



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

April 9, 2025

1120 N. 8th Street

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Winterset, Iowa 50273

Minutes and Agendas posted at www.4rkids-ecci.org

Additional meeting materials are located:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UNBiVQftykVV03ajMnRR0KH31tW2NIMm>

Minutes

Attendance

Debra Schrader (4 R Kids ECI), Megan Davidson (CCRR), Susan Crowdes (Public Health, Kathleen Rush (CRISP), Jackie Giles (Dallas ISU Extension), Alma Morales (Zion) Megan Jensen (Every Step), Sami Heithoff (Short Years P), Jordan Gorman (Every Step), Anna Swan, Heidi Goodrich (CIAC), Sarah Gibson (DCAT/CPPC) and Dawn Holt (LSI).

Announcements and Information

- 1st Five with Every Step has doubled their referrals in a year.
- Short Years Partnership with Parents as Teachers will be celebrating their 30th year anniversary on April 10th; they were the 10 Parents As Teachers program in Iowa.
- An update was provided about Madison County’s pilot project - Thrive Iowa.
- 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.
- A list of legislative bills was reviewed.
- An update on Thrive Iowa was provided. Currently there is no pause on essential needs and housing supports.
- There is no new news on the opioid settlement funds for Madison County.
- Madison County Iowa Health Rankings were reviewed. This will be last year for the rankings as funding was cut.
- The FY26 PCA grant application was submitted the Dallas County Children’s Advocacy Council. Home visitation and sexual abuse prevention education was applied, \$90,000. The award announcements are expected on April 15, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00. The next meeting is May 8, 2025 at 12:00 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Winterset.