

**Success 4 Kids  
&  
Adair County Early Childhood Committee  
Minutes/Notes  
Greenfield United Church  
108 S.W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Greenfield Iowa  
Tuesday April 8, 2025  
A [Google Folder](#) contains handouts and other information.**

**Attendance**

Kirstie Nixon, Courtney Adair, Megan Davidson, Lisa Carstens, Stephanie Claussen, Jamie Swearingin, Reshana Van Deuren, Kaylie Graham, James Larson, Val Cameron, Alma Morales, and Debra Schrader.

**Announcements and Agency Updates**

- **SWCC** – Has a parttime 20-30 hours a week parent educator position to serve several counties. PAT will have a baby shower June 6, 2025 at the Gathering place from 5:00-6:30.
- **ZION** – At this time there is no news regarding the renewal or extension of the IPN grant and its possible it may end June 30, 2025.
- **Crossroads** – Will be having limited office hours at the Gathering Place.

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- There is approximately \$600 in the Councils account.
- The FY26 PCA grant application was submitted by Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council as the legal applicate. Home visitation and sexual abuse prevention education were applied for with a maximum amount to applied for, \$90,000. Grant awards is to be April 15, 2025.
- The Stronger Together Child Abuse conference is April 29-30 in Ankeny. CIAC may have funds to assist with registration.

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- DCAT/CCPP – Mini grants are available for up to \$500 and are due April 25, 2025; funding needs to be spent no later than June 30, 2025.
- A list of legislative bills was reviewed.
- An update on Thrive Iowa was provided.
- An overview of the changes to ECI was provided; the 34 ECI boards will be dissolved and 7 new district boards will be formed with an unclear effective date. Adair County will be in District 4 and Dallas, Madison, and Warren will be in District 5. At this time SF445 and HF 623 will defund several programs supported by the 34 ECI boards. The only programs to be funded is funds home visitation and the Governors new project, continuum of care for 4-year-olds. Both bills have been deferred and there is no news as when they will be put back on the debate calendar. This is a sign that legislators have concerns and questions about the bills.
- Continuum of Care question and answers are located on the HHS website.
- Adair County health rankings were reviewed, this will be the last year for the report as the funding has been cut.
- Adair County snapshot was reviewed.

**Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00. The next meeting will be June 10, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m. and will be in person.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, ECI Director