



## Early Childhood Iowa Monday Musings October 5, 2015 2015 Vol. 2, No. 36

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)

Back Issues of Monday Musing are available [here](#).

*“There is no failure except in no longer trying”*  
-Elbert Hubbard

### State Information:

#### Medicaid Member Education and Enrollment Events

Iowa Medicaid will host a mix of in-person meetings and webinars branded as “tele-townhall meetings” in the top 17 populated cities in Iowa. These meetings will provide the public with an opportunity to receive information about the transition, ask questions directly to DHS staff, and receive *in-person enrollment assistance*.

The tele-townhalls will feature a short presentation for those with Internet access and also will be available via conference call. Iowa Medicaid will work with local venues such as public libraries to offer the in-person meetings and tele-townhalls free to the public, in order for a larger audience to view the presentation. These presentations will be designed to provide the public with the ability to participate in the process and address any questions the members have. Iowa Medicaid will track the questions that are asked, and use these meetings to prepare for further communications materials and planned responses.

To view the schedule: [Medicaid Member Education and Enrollment Events](#)

### Federal Information:

#### FY 2016-2018 Child Care and Development Fund Plan for States and Territories - Second Public Comment Period

The Office of Child Care (OCC) is pleased to announce the *Federal Register* publication of the Second Notice of the Proposed Information Collection Activity and Comment Request regarding the fiscal year (FY) 2016–2018 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for States and Territories. Both the *Federal Register* Notice and Plan Preprint can be found on OCC’s Web site at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/ccdf-reauthorization> in the “Other Resources” section of the page.

This second public comment period will provide an opportunity for you to submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). A comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following—Attn: Desk Officer for the Administration for Children and Families, Paperwork Reduction Project, Office of Management and Budget, fax: (202) 395-7285—or they can be sent via e-mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov).

Copies of the proposed collection can be obtained by writing to Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer; Office of Administration; Office of Information Services; Administration for Children and Families; 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.; Washington, DC 20447. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. The e-mail address is [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov).

### **HomVEE 2015 Evidence Review and Other New Resources**

The Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE) review has just released several new resources, including results of the 2015 evidence review. Please visit the HomVee website for more detail (<http://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/WhatsNew.aspx>) or click on the links below.

This year HomVEE reviewed several new program models such as: [HealthConnect One's® Community-Based Doula Program](#), [Healthy Beginnings](#), [Promoting First Relationships®](#), and [Nurses for Newborns](#). It also updated a review of: [Health Access Nurturing Development Services](#) (HANDS) Program. Both HANDS and Healthy Beginnings meet the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) criteria for an evidence-based program model. Sponsored by HHS, HomVEE is a thorough and transparent review of the research literature on home visiting.

A new three-page [summary brief](#) describes the HomVEE review process, review results, and the 19 program models determined to meet the Department of Health and Human Services' criteria for an "evidence-based early childhood home visiting service delivery model." The brief is based on the information presented in this new [Executive Summary](#) which provides more detailed information on all 44 home visiting models.

### **About HomVEE**

Sponsored by HHS, [HomVEE](#) is a thorough and transparent review of the research literature on home visiting. The HomVEE team assesses the evidence of effectiveness for home visiting program models that target families with pregnant women and children from birth to kindergarten entry (up through age 5). Visit the HomVEE [website](#) to find:

- A comprehensive overview of review procedures, standards, and results.
- Descriptions and reviews of program models, including evidence of each model's effectiveness, details on the studies, and a summary of findings by outcome domain.
- Outcome domain reports, which list the review results by type of outcome and include evidence of effectiveness for outcomes in the domain, a summary of findings for the domain by program model, and details on specific outcomes and measures.
- Implementation profiles with information such as prerequisites for implementing a model, training requirements, estimated costs, implementation experiences, and contact information for program model staff.
- A search tool that can be used to find specific studies.

Visit the HomVEE [website](#) for more information.

## **Working Together: Successful Strategies to Build Strong Collaborations across Early Childhood Programs**

**Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015**

**3–4:30 p.m. EDT**

**[Register Online Now!](#)**

Please join senior leadership of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Linda Smith, Rachel Schumacher, and Blanca Enriquez, for a special webcast on October 15, 2015, 3–4:30 p.m. EDT. **Working Together: Successful Strategies Build Strong Collaborations across Early Childhood Programs** will highlight lessons learned and promising practices from the Tribal Early Learning Initiative.

Topics for this webinar include:

- Exploring strategies to support increased early childhood program collaboration with the aim of developing seamless services for children and families and increasing program quality
- Discussing the importance of effective cross-program partnerships as a foundation for early childhood system development
- Sharing examples of successful collaboration within the Tribal Early Learning Initiative (TELI), an ACF-sponsored effort to support partnerships across Head Start and Early Head Start, child care, and home visiting programs in tribal communities

### Who Should Participate?

This webinar will benefit an array of audiences, including: Head Start and Early Head Start family services and health staff, directors, and managers; home visiting state, territory, and tribal administrators; child care state, territory, and tribal administrators; T/TA staff; professional development providers and consultants; Head Start State Collaboration Offices; and other state and local community stakeholders interested in supporting strong early childhood systems.

### How to Register

Select this link to register for the webinar: <https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1076701>

## **Other Information:**

### **Ruby Bridges 1960**

On November 14, 1960, surrounded by armed U.S. Federal Marshals, Ruby Bridges became the very first black student to attend William Frantz Public School in New Orleans and the youngest foot soldier of the Civil Rights Movement.

**[View a brief movie clip about Ruby Bridges](#)**

**[View full-length Ruby Bridges movie](#)**

Ms. Bridges will be a featured presenter at the 2015 Annual Conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in Orlando. In her presentation she will highlight the impact her teacher had on her life, as well as diversity and inclusion in education and the collective impact teachers can have if they organize together.

**For more information about the conference: [Here](#)**

## Planned Language Approach

*From the Iowa Head Start Collaboration Office:*

At the registration link below is a flier about all the training opportunities that are available for different parts of the Planned Language Approach. They are scheduled as part of the **Iowa Culture and Language Conference**. Of course the conference also includes many other workshops and keynotes of interest.

This is a convenient way to get new staff oriented to PLA or give existing staff a refresher on PLA basics. [Please consider registering today.](#)

## Paper Tigers Pre-View

You are invited to attend a screening of a new documentary developed by James Redford. The documentary examines the impact of trauma on children, and how one school changed its system to respond appropriately. The screening will be held at the Fleur Cinema in Des Moines on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. It is completely free to attend. (See next page for more information.)

The trailer can be found here: <http://www.papertigersmovie.com/>

**To register for the 1 p.m. screening and learn more: [Paper-Tiger Preview](#)**

## 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](mailto:subscribe-babytalk@listserv.unc.edu) To suggest resources, please contact Camille Catlett at [camille.catlett@unc.edu](mailto:camille.catlett@unc.edu) or (919) 966-6635.

## The Merits of Early Investment

A new report from the [National Research Center on Hispanic Children & Families](#) shows positive results for Latino children in Miami-Dade County, Florida, who attended public school pre-K or subsidized center-based child care. Children in these programs entered kindergarten scoring above national averages in pre-academic and social behavioral skills. These students performed well through third grade (when the study ended), measured by their GPA and score on a standardized reading comprehension test.

The Center is led by Child Trends and Abt Associates, with university partners.

[READ MORE](#)

## Develop a Culture of Continuous Learning

On **Tuesday, October 20th, at 3:00 p.m. ET**, join PerformWell to review what it means to have a culture of continuous learning at your organization, and what research has shown to facilitate or impede creation of this culture. Presenters will highlight free resources to help. Child Trends is a partner in PerformWell.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

**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

November 6 (Des Moines)

#### ECI State Dept. Directors

8:30 – 10:30 AM

October 2

#### ECI Stakeholders Alliance

3 – 4 Hour meetings

December 8 (PM)

#### ECI Steering Committee

October 1 (9:00 AM – Noon)

November 5 (9:00 AM – Noon)

#### ECI Area Directors

December 9

### 2016 ECI Meeting Calendar:

#### ECI State Board

10:00 – 1:00

January 8

April 1

June 3

September 9

November 4

December 13 (PM)

#### ECI Area Directors

April 6 All day

(June will be regional meetings)

September 13 (afternoon)

December 7 All day

#### ECI Stakeholders Alliance

3 – 4 Hour meetings

February 23 (TBD)

May 10 (PM)

September 13 (AM)

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8:30 – 10:30

May 6

October 7

**ECI Steering Committee**

Time Varies

January 7 (9:00 AM – Noon)

March 3 (9:00 – 4:00 PM)

April 7 (9:00 AM – Noon)

June 2 (9:00 AM – Noon)

August 4 (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM)

October 6 (9:00 AM – Noon)

November 3 (9:00 AM – Noon)

**Early Childhood Iowa Day on the Hill**

February 23, 2016