



KIDS Coalition

*“Collaboration between the Prevent Child Abuse Council and 4 R Kids
with a focus on Madison County children and families”*

Meeting started at 12:00

February 10, 2026

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

Jackie Giles, Rachel Bardwell, Heidi Lowe, Taylor Castanda, Lisa Carstens, Kathleen Rush, Stephanie Cassidy, and Debra Schrader

Announcements and Information

- A 4 R Kids ECI board update was provided. Currently the board has 11 of 12 positions filled on the board; there is a Dallas County position open.
- A legislative update regarding several bills was reviewed. HF2712 and SF2462 is of great concern as it makes big changes to ECI, DCAT, CPPC, and PCA.
- The Madison County snapshot was shared with the group.
- Kindergarten literacy data was shared with the group.
- Baby Bloom will be March 28, 2026 from 11:00-2:00 at Grand View College in Des Moines.
- Community Convenings meetings will be May 7, 2026 from 9:00-2:45 at River Place in Des Moines, it's unclear as to what the purpose of the meeting is or the agenda.
- Much discussion was around the opportunity to work with Madison County Cares in combining meetings. It is suggested to move the time to 11:00 versus 12:00. Deb will take the recommendation to Madison County Cares.
- The child abuse prevention conference will be virtual April 30 – May 1st.
- April is child abuse awareness month; several activities are planned.
- A training child abuse training called Everything Everyone Needs to Know will be held at the next meeting, April 8, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00. The next meeting is April 8, 2026 at 12:00 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Winterset.