



Early Childhood Iowa
Monday Musings
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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 great leaders are like the best conductors - they reach beyond the notes to reach the magic in the players.”
-Blaine Lee

State Information:

ECI Stakeholder Alliance Meeting September 15, 2015

The next meeting for the Stakeholder Alliance is scheduled for:

September 15, 2015

9:00 AM -12”30 PM

Jordan Creek Town Center (Mall) – Community Room ([Map](#))

101 Jordan Creek Parkway

West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

On the Agenda (See attached agenda for details):

- Annual Election of Chairs and At-Large Steering Committee
- Adopt Policies and Procedures (Attached)
- Review of Iowa Code 256I.12 Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholders Alliance
- Federal CCDBG Reauthorization
- World Café

There will also be a post-meeting presentation on Community Impact – Presented by Doug Griesenauer, MSW

Sr. Manager - Community Building, United Way of East Central Iowa – from 1:30 – 3:00PM

To register your attendance (by **September 11**) please go here: [September 15, 2015 ECI SA RSVP](#)

Early Childhood Iowa State Board to Visit Council Bluffs

The ECI State Board will be in Council Bluffs September 10 – 11, 2015. The host for the two days is Promise Partners, which is the Pottawattamie County ECI Board.

On the 10th, a reception will be held 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Holiday Inn and Suites with local providers of early childhood services will have display booths with staff to provide information to the state board members about their services and programs.

On the 11th, state board members will be able to visit a child care center, a preschool or a family support program to observe and learn more about these ECI funded programs. Following the visits, the board meeting will be held from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. at the same hotel as the reception. See attached agenda for meeting details.

NEW: 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:

Let's Move! Child Care Celebrates 4th Anniversary—Complete an Action Plan Today!

The Packard Foundation is partnering with Let's Move! Child Care (LMCC) to award toolkits to support early care and education (ECE) providers in meeting LMCC's goals. These toolkits include supplies and materials to directly support an ECE center's or a home's Let's Move! Child Care Action Plan. The toolkits, provided by Kaplan, are valued at more than \$100 per kit and will be a great help in achieving steps on the winning ECE providers' Action Plans.

Eligibility

Centers and homes that [develop an LMCC Action Plan](#) on line *between August 17 and September 18* will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win the toolkits. Ten programs will be randomly selected as winners. (*Note: There can only be one winner chosen per center or home, so program directors, staff members, and leaders should complete their Action Plan together as a team.*) The winners will receive toolkits (appropriate for the number of children they serve) with resources based on the top priority goal area from their Action Plan and will be contacted in the future to see how the materials have helped make positive changes in their center or home.

Note: ECE providers who developed an Action Plan on the LMCC Web site prior to August 17, 2015, will need to reenter the action plan information on the LMCC Web site between August 17 and September 18 to be entered into the drawing.

Develop an Action Plan by September 18 for a chance to win!

Welcome to Office of Head Start Health Talks

Health Talk is a pre-recorded video or podcast that allows health managers to explore deeper into specific health topics.

The Health Talks include two series:

- **Health Chats:** Listen, as new tools and strategies are discussed to improve health outcomes for children.
- **Ask the Experts:** Get answers to frequently asked questions from pediatricians, dentists, psychologists, and other health professionals.

Health Talks offer an easy way to learn more about some of the health issues that concern the early childhood community. Health professionals, technical assistance providers, and other early childhood health and safety staff share information on a variety of topics. The topics are chosen based on questions and suggestions submitted from the field.

Go here for access: [Health Chat](#)

Send your suggestions for the next Ask the Expert or Health Chat presentations to nchinfo@aap.org.

Other Information:

The Committee for Economic Development Releases a Child Care Economic Study

The Committee for Economic Development has released a child care economic study entitled, *Child Care in State Economies*, which focuses on the use of paid child care and related economic impact within communities (e.g., labor force participation, spillover impact from local purchases of goods and services, and jobs generated, etc.). One of our goals is to have the report findings contribute to the national and state dialogue about the need for high quality child care.

Forbes ran a story about the study which you can view at <http://www.forbes.com/sites/annabahney/2015/08/18/this-is-why-you-should-care-about-child-care-even-if-you-dont-have-kids/>, and CED has developed a new web page at <https://www.ced.org/childcareimpact> which is now live to house the full report, executive summary, state fact sheets and talking points, social media posts, and more.

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.

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

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.



Building the Capacity of our Charitable Sector
Through Volunteer Management & Nonprofit Effectiveness

Save the Date - Monday, November 09, 2015 - Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Scheman Building
Lincoln Way & University Blvd
Ames, Iowa 50011
United States

ABOUT THE IOWA NONPROFIT SUMMIT

This biennial conference offers essential learning opportunities for Iowa nonprofit and volunteer management professionals and features outstanding keynote presentations, dozens of break-out sessions, networking opportunities, and exhibitors demonstrating the latest resources available to help nonprofits and volunteer programs excel.

For more information go [here](#).

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 Stakeholders Alliance

3 – 4 Hour meetings

September 15 (AM)

December 8 (PM)

ECI Area Directors

September 16

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)