



Early Childhood Iowa Monday Musings August 17, 2015 2015 Vol. 2, No. 29

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](#).

“The ultimate test for a leader is not whether he or she makes smart decisions and takes decisive action, but whether he or she teaches others to make smart decisions and take decisive action”
-Noel M. Tichy

State Information:

SAVE THE DATE: ECI Stakeholder Alliance Meeting Change of Date

Because of the Labor Holiday, the ECI Stakeholder meeting will be held the afternoon of September 15, 2015.

More details will be sent in the next few weeks

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 August 28, 2015. Submission information is included on nomination form.

AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children Program Year 2015-2016

- *Are you looking for an opportunity to make a real difference in the community?*
- *Do you want to gain new skills and experiences?*
- *Are you passionate about strengthening families and communities?*

Member Activities: AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children members serve in **Community Partnerships to Protect Children**



(CPPC) sites throughout **Iowa**. Members work directly with local site coordinators to assist efforts to prevent child abuse by building community capacity through awareness and collaboration. They engage community stakeholders in providing families and children with supports and resources to keep children safe from abuse and neglect.

Member Benefits: Members gain valuable experience and build career skills while making positive contributions to local CPPC sites. By completing **1,700 hours** of AmeriCorps service from start date **September 1, 2015** through **August 31, 2016**, the member will receive:

- Taxable living allowance of \$12,530 per year
- Health care benefits
- Child care benefits for members who meet state income eligibility criteria
- Student loan forbearance on qualified student loans
- An educational award of \$5730 upon successful completion of the service term
- Excellent training opportunities
- Leadership experience and skill development
- Hands-on experience in a professional setting

Program Management: This program is administered by Iowa State University.

Application Process: Applications are open **now through November 15, 2014**. To apply please send resume or contact Amanda McCurley, Program Director at Iowa State University: ajmcc@iastate.edu (515-294-7340).

Federal Information:

Raising of America Documentary Series Now Available

The Raising of America documentary series and public engagement campaign explores how a strong start for all of our children can lead to a healthier, stronger and more equitable America. On June 15, Libby Doggett and Linda Smith co-facilitated the screening of Episode 1 of this new documentary series and led a discussion following the screening.

In her comments following the screening, Linda Smith said, “We have the science, but we don’t use it. Our field already knows it and so what do we do to move beyond this to the business community and the faith community? Child care IS early education, but we separate it out and it’s not working for us. We can’t just look at one solution to this problem, but answers lie in the workforce. For too long we’ve tried to use grandparents or ‘welfare’ mothers, but this is very sophisticated stuff and we need the workforce to be paid. This is one solution to the problem.” You can find information on The Raising of America [here](#).

Other Information:

Job Opportunity:

Child Care Consultant

Region 2 Child Care Resource & Referral is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Child Care Consultant to support the work of child care providers in Northeast Iowa. The position is 1.0 FTE and the office is in Mason City. Bachelor’s degree in early childhood or related field and two years’

experience in child care/education required. Required skills include demonstrated/proven leadership and facilitation, adult education, self-initiative, and direction, team player, and detail-oriented. Travel to various locations throughout the service area and occasional evening/weekend hours required. To apply, visit www.episervice.org EOE.

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 for August 17, 2015

The preliminary list of workshops for the Early Care and Education Fall Institute is now posted on the Iowa AEYC website! This list includes the title of the workshop, description, intended audience, day of presentation and other details. Get an idea of the variety of offerings and start planning for your institute now! The final program, including specific workshop times, will be posted in early September.

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.

8 Tips to Promote Diversity Education in Your Program (McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership)

“... On the other hand, when all the children are of the same background, providers may have a more difficult time incorporating diversity into their program. These are the environments, however, where it is most important to intentionally teach about the diversity of humans because it is out of the child’s everyday experience.”

If you are not sure where to begin, you are not alone! Read the rest of our most recent blog post written by Colleen McLaughlin, Training and Technical Assistance Specialist, for [tips on how to incorporate diversity education](#) in your early learning program.



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](#)

Preventing Childhood Injury Conference

Registration is now open for the 2015 Preventing Childhood Injury Conference!

September 29, 2015



Blank Children's Hospital UnityPoint Health

Registration: Pre-registration is required; limited seating. Only online registrations will be accepted. For more information or to register: [Click here](#) .

Intended Audience: Injury prevention advocates, public health professionals, nurses, public safety officials (fire, law enforcement, EMS), school professionals and others interested in injury prevention.

Purpose: To educate health professionals and injury prevention advocates on injury prevention strategies and interventions for lasting success. This program will provide participants with tools that they can take back to their local community and use to promote the health and safety of children.

Objective: To explore the ever-changing world of technology and its impact on childhood injury.

Tentative Topics:

- Pediatric Concussion
- Bullying Research and Prevention
- Prescription Drug Abuse in Youth and Adolescents
- Days, Weeks, Months? How to make sense of safety initiatives all year long.

Cost: \$30 - Early Bird Registration until July 31.

\$50 - Registration from August 1 - September 18.

CEUs: EMS CEUs will be provided at no cost.

You're invited to Cheers! for Children....

A benefit for Prevent Child Abuse Iowa

[Cheers! for Children](#) will bring together more than 200 supporters to help prevent child abuse in communities across Iowa.

After a fun event last year, we look forward to seeing you this year as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary with a throwback 70's theme!

Organized by honorary co-chairs Lincoln Dix and Anne Pham (two Forty under 40 honorees), festivities will include live music by the Plastic Apartment, glow bars, appetizers, cash bar, and silent auction.

[RSVP NOW](#) and find more details on our website.

Your participation will allow us to provide the support, education and resources needed to make families stronger. Together we can build great childhoods for Iowa's children and a brighter future for our community overall.

Thank you for celebrating with us on October 23 at the Des Moines Social Club!

Cheers,



Andria Battaglia
Development Director, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa



Join us for the third annual [Cheers! for Children](#) celebration on Friday, Oct. 23, at the Kum & Go Theater in Des Moines.

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 State Dept. Directors

8:30 – 10:30 AM

October 2

ECI Stakeholders Alliance

3 – 4 Hour meetings

September 15 (AM)

December 8 (PM)

ECI Steering Committee

Time Varies

October 1 (9:00 AM – Noon)

November 5 (9:00 AM – Noon)

ECI Area Directors

September 16

(December will be regional meetings)