



Early Childhood Iowa Monday Musings May 26, 2015 2015 Vol. 2, No. 21

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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“The average college kid idealistically wishes everybody could have ice cream and cake for every meal. But as he gets older and gives more thought to his and his fellow man's responsibilities, he finds that it can't work out that way—that some people just won't carry their load ... I believe in welfare—a welfare work program. I don't think a fella should be able to sit on his backside and receive welfare.”

(Interview 1971)

-John Wayne (May 26, 1907 – June 11, 1979)

State Information:

ECI Webinar: The Impact of Domestic Violence on Young Children

Date: June 3, 2015

Time: 10:00 AM (Central Time)

Presenter: Leah Kinnaird, IA Department of Human Services

This webinar will explore the impact of domestic violence exposure on children from zero to three – from brain development to behavior. Early childhood is when children are most at risk for long term impacts related to domestic violence. In addition, we will discuss what initiatives the Department of Human Services is currently working on to improve our practice with children and families experiencing domestic violence. Time for questions and other inquiries will be included.

There is not a registration for this webinar.

To join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/449244510>

Or join by phone:

+1 (415) 762-9988 or +1 (646) 568-7788 (US Toll)

Meeting ID: 449 244 510

IA Dept. of Public Health Seeks Public Input for the FFY16 Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant

The Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health and Child Health Specialty Clinics would like your input concerning the priorities, needs, and proposed program activities for the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant application for FFY16. The priorities and proposed program

activities are available on the IDPH website through June 17th for public input. The website address is: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/title_v.asp

Please review the priorities and proposed public health strategies and activities for Iowa. Priorities are based on the Iowa's Needs Assessment (<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/titleVneedsassessment/>). The survey is asking for feedback on four types of documents:

- The Title V Needs Assessment Summary
- The proposed Five Year Action Plan
- The previous 18 National Performance Measures
- The previous eight State Performance Measures

Please provide your feedback in the online survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016titlevpublicinput>

Even if you do not have any comments regarding the proposed activities, please take a moment to complete the survey stating that you had no comments. This is a way we can track and evaluate the effectiveness of web-based distribution.

ECI Webinar Recording: Child Care Assistance Program -101

The Child Care Assistance Program Webinar and the supporting materials are now available on the ECI Website: [Child Care Assistance Program -101](#)

Reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Updates

The Department of Human Services is continually updated its Webpage regarding CCDBG and the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) state plan preparation. To see the materials visit: [Reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant](#)

Federal Information:

Healthy and Ready to Learn: *The Importance of Health Services in Head Start* By Marco Beltran, DrPH, Senior Head Start Program Specialist

When you think about a high-quality early childhood program, what does it look like? Does it look different for children from low-income families? Very few early childhood programs are designed to address the complex needs of their communities. Yet, Head Start, which serves pregnant women and children ages birth to 5 from low-income families, is designed to address the individual child, family, and community.

Almost 50 years later, the Office of Head Start has not diverged from its original purpose: "To promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of low-income children through health, education, nutrition, social, and other services." Building upon our history, we have developed a health vision for Head Start that says, "Head Start will ensure that all children are healthy and ready for school."

To read the full article: [Health and Ready to Learn](#)

Federal Agencies Draft Policy Regarding the Inclusion of Young Children with Disabilities

On May 12th at a special plenary federal panel at the 2015 Frank Porter Graham Inclusion Institute, the U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services debuted a **draft policy statement** with recommendations to states, local educational agencies, schools, and public and private early childhood programs for increasing the inclusion of infants, toddlers, and preschool children with disabilities in high-quality early childhood programs.

“The federal interagency policy statement on inclusion is a significant milestone for all of us in the field of early development and education,” said FPG senior scientist Pamela J. Winton. “By building upon the [2009 position statement on inclusion](#) developed by the two early childhood professional organizations, the Division for Early Childhood and the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the recommendations in the new policy statement solidify the federal commitment to moving the implementation of inclusion beyond the current status quo.”

The new draft policy statement defines inclusion as the practice of including children with disabilities (regardless of the level of disability) in early childhood programs with their peers without disabilities. The statement recaps research in support of inclusion’s benefits to children with and without disabilities, outlines the legal foundation for inclusion, points out specific challenges to inclusion, and makes several state and system recommendations.

“What we know from implementation science suggests much work needs to be done to ensure the statement is more than just another piece of paper,” said Winton, who chairs the Inclusion Institute. “‘Who is in charge of next steps?’ and ‘How do we mobilize the passion and energy of individuals and groups on this topic?’ is an interesting set of questions that I hope can be addressed by leaders in the field.”

[The full Draft Policy Statement on Inclusion is available here.](#)

Other Information:

Mark Shriver, President, Save the Children Action Network
In Iowa June 3, 2015



Join Save the Children Action Network President **Mark K. Shriver** for a fascinating evening devoted to the importance and opportunities around investing in quality early childhood education programs in Iowa. This exciting event will take place at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center near the Des Moines Airport.** [Register to join us.](#)



The evening will kick off with a reception from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for Iowans passionate about early childhood to speak with Mark Shriver.

At 7:00 p.m. we will screen a 20-minute segment from the new PBS documentary *A Path Appears*. This amazing documentary, by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn and, featuring Save the Children Artist Ambassador Jennifer Garner, makes a compelling case for why investing in kids is the best way to combat poverty.

We'll be showing a part of the film that tells the story of how helping an at-risk kid when they're young can have an enormous impact. After the film we will hear from Mark and a group of expert panelists about how investing in early childhood is smart public policy, and how programs that help kids help our entire community.

[Space is limited, so register TODAY to join us for this exciting event.](#)

Where: The Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport/Conference Center

6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321

When: Wednesday, June 3, 6:00 p.m.

Light refreshments provided

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

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

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

2015 ECI Meeting Calendar:

ECI State Board

10:00 – 1:00

June 5

September 11

November 6

ECI Stakeholders Alliance

3 – 4 Hour meetings

September 8 (AM)

December 8 (PM)

ECI Area Directors

All day

April 8

(June will be regional meetings)

September 16

(December 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)