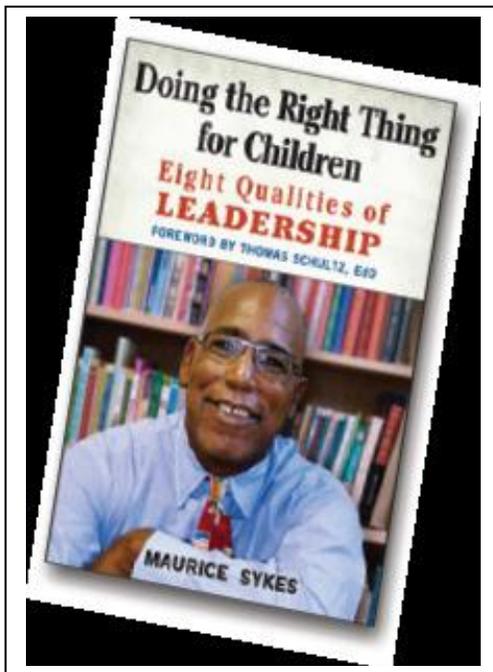
Dr. Lewis will explore the public health issues of the historical trauma of slavery. Her presentation will focus on the social indexes of health and well-being that are particularly relevant to child welfare and juvenile justice systems in our country today. Her research will be exhibited through the story of one African American family and their seven points of vulnerability as they navigate through these systems. Her message is a timely and awakening call for change.



To register please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/TIC2015home>. Registration is \$10 which includes hors d'oeuvres and a lecture by Dr. Lewis speaking at 5:30pm. Questions call Nancy Bogges at 515-246-3531.

Iowa Association for the
Education of Young Children
Spring Leadership
Institute

Putting the Pieces Together:
Eight Qualities of Leadership
May 16, 2015



Want to be a leader in early childhood? Are you a leader in early childhood? Know someone who should be a leader in early childhood? Then you need to come to the Iowa AEYC Spring Leadership Event. You will receive Maury Sykes, *Doing the Right Thing for Children – Eight Qualities of Leadership*, and have an opportunity to spend time with other leaders learning how to become the leader you want to be. You will learn about the eight qualities he believes are important for a leader: human potential, knowledge, social justice, competence, fun and enjoyment, personal renewal, perseverance, and courage.

We hope to see you at the Spring Leadership Event; this will be an opportunity to have fun and network with other leaders in the field. We would appreciate you sharing this with others who you know who might be interested so they have an opportunity to hear this charismatic speaker.

To Register: [Iowa AEYC Spring Leadership Institute](#)

Federal Information:

Webinar : Administration for Children and Families

The Early Childhood Self-Assessment Tool for Shelters: Success in Practice
Thursday, May 21 - from 2:30 to 3:30 PM (ET) Registration Link [here](#).

The [Early Childhood Self-Assessment Tool for Family Shelters](#), developed by the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is intended to help shelter staff ensure their facilities are safe and appropriate for the development of young children. Family shelters provide essential services to the entire family - including infants, toddlers, and preschoolers during a difficult time in their lives. As you work to connect families to permanent housing, you can ensure that your shelter environment assists the physical, socio-emotional, nutritional, and intellectual development of children ages 0-5 to support these children through their experience of homelessness. Creating a safe, developmentally appropriate environment will assure that the infants,

toddlers, and preschoolers in your shelter have the best possible start to a bright future as they exit homelessness into permanent housing.

To support the use of the tool, USICH is hosting a webinar -- The Early Childhood Assessment Tool for Shelters: Success in Practice -- on **Thursday, May 21, 2:30 - 3:30 PM ET**. In addition to leaders from HHS and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), community presenters from housing and early childhood will highlight their experiences with joint implementation of the assessment tool and the benefits it has yielded for their shelters in support of the overall goal of ending homelessness among families.

Presenters:

Jasmine Hayes, Policy Director, USICH

Norman Suchar, Director, Special Needs Assistance Programs, HUD

Ebony Rankin, Special Needs Assistance Specialist, HUD

Marsha Basloe, Senior Advisor for Early Childhood Development, ACF, HHS

Shannon Rudisill, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood, ACF, HHS

Grace Whitney, CT Head Start Collaboration Office Director

Susan Compton Agamy, Executive Director, Spooner House

Jamie Peterson, Director of Child & Family Development, TEAM Early Education

Registration Link [here](#).

U.S. Department of Education: Office of Early Learning

Message from the Deputy Assistant Secretary Libby Doggett

High-Quality Preschool so that Every Child Achieves

We are working hard at the federal level to augment and stimulate expansion of preschool at the state and local levels. In April we took a small step forward: the [Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions \(HELP\)](#) added a new competitive grant program called the Early Learning Alignment and Improvement Grants to their rewrite of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This program would provide funding for states to improve coordination, quality, and access to early education. In addition, the bill includes new specific supports for early learning in Titles II, IV, V, and X and retains the allowed use of Title I funds for preschool.

Secretary Duncan applauded the leadership of Chairman Alexander, Senator Murray and the members of the HELP Committee on this and other important aspects of the bipartisan [Every Child Achieves Act](#) proposal. Though there is still much to be done to make it a good law, the bill now honors the widespread bipartisan call to expand access to high-quality preschool.

Other Information:

NIEER (National Institute for Early Education Research):

NIEER has released the *State of Preschool 2014* today. State pre-K programs may have turned a corner in 2013-2014, but progress remains slow. If pre-K is to be made available to even all children under 200 percent of the poverty level within the next 20 years, state investments will have to grow at a much faster pace. Read more [here](#).

Speak Up for Kids

The Child Mind Institute is committed to finding effective treatments for childhood psychiatric and learning disorders, building the science of healthy brain development, and empowering children and their families with help, hope, and answers. Helpful resources provided by The Child Mind Institute include: "Speak up for Kids" [achieved webcasts](#) featuring leaders in the field of mental health, youth and their parents, and celebrities who have experienced mental illness who address barriers to getting care.

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

June 5

September 11

November 6

September 16

(December will be regional meetings)

ECI Stakeholders Alliance

3 – 4 Hour meetings

May 12 (PM)

September 8 (AM)

December 8 (PM)

ECI Area Directors

All day

April 8

(June will be regional meetings)

ECI State Dept. Directors

8:30 – 10:30 AM

October 2

ECI Steering Committee

Time Varies

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)