



Early Childhood Iowa Monday Musings November 23, 2015 2015 Vol. 2, No. 43

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](#).

“Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

State Information:

Iowa Medicaid Modernization

Member Enrollment Packet Sample Available: You may now access a sample of the IA Health Link managed care enrollment packet. The enrollment packets include a number of resources that explain the member’s new options for coverage, how members enroll in or change plans, and other information on learning more about their new coverage. Enrollment packets are currently being mailed and will be sent to all members by the end of November, beginning with Long Term Care and Home and Community Based Services members, followed by Traditional Medicaid, *hawk-i* and then current managed care members. Find a sample enrollment packet here:

https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/EnrollmentPacket_Sample_Nov2015.pdf

Learn more about the member enrollment process by accessing the enrollment fact sheet:

https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/IAHealthLink_MemberEnrollment_Factsheet.pdf.

Member Choice Timeline: Members have until December 17, 2015, to make a choice for January 1, 2016. If no choice is made, the member will be enrolled with the MCO included on the letter in the enrollment packet. Members can change their MCO for any reason through March 18, 2016. After March 18, 2016, members can change their MCO for reasons of good cause. Additionally, there will be a time once per year when members can change their MCO for any reason.

Members may make a selection of their MCO by:

1. Calling Iowa Medicaid Member Services at 1-800-338-8366 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday).
2. Completing the enrollment form included in the packet and placing it in the postage-paid return envelope.

3. Completing the enrollment form and faxing it to Iowa Medicaid Member Services.
4. Completing the enrollment form and emailing it to Iowa Medicaid Member Services.
5. Attending an in-person member education session and completing the form.

Member Meeting Schedule Reminder: Iowa Medicaid is hosting meetings for Medicaid members to learn more about the IA Health Link program. 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. New meetings are being added weekly, please check the updated schedule to help members in your area find a meeting. Members may also access details on the meeting locations by calling Iowa Medicaid Member Services at 1-800-338-8366 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday) http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/MemberEducation_and_EnrollmentEventsFlyer.pdf

Reminder: Key Provider Implementation Resources Released: DHS reminds providers that key provider resources for the upcoming transition to managed care and launch of the IA Health Link program are available.

The following items are available at the DHS website unless otherwise noted.

1. Managed Care Organization Provider Agreement Templates – Contact the MCOs, see contacts below
2. Managed Care Organization Provider Manuals
3. Provider Universal Application
4. Provider Rate Baseline and Fee Schedule
5. Provider Network Fact Sheet

Additional questions can be directed to Iowa Medicaid Provider Services at 1-800-338-7909 (7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday- Friday) or at IMEProviderServices@dhs.state.ia.us.

MCO Provider Contact Information

Managed Care Organization	Provider-Specific Contact and Phone Number
Amerigroup Iowa, Inc.	Email: iowamedicaid@amerigroup.com Phone: 1-855-789-7989
AmeriHealth Caritas Iowa, Inc.	Email: iowaProviderNetwork@amerihealthcaritas.com Phone: 1-855-287-7855
UnitedHealthcare Plan of the River Valley, Inc.	Providers: iowaCommunityNetwork@uhc.com Or contact your current contract manager Phone: 1-888-650-3462
WellCare of Iowa, Inc.	Email: iowaNetwork@wellcare.com Phone: 1-855-599-3811

Information on Medicaid Modernization can be found on the dedicated web page at: <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/MedicaidModernization>.

Please feel free to share this information with others in your organization or your community. If you'd like to subscribe or unsubscribe to these email notifications, please email "subscribe" along with your name, organization and contact information to IMECommunications@dhs.state.ia.us.

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.

Adjustment in CCDF State Child Care Plan Timeline

As part of our process to keep you up-to-date on Department of Human Service’s progress in drafting Iowa’s CCDF Child Care Plan, we want to let you know that we are making an adjustment in our state plan timeline. The public hearing for comment on the plan is now scheduled for January 7, 2016 from 10 AM – Noon. The child care state plan draft will be available on our website on or before December 18th. Currently, you can review the “work in progress” version of the plan on the website.

<https://dhs.iowa.gov/node/2309>

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](#)

Federal Information:

Introducing a Compendium of Evidenced-Based Parenting Interventions Webinar



Tuesday, December 8th, 3pm (EST)

Please join ACF for a webinar Introducing a Compendium of Evidenced-Based Parenting Interventions on December 8rd at 3:00 pm EST. .

Strong parent-child relationships set the stage for children’s success in school and in life. Discover ways to partner with families to strengthen these relationships with the help of this compilation of evidenced-based parenting interventions for children ages birth to 5. Research has shown that the parenting interventions in this guide support children’s learning and development.

Who Should Watch, Listen, and Participate?

- Parents and other stakeholders interested in supporting the well-being of young children and their families
- State Child Care administrators, school principals, educators and school and community leaders
- Head Start and Child care directors and staff

Presenters

Linda Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Education, HHS

Joshua Sparrow, MD, Director, Brazelton Touchpoints Center

Catherine Ayoub, RN, EdD, Director, Research and Evaluation, Brazelton Touchpoints Center

Register here:

<https://brazelton.adobeconnect.com/introcpi/event/registration.html>

Learn more about this:

[Introducing a Compendium of Evidenced-Based Parenting Interventions](#) by Shantel E. Meek, Ph.D., Senior Policy Advisor, Early Childhood Development

See new resources that can inform early childhood programs, networks, and States in their work to partner with and support families with young children using evidence-informed approaches.

- [Compendium of Parenting Interventions](#)
- [Intervention Implementation Guide](#)
- [Tracking Progress in Early Care and Education: Program, Staff, and Family Measurement Tools](#)

Other Information:

Applications are now being accepted by Linn County for a key management position in the Early Childhood Development/ Family Support service field:

Below is a vacancy notice for the “Child & Youth Development Services Director” job role within the “Community Services” department of Linn County government. The selected candidate will need to start in mid-January, 2016.

Applications for the position must be submitted on-line from **November 15th through 25th, 2015** at: linncounty.org (then click on Job Opportunities)

This is a special opportunity for a well-qualified early childhood / family support professional who has the management experience and educational background needed to oversee a range of high quality early intervention/ prevention services based in Linn County, Iowa

The Child & Youth Development Director role is an IPERS-covered, salaried position with good pay and benefits. The beginning salary for the Director's position is set commensurate with the selected candidate's experience and background. The minimum salary is \$66,902 annually and the established "mid-range" salary point is \$80,471 annually.

For additional background information on the Child & Youth Development Services division of Linn County, you can review items from the following folder in

Dropbox: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/o3m6xvmpIip7jux/AAB7syCEEeGe_gf0ZVhgjZ5Na?dl=0

"The Raising of America: Early Childhood and the Future of Our Nation."

The five programs will be available to watch free of charge on the Raising of America website through the remainder of this month. You can view it here:

<http://www.raisingofamerica.org/watch>

RACE: Are We So Different?

Experience this highly personal and thought-provoking exhibition at the Science Center of Iowa October 10, 2015, through April 3, 2016.

People look different. Like a fingerprint, each person is unique. Each person represents a one-of-a-kind combination of their parents', grandparents' and family's ancestry - and every person experiences life somewhat differently than others. But are we so different?

This provocative exhibition investigates race and human variation using three primary themes: the history of the idea of race, the science of human variation and the contemporary experience of race and racism in the United States.

The exhibit includes:

- Interactive exhibit components
- Historical artifacts
- Iconic objects
- Compelling photographs
- Multimedia presentations

RACE: Are We So Different? is a project of the American Anthropological Association in collaboration with the Science Museum of Minnesota, funded by Ford Foundation and the National Science Foundation.

VISITING INFORMATION

Admission: Admission to the exhibition is included with SCI general admission (\$12 for adults and \$8 for children and seniors).

Group Visits and Diversity Training: SCI also has developed four group visit packages to provide diversity and inclusion training for groups of 20-250. [View group visit packages and information](#)

School Trips: School visits are only \$2 through February 2016. [Learn more about SCI School Visits](#)

What Does it Mean for Children to Grow up in a World with Terrorism

From the abstract for "The Meaning of Terrorism"

"Hardly a week goes by in the United States (and to varying degrees, in the rest of the world) that the word terrorism does not appear in the collective consciousness, as represented, channeled, and shaped by the mass media in its many print, broadcast, and internet manifestations. While relatively few children worldwide (and even fewer children domestically in the United States) have been the specific targets for acts of terrorism, some have, and most are growing up in a world in which terrorism in its many aspects is a salient cultural phenomenon. This paper explores the impact of growing up in a world with terrorism on children and youth. It considers both the direct traumatic effects of being a victim and the indirect effects of living in communities and societies in which the threat of terrorism is on the minds of children, but perhaps more importantly, of adults generally, and parents and policy makers in particular..."

Excerpt from "Children and Political Violence:

Progress on the Pathways of Risk, Resilience, and Peace"

"On a staggering global scale, children and youth are caught up in political conflict as victims of politically motivated violence, voluntary or forced combatants and terrorists, refugees fleeing to safety, and targets of social media campaigns to radicalize and foment terror..."

Available here: [Social Policy Report \(volume 29, number 2\)](#)

Citation: Garbarino, J., Governale, A., Henry, P., & Nesi, D. (2015). Children and terrorism. Social Policy Report, 29(2).

From Child Trends:

Fostering Early Brain Development

New videos for your organization

These new short videos from Child Trends offer powerful messages for parents and providers working with young children. They feature Dr. Dana Suskind summarizing research on topics such as why the first three years of life are so important, what we know about early brain development, how to help low-income parents, and more. We'd be happy to have you post them on your website. Just send us a note at staff@childtrends.org.

Watch them [here](#).

Your Toddler Bans You from Her Birthday Party--Now What Do You Do?

The new edition of *Baby Talk* provides a great resource for dealing with toddlers' irrational behavior--and it connects you to much more information, too... [more](#)

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 Stakeholders Alliance

3 – 4 Hour meetings
December 8 (PM)

ECI Area Directors

December 9

ECI State Dept. Directors

8:30 – 10:30 AM
October 2

ECI Steering Committee

November 5 (9:00 AM – Noon)

2016 ECI Meeting Calendar:

ECI State Board

10:00 – 1:00
January 8
April 1
June 3
September 9
November 4

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

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)

Early Childhood Iowa Day on the Hill

February 23, 2016