



## Early Childhood Iowa Monday Musings February 23, 2015 2015 Vol. 2, No. 8

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)

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*“The illusions of childhood are necessary experiences: a child should not be denied a balloon because an adult knows that sooner or later it will burst.”*

- Marcelene Cox

### State Information:

#### **LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP – DEADLINE February 25, 2015:**

#### **RSVP for the 2015 ECI Day-on-the-Hill March, 5 2015 (RSVP by February 25, 2015)**

The 2015 Early Childhood Day on the Hill event will be held on **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**! Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. This year’s event will focus on the importance of brain development in the first 2,000 days of life. The keynote presentation will be given by Dr. Andrea McGuire, followed by regional and individual meetings with legislators. More information will follow closer to the date.

To register for the 2015 ECI Day-on-the-Hill:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/66KDPRS>



#### **2015 Materials for ECI Day-on-the Hill available on-line**

[HERE](#)

With the exception of the “local story” template, all materials will be printed and available in folder at the event.

#### **Measles Webinar February 25, 2015**

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) will be hosting a Measles Webinar on Wednesday, February 25th from 11AM-12PM. The intended audience for this webinar is: childcare providers, school (K-12) nurses and administrators, and college student health and administrators. During the webinar, IDPH will review the measles virus, provide an update on measles activity nationally, discuss measles investigation procedures, review measles vaccination recommendations and requirements, and answer questions from participants. To Register Visit:

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/2103921361922320129>

Local public health partners are invited to participate in the webinar (note that most of the information and are asked to circulate this announcement to childcare providers, schools and colleges in your jurisdictions.

## **Federal Information:**

### **From the Federal Office of Child Care:**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the public comment period for the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for States and Territories for fiscal year (FY) 2016–2018 (ACF-118) will close in less than 2 weeks. The Office of Child Care (OCC) has been granted an emergency clearance for the FY 2016–2018 CCDF State/Territory Plan Preprint, and this emergency clearance provides for a single 30-day comment period *ending on March 2, 2015*.

The FY 2016–2018 CCDF State/Territory Plan Preprint can be reviewed via [this Web site](#). For instructions on how to comment, please see the [Federal Register notice](#).

## **Other Information:**

### **From the McCormick Institute:**

How might brain science and public policy connect to build executive function skills in young children? Read the [new brief](#) from the Institute for Child Success. (Many articles are at this website.)

## **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

April 3

June 5

September 4 November 6

### **ECI Stakeholders Alliance**

3 – 4 Hour meetings

February 10 (9:00 AM Webinar)

March 5 (AM) Held in conjunction with the ECI Day on the Hill

May 12 (PM)

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 – 9:30

February 6

March 6

May 1

August 7

October 2

December 4

**ECI Steering Committee**

Time Varies

March 12 (9:00 – 4:00 PM)

April 2 (9:00 AM – Noon)

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)

**Early Childhood Iowa Day on the Hill**

March 5, 2015