



Early Childhood Iowa Monday Musings July 10, 2017, 2017 Vol. 4, 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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"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation."
-Plato

State Information

Second draft of Iowa's ESSA plan released for public review *Iowans invited to comment through July 18*

Iowa Department of Education Director Ryan Wise has announced that the [second draft of Iowa's state plan](#) for meeting the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is available for public review and comment.

"This draft plan ties together and builds on Iowa's collaborative education reform efforts under way to ensure students are prepared for success in high school and beyond," Wise said. "While this second draft is a significant step toward implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act, it's important that Iowans continue to give input so we land on a final plan that is right for the state." ([Read a snapshot of the plan here.](#))

ESSA is a reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. This update replaces the No Child Left Behind Act and will be fully implemented in the 2017-18 school year. Under ESSA, Iowa and other states must develop state plans that address assessments, school and district accountability, funding, and support for struggling schools.

The plan released today represents the second of three drafts of Iowa's ESSA plan. Although the content is similar to the first draft, the second draft is organized differently to reflect a new template that U.S. Department of Education officials requested states use for their plans.

Other changes from Iowa's first draft include a new postsecondary readiness measure and long-term goals based on Iowa's current statewide assessments, as required by the U.S. Department of Education. Iowa is on track to select a new statewide assessment for the 2018-19 school year through a competitive-bidding process.

In developing this draft plan, Wise and other department leaders sought input through 18 public forums statewide, an advisory committee, focus groups, education work teams, and written comments.

A third draft of Iowa's ESSA plan will be released in August, and a final plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education by September 18.

Iowans are invited to give feedback on the second draft in [an online feedback survey](#), which is open through July 18. Feedback also can be submitted via email at ESSA@iowa.gov or by mail: Iowa Department of Education, Attn: Deputy Director David Tilly/ESSA Feedback, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th St., Des Moines, IA 50319-0146

Department leaders will collect additional input on the second draft plan at a July 25 meeting of the ESSA Advisory Committee. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room B100 of the Grimes State Office Building.

For more information on the Every Student Succeeds Act in Iowa, visit the Iowa Department of Education's [website](#).

Federal Information:

SCBC Infant/Toddler Specialist Network Hot Topic Webinars

The **Child Care State Capacity Building Center (SCBC) Infant/Toddler Specialist Network** will host a series of 1-hour *Hot Topic Webinars* on the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning on July 19 and running through December 20, 2017. Each webinar will be held from 1:30–2:30 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

Descriptions of the scheduled topics are as follows.

- **Homelessness: Requirements and Resources**
This webinar will take a close look at the requirements in the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 for services to families experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Resources for planning and implementing services for families will be shared.
Date and time: Wednesday, July 19, 2017, 1:30–2:30 p.m. ET
Register: <https://ccssn.adobeconnect.com/homelessness/event/registration.html>
- **Resources To Support Health and Wellness Policies for Infant/Toddler Care**
This webinar will outline health and safety policies for centers and family child care providers that promote best practices for the care of infants and toddlers. Best practices, resources, and checklists will be shared.
Date and time: Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 1:30–2:30 p.m. ET
Register: <https://ccssn.adobeconnect.com/healthwellnesspolicies/event/registration.html>
- **Infant/Toddler Community of Practice: Sharing Initiatives From the Field**
This webinar will provide an opportunity for six States to share exciting infant/toddler initiatives that support quality, access, and supply-building. Learn the benefits of participating in a community of practice and connect with State peers.
Date and time: Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 1:30–2:30 p.m. ET
Register: <https://ccssn.adobeconnect.com/communityofpractice/event/registration.html>

- State Strategies for Infant/Toddler Supply-Building**
 This webinar will support States and Territories in identifying multiple strategies for building a supply of quality infant and toddler care, specifically in high-need areas.
Date and time: Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 1:30–2:30 p.m. ET
Register: <https://ccssn.adobeconnect.com/statestrategies/event/registration.html>
- Infant/Toddler Mental Health: An Interdisciplinary Approach**
 This webinar will provide a national overview of States’ infant early childhood mental health (I-ECMH) systems-building efforts. The essential building blocks of an I-ECMH system will be presented, along with State examples, promising practices, trends, and innovations.
Date and time: Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 1:30–2:30 p.m. ET
Register: <https://ccssn.adobeconnect.com/mentalhealth/event/registration.html>
- Six Essential Practices for Quality Infant/Toddler Care**
 This webinar will explore six essential practices for high-quality infant/toddler care. Learn the basics of continuity of care, primary care, small groups, individualized care, inclusion, and cultural responsiveness. Resources for additional information will also be shared.
Date and time: Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 1:30–2:30 p.m. ET
Register: <https://ccssn.adobeconnect.com/sixessentialpractices/event/registration.html>

State Data on Child Health Coverage in Small Towns and Rural Areas

A new report from the Georgetown Center for Children and Families and UNC on Medicaid's role in rural areas for kids and adults. <https://ccf.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Rural-health-final.pdf> They also have a [new web site](#) that houses county-level data and additional resources.

Other Information:



Child Care Grant and Proposal Writing Workshops

A First Children's Finance Child Care Business Management Workshop

Child care center directors, owners, and board members! Join us for a hands-on day with First Children's Finance, learning new ways to reach out and touch your partners, stakeholders and funders through excellent grant applications and funding proposals.

This 6-hour workshop is designed for all levels, from beginners to those who would like to take a fresh look. Come with ideas of what your child care program needs and let *First Children's Finance's* experienced staff assist you in developing your ideas and proposal. Plan to leave this seminar equipped with ideas, tools and a great start to succeed in your next funding opportunity.

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About this Training

Credit Hours

Provides 6 hours of Iowa DHS training credit and NAC renewal hours.

Target Audience

Directors, owners or board members of child care centers or preschools.

Training Level

Level 1 (Beginner), Level 2 (Skilled) and Level 3 (Mastery)

Content Area

5- Strategies to manage an effective program operation.

Registration

\$45 per person (lunch included). You will receive an email confirmation within one week of registering that will include payment information.

Additional funding support is provided by Northwest Area Foundation and Iowa Department of Human Services.



What Past Attendees have to say:

Child Care Grant & Proposal Writing provided me with clarity, courage and the ability to communicate with a powerful message. I am very excited to pursue my new skills to better Baxter Early Learning Center! -Tiffany Finch

Seeking resources for child development services is overwhelming, but this program outlined it so well it seems doable! -Allison Pattee

I came to this course hoping to walk away with one nugget of information. I walked away with six hours worth of nuggets. -Tammy Rasmussen, Halley's Academy

New Dates and Locations

Cedar Falls- [Register here](#)

July 19, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Kaplan University, Room 101

7009 Nordic Drive

Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Last day to register is Friday, July 14

Des Moines Metro- [Register here](#)

September 21, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Prairie Meadows Events and Conference Center

Altoona, IA

This session is being held as a Pre-Institute Workshop in conjunction with the Iowa Early Care and Education Fall Institute. Early bird registration rates are available until August!

MORE INFORMATION/REGISTER

Or Contact:

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Workforce of Today, Workforce of Tomorrow: The Business Case for High-Quality Childcare

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Center for Education and Workforce recently released a report exploring the role of high-quality childcare in the education and workforce pipeline.

By laying the crucial groundwork for tomorrow's workforce and promoting a strong workforce today, high-quality childcare provides a powerful two-generation approach to building the human capital that a prosperous and sustainable America requires, according to the Chamber. The report outlines 10 things the business community can do to advance access to high-quality childcare. To Read the Report:

[Workforce of Today, Workforce of Tomorrow](#)

Iowa Early Care & Education 2017 Institute - registration now open

Iowa AEYC is pleased to announce registration is now open for the Iowa Early Care & Education Fall Institute, **Power to the Profession**. Discounted registration rates are available for members and for those who register before the end of August. You may go to our

website, <http://www.iowaaeyc.org/iowa-aeyc-institutes.cfm>

For registration information, updates on special events, and more information over the next three months. We appreciate you sharing this information with your employees, colleagues, members, and others who might be interested.

As you may have year-end funds available and needing to be spent in June, an AEYC membership is one way you can help teachers and providers in your area attend this Institute at a reduced price.

Equity Infographic (Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute)

What is racial inequity? Why is it important? How can we achieve racial equity? **This infographic** from FPG's Race, Culture, and Ethnicity Committee is the first in a series that begins to answer these questions.

Available here:

 [Racial \(In\)Equity infographic.pdf](#)

Daily Touchscreen Use in Infants and Toddlers is Associated with Reduced Sleep and Delayed Sleep Onset

Recently published research based on a survey of families in the United Kingdom showed that 75% of toddlers ages 6 months to 3-years use a touchscreen daily. Results showed every additional hour of touchscreen use was associated with an overall reduction in sleep of 15.6 minutes. Read more at

<http://www.nature.com/articles/srep46104>

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>

2017 ECI Meeting Calendar:

ECI State Board

10:00 – 1:00

September 8

November 3

ECI Stakeholders Alliance

3 – 4 Hour meetings

September 12 (AM)

December 12 (PM)

ECI Area Directors

(June will be regional meetings)

September 12 (afternoon)

December 6 All day

ECI Steering Committee

Time Varies

October 5 (9:00 AM – Noon)

November 2 (9:00 AM – Noon)