



Early Childhood Iowa Monday Musings June 1, 2015 2015 Vol. 2, No. 22

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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"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision".
Helen Adams Keller (June 27, 1880 – June 1, 1968)

State Information:

ECI Webinar: The Impact of Domestic Violence on Young Children

Date: June 3, 2015

Time: 10:00 AM (Central Time)

Presenter: Leah Kinnaird, IA Department of Human Services

This webinar will explore the impact of domestic violence exposure on children from zero to three – from brain development to behavior. Early childhood is when children are most at risk for long term impacts related to domestic violence. In addition, we will discuss what initiatives the Department of Human Services is currently working on to improve our practice with children and families experiencing domestic violence. Time for questions and other inquiries will be included.

There is not a registration for this webinar.

To join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/449244510>

Or join by phone:

+1 (415) 762-9988 or +1 (646) 568-7788 (US Toll)

Meeting ID: 449 244 510

IA Dept. of Public Health Seeks Public Input for the FFY16 Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant

The Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health and Child Health Specialty Clinics would like your input concerning the priorities, needs, and proposed program activities for the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant application for FFY16. The priorities and proposed program activities are available on the IDPH website through June 17th for public input. The website address is: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/title_v.asp

Please review the priorities and proposed public health strategies and activities for Iowa. Priorities are based on the Iowa's Needs Assessment (<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/titleVneedsassessment/>). The survey is asking for feedback on four types of documents:

- The Title V Needs Assessment Summary
- The proposed Five Year Action Plan
- The previous 18 National Performance Measures
- The previous eight State Performance Measures

Please provide your feedback in the online survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016titlevpublicinput>

Even if you do not have any comments regarding the proposed activities, please take a moment to complete the survey stating that you had no comments. This is a way we can track and evaluate the effectiveness of web-based distribution.

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 June 30, 2015. Submission information is included on nomination form.

Federal Information:

Federal Agencies Draft Policy Regarding the Inclusion of Young Children with Disabilities

On May 12th at a special plenary federal panel at the 2015 Frank Porter Graham Inclusion Institute, the U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services debuted a **draft policy statement** with recommendations to states, local educational agencies, schools, and public and private early childhood programs for increasing the inclusion of infants, toddlers, and preschool children with disabilities in high-quality early childhood programs.

“The federal interagency policy statement on inclusion is a significant milestone for all of us in the field of early development and education,” said FPG senior scientist Pamela J. Winton. “By building upon the [2009 position statement on inclusion](#) developed by the two early childhood professional organizations, the Division for Early Childhood and the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the recommendations in the new policy statement solidify the federal commitment to moving the implementation of inclusion beyond the current status quo.”

The new draft policy statement defines inclusion as the practice of including children with disabilities (regardless of the level of disability) in early childhood programs with their peers without disabilities. The statement recaps research in support of inclusion's benefits to children with and without disabilities, outlines the legal foundation for inclusion, points out specific challenges to inclusion, and makes several state and system recommendations.

“What we know from implementation science suggests much work needs to be done to ensure the statement is more than just another piece of paper,” said Winton, who chairs the Inclusion Institute. “‘Who is in charge of next steps?’ and ‘How do we mobilize the passion and energy of individuals and groups on this topic?’ is an interesting set of questions that I hope can be addressed by leaders in the field.”

[The full *Draft Policy Statement on Inclusion* is available here.](#)

ACF to Release Final Report Highlighting Significant Accomplishments by State Advisory Councils (SAC) on Early Childhood Education and Care

Linda K. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development

I am pleased to share that we will soon release a final report highlighting significant accomplishments by State Advisory Councils (SAC) on Early Childhood Education and Care. State Advisory Councils were a dream of the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy. His early vision was to spur states on to better coordinated and higher quality early care and education. With his support, the SACs were authorized in the Head Start Act of 2007 with a goal of promoting partnerships between Head Start Agencies, State and local governments and the private sector.

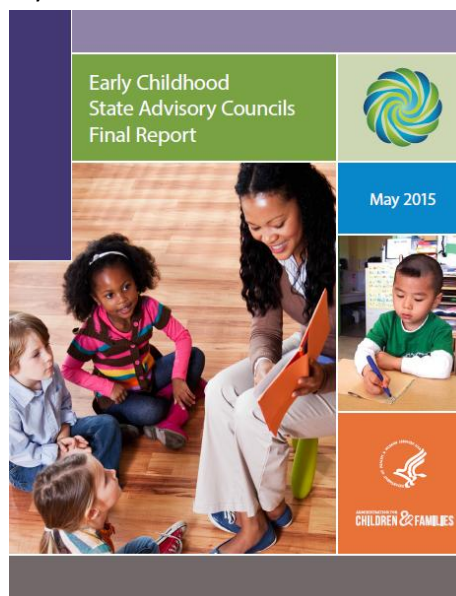
[Iowa’s SAC is the ECI Stakeholders Alliance]

They were first funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. ACF awarded nearly \$100 million of ARRA funding to 45 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa in the form of SAC grants. This three-year funding was the administration's first investment in building the early childhood infrastructure for the President's Early Learning Initiative.

Many states had already begun to develop early childhood development systems prior to receiving the grant. The SAC grant propelled further improvements in the quality of early childhood programs, better coordination among existing early childhood programs, and streamlined service delivery.

Through the SACs’ work, states developed an unprecedented level of cooperation among agencies and programs and successfully built efficiencies into program service delivery for children and families.

Councils are following the national direction set by Congress and the Administration. The Race to the Top- Early Learning Challenge and Preschool Development grants required states to maintain an active, fully functioning SAC that meets federal requirements. The reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) in November 2014 requires consultation with the



State Advisory Councils. The Strong Start bill recently announced also includes the SACs and the systemic role in the state's early learning efforts.

We are pleased to share this report that illustrates the accomplishments of the State Advisory Councils as they forged ahead to eliminate existing barriers between programs and support stronger early childhood systems. Communication between federal and state funded entities is necessary to ensure quality and access to early care and development for young children across our country.

The webinar on the State Advisory Councils Final Report and Implications for the Future is on June 2, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. (eastern daylight time). Register now: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2041062284307284225>. The report will be posted on our ECD website (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd>) following the webinar. We hope you all will share this report with your stakeholders and leadership.

Other Information: LAST CHANCE!

Mark Shriver, President, Save the Children Action Network
In Iowa June 3, 2015



Join Save the Children Action Network President **Mark K. Shriver** for a fascinating evening devoted to the importance and opportunities around investing in quality early childhood education programs in Iowa. This exciting event will take place at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center near the Des Moines Airport.** [Register to join us.](#)

The evening will kick off with a reception from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for Iowans passionate about early childhood to speak with Mark Shriver.

At 7:00 p.m. we will screen a 20-minute segment from the new PBS documentary *A Path Appears*. This amazing documentary, by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn and, featuring Save the Children Artist Ambassador Jennifer Garner, makes a compelling case for why investing in kids is the best way to combat poverty.

We'll be showing a part of the film that tells the story of how helping an at-risk kid when they're young can have an enormous impact. After the film we will hear from Mark and a group of expert panelists about how investing in early childhood is smart public policy, and how programs that help kids help our entire community.

[**Space is limited, so register TODAY to join us for this exciting event.**](#)



Where: The Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport/Conference Center

6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321

When: Wednesday, June 3, 6:00 p.m.

Light refreshments provided

For more information Contact:

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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

June 5

September 11

November 6

ECI Stakeholders Alliance

3 – 4 Hour meetings

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 – 10:30 AM

October 2

ECI Steering Committee

Time Varies

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 Stakeholders Alliance
Nomination Form for At-Large Members
To serve on the ECI Steering Committee

2015-2016 Nomination Form

The Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholders Alliance is accepting nominations for At-Large members on the ECI Stakeholders Alliance Steering Committee.

There are three categories of ECI SC membership including:

The co-chairpersons of the ECI SA component groups;

A minimum of three at-large members to ensure representation based on a variety of factors including but not limited to geographic, racial/ethnic identity, gender and early childhood sector (i.e., early learning, family support, special needs/early intervention, health, mental health and nutrition). These at-large members shall be nominated by the ECI SA membership or self-nominated. As is true with the component group co-chairpersons, these at-large members shall serve three year terms with a maximum of two terms served consecutively and;

Members designated to meet the requirements of the State Advisory Council initiated through the Head Start federal legislation (42 USC 9801, Section 642B) and the following;

- The Early Childhood Iowa Office lead staff person or designee;
- The staff person responsible for the implementation of the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant or designee, as long as that grant is in effect; and
- A member of the Early Childhood Iowa State Board if and when his or her participation is possible.

The Steering Committee is charged with organizing, managing, and coordinating the activities of the ECI Stakeholders Alliance and component groups which it does during monthly Steering Committee meetings held in Des Moines. To learn more about their role, go to the ECI website, policies and procedures manual, see Section 2.0:

http://www.earlychildhoodiowa.org/state_system/ECI_stakeholders_alliance/policies_and_procedures.html

It is expected that any Steering Committee members be available to attend these meetings (generally scheduled for the first Thursday of every month) in addition to the quarterly ECI Stakeholders Alliance meetings and other gatherings as appropriate. Members from outside the Des Moines area can also participate in most committee meetings via conference call.

Please complete the attached nomination form and return to Jeff Anderson by June 30, 2015.

Mail: Iowa Department of Management, Iowa State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa 50309

or

Email: jeffrey.anderson@iowa.gov

*Nominators can nominate **themselves or others** by providing the following information.*

Name of nominee:

Phone number and email address of nominee:

Phone number and email address of nominator (if different from nominee):

Current Employer and Position:

Number of Years as a member of the ECI Stakeholders Alliance (formerly ECI Council):

How do you currently participant in ECI Activities? i.e. where have/are you making commitments?

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION REGARDING NOMINEE (This information will be a supplement to the ballot to help members in their voting process): Briefly include length of time in current position, relevant past positions, contributions made to ECI and Iowa's overall Early Childhood System, anticipated contributions the ECI Steering Committee etc.

Briefly describe what you/the nominee would bring or add to the ECI Stakeholders Alliance Steering Committee? What would your goals be during your tenure?

It is expected that the At-Large Steering Committee members will attend monthly planning meetings, ECI Stakeholders Alliance meetings and be active participants in other scheduled retreats or activities of the Committee.

Due to this, does the nominee have the support of their supervisor/employer to be named to the ECI Stakeholders Alliance Steering Committee? **YES**_____ **NO**_____

Name of Supervisor (if applicable): _____

Signature of Nominator/Nominee: _____