



Early Childhood Iowa
Monday Musings
August 31, 2015
2015 Vol. 2, No. 31

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

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

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

State Information:

ECI Stakeholder Alliance Meeting September 15, 2015

The next meeting for the Stakeholder Alliance is scheduled for:

September 15, 2015

9:00 AM -12”30 PM

Jordan Creek Town Center (Mall) – Community Room ([Map](#))

101 Jordan Creek Parkway

West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

On the Agenda (See attached agenda for details):

- Annual Election of Chairs and At-Large Steering Committee
- Adopt Policies and Procedures
- Review of Iowa Code 256I.12 Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholders Alliance
- Federal CCDBG Reauthorization
- World Café

There will also be a post-meeting presentation on Community Impact – Presented by Doug Griesenauer, MSW

Sr. Manager - Community Building, United Way of East Central Iowa – from 1:30 – 3:00PM

To register your attendance (by September 11) please go here: [September 15, 2015 ECI SA RSVP](#)

Early Childhood Iowa State Board to Visit Council Bluffs

The ECI State Board will be in Council Bluffs September 10 – 11, 2015. The host for the two days is Promise Partners, which is the Pottawattamie County ECI Board.

On the 10th, a reception will be held 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Holiday Inn and Suites with local providers of early childhood services will have display booths with staff to provide information to the state board members about their services and programs.

On the 11th, state board members will be able to visit a child care center, a preschool or a family support program to observe and learn more about these ECI funded programs. Following the visits, the board meeting will be held from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. at the same hotel as the reception.



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](#)

Federal Information:

A New Partnership for Early Childhood Teaching



By Linda K. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development

Early childhood is a time of enormous growth and development. Children are developing more rapidly during the early years of life than at any other time in their lives. We know the relationship between the adult and the child is the single biggest predictor of quality. It is not surprising then that our early childhood teachers are the most critical components of high-quality early learning programs and ensuring that children enter school ready to learn.

I traveled last week with Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell as we visited northwest Montana. I enjoyed returning to Montana where I was born and raised. I volunteered at one of the first Head Start programs on Flathead Reservation, an

experience that influenced my education and career choices. Montana is home - where I went to college (University of Montana), started my career in early childhood education, and where I raised my family in northern Cheyenne. It was good to visit the Flathead Reservation to hear directly from tribal leaders, members, and staff about their innovations in early childhood education, including their successes and challenges.

While in Montana, Secretary Burwell announced a first of its kind partnership between *Early EdU: An Alliance for Head Start and Early Childhood Teaching* through the University of Washington and Salish Kootenai College (SKC), a postsecondary educational institution for Native Americans.

Early EdU is an alliance of Institutions of Higher Education working together to increase access to affordable bachelor's degrees, offering relevant coursework and effective college instruction for early care and education professionals working with preschool-age children. The Office of Head Start at ACF initiated the project for a variety of reasons, including:

- The increasing demand for a high-quality early childhood workforce, given the latest neuroscience and the importance of the earliest years;
- The need for greater access to higher education degree programs (including online and non-traditional options) for the early childhood workforce, who are generally underpaid and overworked and lack the time and resources to attain a degree; and
- The concern that existing bachelor degree programs lack in quality, applicability, and accessibility.

EarlyEdU consists of a set of college-level, competency based courses in early childhood education, delivered in conjunction with students' field-based learning. The courses, developed by a cadre of national experts led by the University of Washington, include open source reading, video lectures, interactive knowledge checks, guest expert lectures, student reflection and peer learning, coaching, and competency-based assignments.

To accompany the courses, Office of Head Start also funded the development of the *Coaching Companion*, a web-based platform that enables coaching and consultation, virtual peer learning, , and tracking progress in practice over time.

EarlyEdU is developing a consortium of institutes of higher education that will pilot the courses in the Spring of 2016 with support from the Office of Head Start and the University of Washington. The consortium will also participate in faculty institutes to share best practice and contribute to the ongoing development of this evidence based approach to teaching and learning. Broader roll out of Early EdU will include a special focus on high priority partners including tribal colleges, Historically Black Colleges and

Universities (HBCU), and Hispanic serving institutions (HSI), given the great need for a diverse high-quality early learning workforce.

The partnership with SKC marks one of the first commitments made by an institution of higher education, and the first commitment by a tribal college, to pilot Early EdU. This first-of-its-kind partnership between SKC and Early EdU is an important step forward in ensuring that young children in tribal communities have access to high-quality early childhood programs, with knowledgeable teachers who are well equipped to provide enriching and nurturing early experiences. It is a model for other tribes, States, and communities around the country.

For more information on EarlyEdU, click here: [The National Center on Quality Teaching and Learning](#) (NCQTL)

To learn more about Salish Kootenai College, click here: <http://www.skcedu/>

This blog appears on ACF's The Family Room Blog at

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog/2015/08/a-new-partnership-for-early-childhood-teaching>.

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.

Other Information:

The Committee for Economic Development Releases a Child Care Economic Study

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.

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 early bird deadline for the Iowa AEYC Fall Institute is fast approaching! Be sure to register for the institute today to save big. Those who register before the September 4th deadline save an average of nearly 40% on their Institute registration fee. Don't miss out on this opportunity and be sure to remind your friends! Register for the institute here.

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.



FIRST FOCUS

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](#).

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.

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)