



### **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**

**May 14, 2025**

**1120 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**Winterset, Iowa 50273**

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

**Additional meeting materials are located:**

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

### **Minutes**

#### **Attendance**

Debra Schrader (4 R Kids ECI), Jackie Giles (Dallas ISU Extension), Heidi Goodrich (CIAC), Rachel Bardwell (Short Years P), Anna Swan, Heidi Goodrich (CIAC), Sarah Gibson (DCAT/CPPC) Stephanie Cassidy (Every Step 1<sup>st</sup> Five), Lisa Carstens (Zion), and Tabatha McLain (CICS).

#### **Announcements and Information**

- DCAT/CPPC is business as usual. All FY26 contracts have been completed.
- Healthy Kids Iowa will have a pilot program for kids age 4-18 and households are to be at 185% of federal poverty level to participate.
- ECI will be implementing changes to current service types, preschool tuition scholarships will have major changes if passed by the state ECI board. Families will be required to apply for child care assistance and be denied before a scholarship can be awarded. Additionally, preschools will be required to accept child care assistance. Changes are effective July 1, 2025.
- April 1, 2025 changes to Medicaid criteria changed for pregnant women, they must be at 215% of federal poverty level or below; before April it was 375% or below of the federal poverty level.
- November 2025 through March 2026 Thrive Iowa pilot data was shared with the group. CRISP has assisted 110 households with navigation services, 17 households with housing supports and 55 household with essential needs.
- Child abuse data was shared, there were 101 assessments, 26 abused children with 38.4% under the age of 5.
- The FY26 PCA grant application was submitted the Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council. Home visitation and sexual abuse prevention education and was awarded \$90,000.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00. The next meeting is June 11, 2025 at 12:00 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Winterset.