



Early Childhood Iowa Monday Musings September 21, 2015 2015 Vol. 2, No. 34

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 are visionaries with a poorly developed sense of fear and no concept of the odds against them." – Robert Jarvik

State Information:

Early Childhood Iowa Releases Spanish Edition of the Iowa Early Learning Standards

Through a contract from the Early Childhood Iowa Office, Iowa AEYC worked with language specialists to translate the Iowa Early Learning Standards (IELS) into Spanish. There are no plans to print the standards at this time, but feel free to print all or parts of the standards as you like. The Spanish IELS are available on the ECI webpage at: [IELS Spanish Edition](#)

Federal Information:

U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services Release Guidance on Including Children with Disabilities in High-Quality Early Childhood Programs :

Secretary Duncan announced in Kansas City, Missouri, during first stop of back-to-school bus tour

On September 14, the U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services released a policy statement highlighting the importance of making sure that all young children with disabilities have access to inclusive high-quality early childhood programs. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced the new policy statement in Kansas City, Missouri, during the first stop of his back-to-school bus tour.

The policy statement sets a vision for States, local educational agencies, schools, and public and private early childhood programs to strengthen and increase the number of inclusive high-quality early childhood programs nationwide. As the country continues to move forward on the critical task of expanding access to high-quality early childhood programs for all young children, it is imperative that children with disabilities be included in these efforts.

You can find more information about the policy statement [here](#) and read the full policy statement attached. The policy statement and executive summary will also be posted on the [ECD website](#).

[Duncan](#) made the announcement during the Education Department's sixth annual [back-to-school bus tour](#) launch event at Woodland Early Learning Community School in Kansas City, Missouri. After the announcement, senior administration officials held a roundtable with state leaders in both Kansas and Missouri on supporting inclusion efforts. Both states committed to mobilizing existing early childhood councils or taskforces to prioritize inclusion and implement recommendations in the policy statement, leading the way for other states.

For more information developed in Iowa regarding inclusive programs, visit here: [ECSE Inclusion Brochure](#)

Other Information:

Paper Tigers Pre-View

You are invited to attend a screening of a new documentary developed by James Redford. The documentary examines the impact of trauma on children, and how one school changed its system to respond appropriately. The screening will be held at the Fleur Cinema in Des Moines on Tuesday, October 20th at 1:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. It is completely free to attend. (See next page for more information.)

The trailer can be found here: <http://www.papertigersmovie.com/>

To register for the 1 p.m. screening and learn more: [Paper-Tiger Preview](#)

Will You Help Light the Way?



Hi,

This is a key moment in our world's history. **Later this month, world leaders from nearly 200 countries will meet in New York City to announce new global goals to tackle poverty, inequality and more.**

But these new global goals will only be met if world leaders know we're watching.

That's why I'm inviting you to join me for the Under One Sky event I'm helping to organizing at the Agora in Hemlock Commons at Drake University on September 24 at 8 p.m. On the night before these new goals are announced, we will light the way for a better future and show world leaders that we want them to make good on these promises.



[Will you join me there?](#)

On September 24 all over the world – from Australia to Rwanda to cities and towns across the United States – people will gather to call on world leaders to make these goals a reality.

As a Save the Children Action Network Student Ambassador, I'm organizing this event with our friends at The ONE Campaign because we know that the decisions world leaders make this month will have a big impact on our futures.

Together we can create a future where all children have access to education, nutritious food, clean water and healthcare.

But I need your voice to make it happen.

Here are all the details you need to join me at this event:

What: Under One Sky event – we'll have inspiring speakers and glow sticks to help light the way to a better world.

When: Thursday, September 24 @ 8 p.m.

Where: Agora, Drake University (open air theatre in front of Hubble Dining Hall)
Parking is available at the Olmsted Student Center

[Click here to learn more.](#)

I'm optimistic that we have the power to create extraordinary change for children and the world.

I hope you'll join me and help light the way to a better future.

Taylor Morris
Student Ambassador
Save the Children Action Network

BECOME A *CONNECTIONS MATTER* ADVOCATE!

CARING RELATIONSHIPS CAN GIVE CHILDREN A GREAT START. THEY CAN HELP PEOPLE WITH A HISTORY OF TRAUMA HEAL. THEY CAN IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORS AND THE WELL-BEING OF FAMILIES.

Connections Matter is a community effort. Connections Matter wants everyone to know that fostering connections with the children, families and adults in your life matters to developing healthy brains and strong communities.

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We will arm you with the facts, stories, tools and materials to carry this message into your communities. Our campaign will kick off on **September 30** with the following resources:

TRAINING: Take one of our train-the-presenter workshops on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. The three-hour workshop will teach you how to deliver a short presentation in settings such as lunch-and-learns and local group meetings. You will receive a PowerPoint presentation with notes as well as take-away materials for participants. Registration will launch in mid-August.

MATERIALS: Find tools to raise awareness of this issue in your community. Materials will include the Connections Matter logo (customizable by community), social media messages and infographics.

WEBSITE: Become immersed in the science behind the campaign and how you can take action through stories, fact sheets and resource links on our ConnectionsMatter.org website.

Sign up for updates about the September 30 launch at [What's your connection?](#)

Connections Matter strives to spark active relationship building in Central Iowa – and beyond! The campaign provides a message to advance individual support and community engagement work already underway as well as to inspire new initiatives. To learn how Connections Matter can enhance your current efforts, please contact whatsyourconnection@gmail.org to schedule a meeting.

Together we can engage more people in creating an environment that strengthens families from the start and gives adults and children with a history of trauma an opportunity to heal.

Fathers Make a Difference (October 7, 2015)

A Conference about How and Why Fatherhood Programs Work

What: A half-day conference for public and private sector professionals who manage, provide, or care about services for fathers. A keynote and three panel discussions will be heard covering **Income Opportunities**, **Legal System Access**, and **Fatherhood Education**.



Keynote: To be presented by Joseph T. Jones, Jr., Founder and CEO Center for Urban Families and National Fatherhood Leader, Baltimore, MD.

When: Wednesday, October 7, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Where: Wellmark YMCA, 501 Grand Ave. Des Moines, IA 50309

Price: \$25, includes lunch (**Registration ends Sept. 21**)

Presented by: YMCA of Greater Des Moines, Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families, and Polk County Fathers and Families Coalition

For More Information and to Register:

[Fathers Make a Difference](#)

New Free Resource Guide Supports Professionals Who Work With Infants and Toddlers

The August edition of "Baby Talk" is available online... [more](#)

Baby Talk is a free, one-way listserv that is distributed monthly. Each issue features resources that are high quality, readily available and free. To join the listserv, send an email **with no message** to subscribe-babytalk@listserv.unc.edu To suggest resources, please contact Camille Catlett at camille.catlett@unc.edu or (919) 966-6635.

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

November 6 (Des Moines)

ECI Stakeholders Alliance

3 – 4 Hour meetings

December 8 (PM)

ECI Area Directors

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)