



## Early Childhood Iowa Monday Musings March 23, 2015 2015 Vol. 2, No. 12

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)

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*"If we desire a kinder nation, seeing it through the eyes of children is an eminently sensible endeavor: A city that is pro-child, for example, is also a more humane place for adults."*

-Richard Louv

### State Information:

#### 4 Ways to Celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month (From Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Newsletter)

On April 1, we (PCA-IA) are kicking off a month-long campaign to raise awareness that together we can prevent child abuse. Watch for the blue pinwheel as the symbol of the great childhood all children deserve.

To be successful with our campaign, we need you to stand with us in support of this cause. Here are four ways you can play your part:

- 1. Speak Up!** - On April 1, change your profile picture to the pinwheel and share why you support child abuse prevention with your networks. [Click here](#) to find images and messages you can use on Facebook and Twitter.
- 2. Do a Good Deed** - A compassionate community builds the environment children need to thrive. That's why we are sending pinwheels out into the community with one simple message: Do good deeds for others. Follow the kind actions on Facebook under [#pinwheelsforprevention](#).
- 3. Display Your Support** - Showcase a pinwheel bouquet at your business. E-mail [Andria](#) to request a display.
- 4. Plan an Activity** - Organize a "Blue Out" day or hold a pinwheel coloring contest. [Find ideas and resources here](#).

Each Monday during April, we will send a special newsletter updating you on one action you can take to prevent child abuse that week. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for additional campaign messages. To learn what activities are going on in your community, e-mail [Sarah](#).

With your help this month, we can make more people aware that preventing child abuse is possible and work together to build the compassionate communities children need to reach their full potential!

To subscribe to the PCA Iowa Newsletter: [Click Here](#)

## **Governor to Sign *Week of the Young Child* Proclamation**

Join the Iowa National Association for the Education of Young Children for the signing of the 2015 Week of the Young Child Proclamation.

Thursday, April 9 at 2:20PM in the Governor's Formal Office (room 109 in the Capitol)

The Week of the Young Child celebration is April 12 -18, 2015.

For some ideas how to celebrate the week visit [NAEYC Week of the Young Child](#).

## **TEXT4Baby**

Has your ECI Area become an outreach partner? Iowa officially became a TEXT4Baby partner in this national initiative that is endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control. Mothers receive three free text messages a week, timed to their due date or their baby's birth date, through pregnancy and up until the baby's first birthday. The messages address topics such as labor signs and symptoms, prenatal care, urgent alerts, developmental milestones, immunizations, nutrition, birth defect prevention, safe sleep, safety, and more.

Local ECI areas and family support programs can become outreach partners for TEXT4Baby. To learn more: <https://www.text4baby.org/index.php/about>

## **Iowa Family Support Credentialing Program**

Family support programs are starting the process of re-credentialing after five years. The program just enrolled three new programs to start the process in the last month. A few programs have delayed enrollment which may cause some problems with their eligibility for ECI funds. There are 28 programs that have indicated that they will be ready for their peer review the spring of 2016. Those programs are being strongly encouraged to work at a faster pace as the Credentialing program does not have the ability to credential that high of number of programs within that short of a timeframe. ECI area directors and boards can encourage the programs they fund to not wait until 2016 to request their peer review as they may not be able to get it completed prior to July 1, 2016. Please contact Janet Horras – [janet.horras@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:janet.horras@idph.iowa.gov) if you have questions about the status of a program you are funding. The Credentialing program is funded exclusively with ECI professional development funds. The reduction in MIECHV funds has no impact on this project.

## **Doing the Right Thing for Children: Eight Qualities of Leadership**

### **Iowa AEYC's Spring Leadership Institute**

May 16, 2015

Altoona, Iowa

### **Maurice Sykes, special guest and keynoter.**

We (Iowa AEYC) invite you and your colleagues to join us for the annual Spring Leadership Institute, bringing together early childhood leaders across the state for appropriate professional development.

**Registration is now open!** Please share the **attached form and information** about the day with your colleagues and distribution lists. [www.iowaaeyc.org](http://www.iowaaeyc.org)

**Iowa Chapter of NASW Annual Symposium and Awards Luncheon  
"Social Justice"**

April 16 and 17, 2015  
Holiday Inn Des Moines Northwest

**Keynote Speaker on Friday, April 17**

*Dr. Kenneth Hardy*

**"Treating the Invisible Wounds of Trauma:  
A Multicultural Perspective"**

For more information and registration go to: [NASW Symposium](#)

**Parents as Teachers: Foundational and Model Implementation Training in Iowa**

There is a new training opportunity for the Foundational and Model Implementation trainings April 27 - May 1 2015 in Indianola, Iowa.

Don't wait, space is limited and registration closes at midnight on April 13th.

For more information, please go to our website at [www.parentsasteachers.org](http://www.parentsasteachers.org) and click on the portal log-in link in the upper right corner. You'll find all open trainings under the "education" column. To register click on "class schedules". (You must be logged in to register for trainings)

**Address of training:**

Wells Fargo Financial Center  
515 N Jefferson Way 2nd Floor Conference Room  
Indianola IA 50125

**Hotel Suggestion:**

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g38017-Indianola\\_Iowa-Hotels.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g38017-Indianola_Iowa-Hotels.html)

**Pricing:**

Foundational and Model Training	\$1000
Foundational Training	\$900
Model Implementation	\$300

**Agendas**

[Foundational Training Agenda \(3-Day\)](#)

[Model Implementation Agenda \(2-Day\)](#)

[Cancellation Policy \(Rev 1-14\)](#)

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## **Federal Information:**

### **Head Start: 50 Years of Opportunities**

Fifty years ago our nation made a commitment to opening windows of opportunity for at risk children. Since the summer of 1965, more than 32 million children have benefitted from Head Start's comprehensive services - they have become business women and men, professors, teachers, lawyers, elected officials, foundation Presidents, Grammy-winning musicians, poets, and parents. To honor [Head Start's 50th anniversary](#), the National Head Start Association (NHSA) is leading a year-long celebration to celebrate our shared commitment to ensuring every child is given a foundation for future success, in school and in life. If you are a proud Head Start alumni, [identify yourself](#) and join us in celebrating the incredible difference Head Start is making in the lives of at-risk families across the country.

## **Other Information:**

### **Webinar: The Performance Imperative: Living Up to the Promise of the Social Sector**

Hear how nonprofits, foundations, and public agencies can use the *Performance Imperative* as their North Star to guide them on a journey of continuous improvement to achieve better, more sustainable outcomes for communities, children, adults and families.

**Date:** Thu, April 16, 2015

**Time:** 3:00 PM EDT

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes

For more information or to register: [Social Solutions](#)

### **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

April 3

June 5

September 4 November 6

**ECI State Dept. Directors**

8:30 – 9:30

May 1

October 2

**ECI Stakeholders Alliance**

3 – 4 Hour meetings

March 5 (AM) Held in conjunction with the ECI  
Day on the Hill

May 12 (PM)

September 8 (AM)

December 8 (PM)

**ECI Steering Committee**

Time Varies

April 2 (9:00 AM – Noon)

June 4 (9:00 AM – Noon)

August 4 (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM)

October 1 (9:00 AM – Noon)

November 5 (9:00 AM – Noon)

**ECI Area Directors**

All day

April 8

(June will be regional meetings)

September 16

(December will be regional meetings)