

Adair County Partnership Meeting

Minutes/Notes

Greenfield United Church

108 S.W. 5th Street

Greenfield Iowa

Tuesday February 10, 2026

A [Google Folder](#) contains handouts and other information.

Attendance

Courtney Adair, Schrier, Lisa Cartstens, Nina Utterbak, Stephanie Claussen, Summer Murdock, Amanda Wehlert, Lisa Carstens, Reshana VanDeuren, James Larson, Jami Swearington, and Debra Schrader.

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council (DCCAC)

- 1st quarter review- subcontractors are working towards benchmark goals, CIAC without a SAP educator for most of 2nd quarter.
- SAP educator- Heidi Lowe has been hired by CIAC will begin offering classes.
- Madison County representative- Val will meet with Kathleen from CRISP in January edited 2/6/26 Josie Readman will represent Madison County.
- Review policy and procedure of expenditures and approved by committee.
- Overview and structure will be updated with current language and shared with committee to approve.
- Strategic Plan updating will review at next meeting.

Early Childhood

- **DCAT/CPPC** – Mini grants are available up to \$950.
- **Legislative Update** – HSB623 and SSB1131 are companion bills from HHS to eliminate ECI, DCAT, CPPC and child abuse prevention. The sub-committee in the house has tabled the bill. The senate will hear remarks on Thursday.
- **Dentist** – Shadow Creek Pediatric Dentistry in Waukee is taking new clients and accepts Medicaid.
- **4 R Kids Board** – The board has one position open for a Dallas County representative, 11 of the 12 positions are filled.
- **FY25 ECI annual report** – The annual report on all 34 ECI areas was shared with the group. HHS has yet to publish the report on line.
- **Preschool Experience** – Data was shared regarding the preschool experience rate, Adair County's rate is 92.8%.
- **CCA Pilot** – Data was shared regarding the child care assistance workforce pilot, there was strong retention evidence.
- **Thrive Iowa** – Cass County Hospital DBA Cass County Public Health received the Thrive funding for 3 ½ years and will serve 3 or more counties in region 4. Another round of Thrive funding will be available soon.
- **Judge Monty Franklin** – The foundation has funding available to youth in district 5B to serve underprivileged and disadvantaged youth. The application is in the Google folder.
- **Meeting Calendar** – The FY27 meeting calendar was reviewed and will mirror FY26, meeting every other month.

Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:00. The next meeting will be April 14, 2026 @ 2:00 p.m. and will be in person.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, ECI Director