



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)

Back Issues of Monday Musing are available [here](#).

*“Leaders must invoke an alchemy of great vision.” – Henry Kissinger*

## State Information:

### SAVE THE DATE: ECI Stakeholder Alliance Meeting Change of Date

Because of the Labor Holiday, the ECI Stakeholder meeting will be held the afternoon of September 15, 2015.

More details will be sent in the next few weeks

### ECI Steering Committee Seeks Nominations

The ECI Governance Component Group is seeking nominations to fill two at-large positions on the ECI Steering Committee.

These are unfinished terms (One year and two years) and those elected would be available to fill two additional 3 –year terms.

If you are interested in nominating someone or yourself, please complete and submit the attached nomination form by August 28, 2015. Submission information is included on nomination form.



Iowa Culture is a mobile app that is a fun and interactive way to **discover arts, history and cultural destinations** in Iowa. Explore places by category, browse featured tours and save favorites to create your own Iowa Culture adventure. The possibilities are endless with mapping tools to direct you to more than **3,500 sites across 99 counties covering 56,272 square miles**.

To find out more: [Iowa Culture](#)

## AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children Program Year 2015-2016

- *Are you looking for an opportunity to make a real difference in the community?*
- *Do you want to gain new skills and experiences?*
- *Are you passionate about strengthening families and communities?*



**Member Activities:** AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children members serve in **Community Partnerships to Protect Children (CPPC)** sites throughout **Iowa**. Members work directly with local site coordinators to assist efforts to prevent child abuse by building community capacity through awareness and collaboration. They engage community stakeholders in providing families and children with supports and resources to keep children safe from abuse and neglect.

**Member Benefits:** Members gain valuable experience and build career skills while making positive contributions to local CPPC sites. By completing **1,700 hours** of AmeriCorps service from start date **September 1, 2015** through **August 31, 2016**, the member will receive:

- Taxable living allowance of \$12,530 per year
- Health care benefits
- Child care benefits for members who meet state income eligibility criteria
- Student loan forbearance on qualified student loans
- An educational award of \$5730 upon successful completion of the service term
- Excellent training opportunities
- Leadership experience and skill development
- Hands-on experience in a professional setting

**Program Management:** This program is administered by Iowa State University.

**Application Process:** Applications are open **now through November 15, 2014**. To apply please send resume or contact Amanda McCurley, Program Director at Iowa State University: [ajmcc@iastate.edu](mailto:ajmcc@iastate.edu) (515-294-7340).

## Federal Information:

### Raising of America Documentary Series Now Available

*The Raising of America* documentary series and public engagement campaign explores how a strong start for all of our children can lead to a healthier, stronger and more equitable America. On June 15, Libby Doggett and Linda Smith co-facilitated the screening of Episode 1 of this new documentary series and led a discussion following the screening.

In her comments following the screening, Linda Smith said, "We have the science, but we don't use it. Our field already knows it and so what do we do to move beyond this to the business community and the faith community? Child care IS early education, but we separate it out and it's not working for us.

We can't just look at one solution to this problem, but answers lie in the workforce. For too long we've tried to use grandparents or 'welfare' mothers, but this is very sophisticated stuff and we need the workforce to be paid. This is one solution to the problem." You can find information on The Raising of America [here](#).

## Welcome to Office of Head Start Health Talks

Health Talk is a pre-recorded video or podcast that allows health managers to explore deeper into specific health topics.

The Health Talks include two series:

- **Health Chats:** Listen, as new tools and strategies are discussed to improve health outcomes for children.
- **Ask the Experts:** Get answers to frequently asked questions from pediatricians, dentists, psychologists, and other health professionals.

Health Talks offer an easy way to learn more about some of the health issues that concern the early childhood community. Health professionals, technical assistance providers, and other early childhood health and safety staff share information on a variety of topics. The topics are chosen based on questions and suggestions submitted from the field.

Go here for access: [Health Chat](#)

Send your suggestions for the next Ask the Expert or Health Chat presentations to [nchinfo@aap.org](mailto:nchinfo@aap.org).

## Other Information:

### Job Opportunity: Child Care Consultant

Region 2 Child Care Resource & Referral is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Child Care Consultant to support the work of child care providers in Northeast Iowa. The position is 1.0 FTE and the office is in Mason City. Bachelor's degree in early childhood or related field and two years' experience in child care/education required. Required skills include demonstrated/proven leadership and facilitation, adult education, self-initiative, and direction, team player, and detail-oriented. Travel to various locations throughout the service area and occasional evening/weekend hours required. To apply, visit [www.episervice.org](http://www.episervice.org) EOE.

## Iowa AEYC Early Care and Education Fall Summit: September 18-19, 2015: *Our Journey to One Goal: The Successful Child*



Iowa Association for the  
Education of Young Children

We invite you to join hundreds of other Iowa early childhood care and education professionals at this year's Early Care & Education Institute: *Our Journey to One Goal – the Successful Child*. Registrants can choose to attend one, two or three days. PLEASE NOTICE this year: we are offering a special rate for

Saturday-only, for teaching staff unable to attend during the week. We are also offering a new online individual registration option and a group registration form (paper copy).

### **Fall Summit Feature**

The preliminary list of workshops for the Early Care and Education Fall Institute is now posted on the Iowa AEYC website! This list includes the title of the workshop, description, intended audience, day of presentation and other details. Get an idea of the variety of offerings and start planning for your institute now! The final program, including specific workshop times, will be posted in early September.

To register, visit this website, <http://www.iowaaeyc.org/iowa-aeyc-institutes.cfm>. You will find a complete registration book as well as the online form and paper forms. Be sure to check the website regularly for updates on the Institute! Thank you for forwarding this on to your members, your staff and other colleagues who might be interested.



Please join us for a webinar:  
*Pay-for-Success Initiatives for Early Childhood Programs*

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

1:30p - 3:00p ET

Evidence-based early childhood programs, such as home visiting and high-quality preschool, hold enormous promise to improve the early health, education, and development of at-risk children, helping them and their parents break the cycle of intergenerational poverty. Although Congress has increased investments in early childhood programs, these services reach only a fraction of the low-income children and families who could benefit from them. Pay-for-success initiatives, in which the government pays for set outcomes rather than social services, is quickly becoming a mechanism for local and state governments to finance evidence-based early childhood services for children and families. This webinar describes the basic concepts of pay-for-success initiatives and explores the goals, components, and status of three pay-for-success projects currently in development and in operation involving preschool and home visiting programs.

#### **Panelists:**

**Joe Waters, Vice President, Institute for Child Success (ICS)**, will provide an overview of pay-for-success financing and describe foundational work that ICS performed to determine the feasibility of pay-for-success models in South Carolina.

**Tamar Bauer, Chief Policy Officer, Nurse-Family Partnership**, will discuss Nurse-Family Partnership's involvement in a pay-for-success initiative in South Carolina to deliver nurse home visiting services to pregnant women and their infants.

**Janis Dubno, Early Education Policy Director, Voices for Utah Children**, will discuss the Utah High Quality Preschool Program, which is delivering a high impact and targeted curriculum to increase school readiness for 3 and 4-year-old children in Salt Lake County.

**Fraser Nelson, Director of Data and Innovation, Salt Lake County Mayor's Office**, will discuss the Salt

Lake County Maternal and Child Health Pay for Success project to deliver the Parents as Teachers home visiting model to improve maternal and birth outcomes.

Register



Building the Capacity of our Charitable Sector  
Through Volunteer Management & Nonprofit Effectiveness

**Save the Date - Monday, November 09, 2015 - Tuesday, November 10, 2015**

Scheman Building  
Lincoln Way & University Blvd  
Ames, Iowa 50011  
United States

#### **ABOUT THE IOWA NONPROFIT SUMMIT**

This biennial conference offers essential learning opportunities for Iowa nonprofit and volunteer management professionals and features outstanding keynote presentations, dozens of break-out sessions, networking opportunities, and exhibitors demonstrating the latest resources available to help nonprofits and volunteer programs excel.

For more information go [here](#).

#### **Preventing Childhood Injury Conference**

**Registration is now open for the 2015 Preventing Childhood Injury Conference!  
September 29, 2015**



**Blank Children's Hospital**  
**UnityPoint Health**

**Registration:** Pre-registration is required; limited seating. Only online registrations will be accepted. For more information or to register: [Click here](#).

**Intended Audience:** Injury prevention advocates, public health professionals, nurses, public safety officials (fire, law enforcement, EMS), school professionals and others interested in injury prevention.

**Purpose:** To educate health professionals and injury prevention advocates on injury prevention strategies and interventions for lasting success. This program will provide participants with tools that they can take back to their local community and use to promote the health and safety of children.

**Objective:** To explore the ever-changing world of technology and its impact on childhood injury.

**Tentative Topics:**

- Pediatric Concussion
- Bullying Research and Prevention
- Prescription Drug Abuse in Youth and Adolescents
- Days, Weeks, Months? How to make sense of safety initiatives all year long.

**Cost:** \$30 - Early Bird Registration until July 31.

\$50 - Registration from August 1 - September 18.

**CEUs:** EMS CEUs will be provided at no cost.

**Committee for Economic Development Child Care Study Released**

The Committee for Economic Development has released a child care economic study entitled, *Child Care in State Economies*, which focuses on the use of paid child care and related economic impact within communities (e.g., labor force participation, spillover impact from local purchases of goods and services, and jobs generated, etc.). One of our goals is to have the report findings contribute to the national and state dialogue about the need for high quality child care.

Forbes ran a story about the study which you can view at

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/annabahney/2015/08/18/this-is-why-you-should-care-about-child-care-even-if-you-dont-have-kids/>, and CED has developed a new web page at

<https://www.ced.org/childcareimpact> which is now live to house the full report, executive summary, state fact sheets and talking points, social media posts, and more.

**Publications and Multi-Media Products from a National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families**

The National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families creates materials in a variety of formats—including tip sheets, fact sheets, research-to-practice briefs, reports, guides, toolkits, training resources, videos, and more—to support the integration of healthy marriage and relationship education skills into safety-net service systems as a holistic approach to strengthening families. All resources are currently available for free through the National Resource Center’s virtual library [here](#).

**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

September 11 (Council Bluffs)

November 6 (Des Moines)

**ECI Stakeholders Alliance**

3 – 4 Hour meetings

September 15 (AM)

December 8 (PM)

**ECI Area Directors**

September 16

December 9

**ECI State Dept. Directors**

8:30 – 10:30 AM

October 2

**ECI Steering Committee**

October 1 (9:00 AM – Noon)

November 5 (9:00 AM – Noon)