



### **KIDS Coalition**

*"Collaboration between 1st Five, Prevent Child Abuse Madison County, and 4 R Kids  
with a focus on Madison County children and families"*

**Meeting started at 12:00**

**Minutes and Agendas posted at [www.4rkids-ecci.org](http://www.4rkids-ecci.org)**

**December 12, 2024**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**Winterset, Iowa 50273**

**Additional meeting materials are located:**

**<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UNBiVQftvkVVo3ajMnRR0KH31tW2NIMm>**

### **Minutes**

#### **Attendance**

Debra Schrader (4 R Kids ECI), Bonnie Forsythe (Short Years Partnership), Dawn Holt (Lutheran Services in Iowa), Jami Swearigin (SCICAP FaDDS), Val Cameron (Dallas ISU Extension), Sarha Gibson (DCAT/CPPC), and Elizabeth Kehret (Lutheran Services in Iowa).

#### **Presentation**

Elizabeth Kehret provided a presentation about a statewide online MOMS program that assists pregnant and new mothers.

#### **Announcements and Information**

- 1st Five met with Health Trust Physicians in November to provide education about their programs, how they can support families in Madison Co, and how to refer. 1<sup>st</sup> Five also has a new logo. Laura Lentell is the new Child and Adolescent Health Director at EveryStep. Laura previously oversaw the EPSTD and Hawki programs at EveryStep and assisted with 1st Five, as well. EveryStep has a new website for local Holiday Winter Assistance resources.
- Aces 360 has released a new ACE report.
- The 4 R Kids ECI board has a board vacancy for Adair County. Two new board members have joined the board.
- The 4 R Kids ECI area will go through designation and many community partners will be invited to a stakeholder meeting February 20, 2025.
- Deb provided an update on Thrive in which CRISP is pilot site that started November 1, 2024. The first month of service 35 households were served. A one-page document about Thrive has been drafted by HHS.
- Deb has gathered the preschool experience rate data, Madison County's rate was 87.1% which is an increase of 3.7% from last year, the 4 county areas rate is 82.8% which is down 2.1% from the previous year.
- The 4 R Kids ECI area is supporting the Associations legislative agenda; provide a \$3 million increase to local ECI boards and maintain local ECI boards to continue to support families.
- No news has been released on the ASO's for the behavioral health districts. IHHS is to announce the winner on or before 12-30-24.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. There is no January meeting. Next meeting will be February 12, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.