



Early Childhood Iowa Area Board Responsibilities at a Glance

Legislated Purpose (256.I) of an Early Childhood Iowa Area Board:

Early Childhood Iowa area board members shall be elected officials or members of the public who are not employed by a provider of services to or for the area board. Representation shall include early care, education, health, human services, business, and faith interests, and at least one parent, grandparent, or guardian of a child from zero through age five. However, not more than one member shall represent the same entity or interest.

4 R Kids ECI Board Commitment:

The 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board is committed to having broad-based community membership and establishing diversity within the Board. Current areas of focused recruitment include gender balance and equal balance of representatives that live or work in Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County in Iowa. Membership shall include at least one representative from each of the interest areas of business, consumer, education, faith, health and human services. Currently the Board may have between 8 and 12 board members. For a current list of board members visit www.4rkids-eci.org.

The Board is charged with the following:

- Follow open meetings laws and open record laws.
- Achieve the desired results and improve other results for families with young children.
- Administer Early Childhood and School Ready funds in the early childhood Iowa grant.
- Develop a comprehensive community plan which guides decision-making.
- Submit an annual report on the effectiveness of the community plan.
- Function as a coordinating body for services offered by different entities directed to similar purposes within the area.
- Not be a provider of services to or for the area board.
- Undertake and report on fiscal and performance of the programs, contracts, and services.
- Strategic Planning.
- Oversight and management of programming.
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- Utilize community bodies for input to the area board and implementation of services.

The 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board supports programming that impact:

- Early learning environments such as preschool and child care services
- Family support services such as home visitation and child development activities
- Health services such as dental screenings and mental health consultation.
- Community planning and resource management

For More Information

You can find the additional resources on the Early Childhood Iowa web site,

<https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/>

You may also contact Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids ECI Director at 4rkidseci@gmail.com or 641-344-2250 or visit www.4rkids-eci.org.