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Early Childhood News

From Dubuque County Early Childhood - a nonprofit that builds collaboration around the needs of families with young children.

Shared Vision: "All Children in Dubuque County are Healthy and Successful."

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Celebrating Children in April

All this month, Dubuque County Early Childhood (DCEC) and its community partners will be recognizing April as "Month of the Young Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month."



The theme this year is "Be the Hero - it takes only one person to make a positive difference in a child's life."

There will be many special events in the community and opportunities to get involved. For more information on these, read on in this e-newsletter or contact DCEC at (563) 588-1620.



Upcoming Meetings - Dubuque County Early Childhood

Early Care and Education Committee - April 10, 1:00 p.m., Keystone Area Education Agency (AEA)

Advocacy/Public Awareness Committee - April 13, 12:00 p.m., Keystone AEA

Long-Range Planning Committee - April 17, 11:00 a.m., Lutheran Services in Iowa

Executive/Finance Committee - April 21, 9:30 a.m., Keystone AEA

Dubuque County Early Childhood Board - April 25, 12:00 p.m., Keystone AEA

NOTE: Meetings are subject to change. To obtain meeting agendas, minutes, or location/directions - contact DCEC at (563) 588-1620, sedward24@aol.com. All meetings are open to the public and are held at locations reasonably accessible to the public. Submit questions or requests for special accommodations to (563) 588-1620.

A Month's Worth of Fun Family Activities

To honor April as "Month of the Young Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month," Dubuque County Early Childhood (DCEC) and the Dubuque Area Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse (DACPCA) are partnering to promote family time. They created a calendar that includes

community activities for children/families and other suggestions for positive ways to spend time together. All activities are open to the public. The calendar is being distributed through schools and child care locations, and it also is available upon request.

Here are some activities on the calendar. Hosted by Four Oaks, a Bunny Hop will happen on April 11 at 6 p.m. at Fulton Elementary. RSVP are required to (563) 557-3100. On April 24, DCEC will release a *Family Connections* magazine with articles from local experts on raising healthy and successful children. Copies are free thanks to business sponsors. Many other activities are occurring throughout the month.

April's recognition is part of nationwide efforts. "Month/Week of the Young Child" is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The goal is to promote the importance of early childhood experiences and those care for children. "Child Abuse Prevention Month" represents the work of a partnership of national organizations, federal partners, and parents committed to strengthening families and communities.

To request copies of the calendar, call (563) 588-1620.






Month of the Young Child & Child Abuse Prevention Month
Be The Hero - It takes only one person to make a difference in a child's life.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>On behalf of sponsoring organizations, your family is invited to participate in the many events going on this month in honor of April as Month of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. Further details on these are found on the back of this sheet.</p> <p>April 1 – April 30: Children's Drawing Contest, Dubuque County Early Childhood April 23 – April 29: Money Smart Week April 24 – April 28: Week of the Young Child: Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work-Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, & Family Friday</p>						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Go for a Walk Together	Ask About Your Child's Day	6-7:30pm Be Prepared: 1st Aid 401	Play Together	1:30-4pm A Conversation about Women & Prison 6-7:30pm Use Resources Wisely	6-7:30pm Your Money Your Future	10am-2pm Playdate at the Mall 10:30-11am Preschool Dance Party 10:30am-12:30pm Easter Egg Hunt 11:30am-2pm Taste of the World
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Eat Breakfast Together	4pm Play-Doh® Playdate	6-7pm Bunny Hop	3:30-7pm Road to Success for Teens	7-8:30pm Owl Prowl	10:30am Baby Builders Block Party	Family Game Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Share an Act of Kindness	Make Dinner Together	Play Outside	Road a Book Together	During School Day Teach a Child to Save	5:15-7:45pm Eagle's Club Fundraiser	7:30am 5K Run/Walk
Easter						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Explore a Park	Sing Songs with your Child	4:15-7:45pm Changing Minds Fair 5-7pm Scout Night Boys & Girls	8am-5pm Beyond Poverty 8am-5pm Child Abuse & The Brain	7pm Family Movie Night	Family Friday Hug Your Child	Earth Day Talk about Dreams
30						
Family Connections Magazine Distribution 2-3:30pm James & the Giant Peach						

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Let's Proclaim Dubuque County for Kids

Both the Dubuque City Council and the Dubuque County Board of Supervisors have proclaimed April as "Month of the Young Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month." Thanks for the support and recognition of the importance of children's earliest experiences as well as the value of those who care for children.



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dubuque County Early Childhood, the Dubuque Area Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse, and the Dubuque Area Association for the Education of Young Children are celebrating April 2017 as the Month of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month and April 23-29, 2017, as the Week of the Young Child with the theme "Be The Hero – It takes only one person to make a difference in a child's life;" and

WHEREAS, these organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, including health and education programs, that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Dubuque, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, teachers, child care providers, and other persons who make a difference in the lives of young children in Dubuque deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support early learning for young children are crucial to the futures of all young children.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ROY D. BUOL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, STAFF AND CITIZENS OF DUBUQUE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2017 AS:

THE MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

AND APRIL 23-29, 2017, AS:

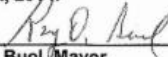
"THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD"


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IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Dubuque to be affixed this 3rd day of April, 2017.


 Roy D. Buol, Mayor

Attest:

 Kevin S. Firnstahl, CMC, City Clerk

Drawing Contest for Children is Going Strong

Entries are pouring in for Dubuque County Early Childhood's Children's Drawing Contest. There's still time for children to enter. Any child living in Dubuque County who is age zero through kindergarten can use the entry form to draw a picture of the child's family or favorite hero. Prizes will be awarded in all age categories and may include games, activities, books, and more. Send in drawings by April 30 to enter. Be your child's hero and call (563) 588-1620 to get entry forms.



For More Info

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