



Early Childhood Iowa Monday Musings November 9, 2015 2015 Vol. 2, No. 41

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](#).

***No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or to get all the credit for doing it.
-Andrew Carengie***

State Information:

ECI Webinar: Engaging Citizens through Social Media

ECI is hosting a webinar on December 2nd from 9:00 – 10:30 on: **“Engaging Citizens through Social Media”** - Dawn Connet, Iowa Office of Chief Information Officer

Brief Overview of the Workshop: An introduction to social media engagement including developing a strategy, legal implications, handling negativity and resources for social media professionals. Learn the must have points for your policies to how to listen and engage your community through social media.

Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4665228206226316802>

Webinar ID: 111-712-403

Presenter:

Dawn Connet, eGovernment Services Coordinator for the Iowa Office of the Chief Information Officer has a B.A. in Political Science from Iowa State University. She worked as an Account Manager for IBM, Bull and Unisys managing state government clients before joining Iowa government in 2007. In her current role she is responsible for developing the social media presence for the state’s technology department and supporting the expansion of social media engagement throughout state government.

Job Opening: DHS Child Care Unit in Central Office

DHS has posted job opening for a Social Worker 6 position in the Bureau of Child Care and Community Services, specifically in the child care unit. The person in the position will be expected to assist with all areas of child care regulations. These duties include but are not limited to the following:

1. Monitor changes in federal policy
2. Assist as needed with the development and revision of administrative rules and employee manual
3. Provide policy interpretation

4. Coordinate policy and practice changes as needed
5. Respond to inquiries from the public, Legislature, DHS staff and others
6. Represent the department on various internal and external workgroups
7. Respond to requests for exceptions to policy in a timely manner

Deadline for applications is November 15, 2015.

For more information and application instructions go to:



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Federal Information:

Introducing a Compendium of Evidenced-Based Parenting Interventions

By Shantel E. Meek, Ph.D., Senior Policy Advisor for Early Childhood Development
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

If you google “parenting” about 284 million results pop up. Last winter, the Washington Post published an article partly titled “Americans are Obsessed with Parenting”. Part of the reason we’re obsessed with parenting is because we all want to be the best parents we can be for our children. The unfortunate truth is that many, if not most, of what pops up in google searches, magazines, newspapers, television and the radio, is junk science; advice that can be unreliable and based more on opinion than science. Early childhood program have an important role in partnering with parents and families, and providing capacity-building opportunities on promoting children’s learning and development. And they have the responsibility to do so in way that is scientifically sound and responsive to families’ strengths, needs, and wants.

Today we are launching a package of new resources for States, schools, and early childhood programs that make it easier to find and implement parenting interventions that have a research base and are responsive to families’ and communities’ needs. The package includes:

- [*Compendium of Parenting Interventions*](#): The Compendium profiles parenting interventions for families of children birth to age five that are research-based. It includes information on the cost, training requirements, duration, and intended outcomes of each intervention. The document also reviews the research base for each intervention.
- [*Implementing Parenting Interventions in Early Care and Education Settings: A Guidebook for Implementation*](#): The Guidebook outlines the steps to successfully implement a parenting intervention in an early childhood program, including how to assess an organization’s readiness, assess families’ needs, choose the appropriate intervention, carry out an intervention, and evaluate progress.

For more information: [Compendium](#)

Raising of America Video On-line

Watch Online for a Limited Time!

[The Raising of America](#) Signature Hour (60 min) will be available to watch online November 9th-30th.

www.raisingofamerica.org

Take advantage and spread the word!

Episodes

EP. 1: [THE RAISING OF AMERICA Signature Hour](#)

EP. 2: [ONCE UPON A TIME: When Childcare for All Wasn't Just a Fairy Tale](#)

EP. 3: [ARE WE CRAZY ABOUT OUR KIDS?](#)

EP. 4: [WOUNDED PLACES: Confronting Childhood PTSD in America's Shell-Shocked Cities](#)

EP. 5: [DNA IS NOT DESTINY: How the Outside Gets Under the Skin](#)

[Watch online: Nov. 9-30](#)
[Social Media Day: Nov. 17](#)



Other Information:

Borrowed Brains: Q&A with Deborah Temkin

What does research tell us about the connection between social-emotional learning and bullying? Child Trends Program Area Director for Education [Deborah Temkin](#), co-author of [Bullies in the Block Area: The Early Childhood Origins of 'Mean' Behavior](#), talks to Communities In Schools about risk factors, redirection--and the surprising role of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.

To read more: [Borrowed Brains](#)

Free Webinar:

The Great Disconnect: What We Know vs. What We Do in Early Childhood Education (McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership)

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

2:00-3:30 p.m. EST

Learn about the need to develop a definition of school readiness that reflects our understanding of the critical need for language development and language rich experiences. Zoom in on the need to get out of the business of early literacy and into the business of brain development so that impoverished children receive the same kinds of experiences that benefit affluent children.

To learn more about the webinar and to register: [The Great Disconnect](#)

Connections Matter Training

Connections Matter is a community effort. We want everyone to know that fostering caring connections with the children, families and adults in your life matters to developing healthy brains, supportive relationships, and thriving communities.

Connections Matter **Train-the-Presenter** Workshop in Council Bluffs

Friday, November 20, 9 a.m.-noon

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

2202 River Road

Council Bluffs, IA

We will train you to deliver a research-based presentation and give you the facts, stories, tools and materials to carry the Connections Matter message into your community. All are welcome to attend.

REGISTER AT www.promisepartners.org

Together we can engage more people in creating an environment that strengthens families from the start and gives adults and children with a history of trauma an opportunity to heal. What's your connection?

Learn more at www.connectionsmatter.org.

Responding to ACES in Iowa

Communities and organizations have been developing creative responses to address The ACE Study findings. Together these responses are creating a system that is working to prevent ACEs and to mitigate and treat their effects among individuals, families and communities. Click on the links below to learn more about ACE-inspired work across the state. For more information: [Responding to ACES](#)

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

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

ECI State Dept. Directors

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)

ECI Stakeholders Alliance

3 – 4 Hour meetings

February 23 (TBD)

May 10 (PM)

September 13 (AM)

December 13 (PM)

ECI Area Directors

April 6 All day

(June will be regional meetings)

September 13 (afternoon)

December 7 All day

Early Childhood Iowa Day on the Hill

February 23, 2016