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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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### Special Issue - It's Almost School Time

In this issue of Early Childhood News alongside our organizational news, Dubuque County Early Childhood (DCEC) is pleased to highlight some family and child care provider events coming soon in the community.

Many of these events will offer free resources, supplies, and community connections to information and assistance that families may need for the new school year and that child care providers can use to strengthen quality care.

Contact info on these events is located in each event flyer. DCEC sincerely thanks the many community partners who support early education for local children.



## Upcoming Meetings - Dubuque County Early Childhood

**SAVE THE DATE!** Kids Expo-Dubuque County will be on October 8, 2016, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Grand River Center. It's the premier family resource and fun fair for our community.

**Advocacy/Public Awareness Committee** - August 4, 1:30 p.m., Keystone Area Education Agency (AEA)

**Early Care and Education Committee** - August 8, 1:00 p.m., Keystone AEA

**Executive/Finance Committee** - August 16, 11:00 a.m., Keystone AEA

**Sustainability Committee** - August 17, 10:00 a.m., Dubuque Law Enforcement Center

**Long-Range Planning Committee** - August 17, 1:00 p.m., City Hall Annex

**Kids Expo Planning Team** - August 17, 3:00 p.m., Lutheran Services in Iowa

**Dubuque County Early Childhood Board** - August 23, 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](mailto: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.

## New Members Joining DCEC

The Dubuque County Early Childhood (DCEC) Board warmly welcomes the following new members.

- \* Daniel Ernst, John Deere
- \* Nancy Bradley, Dubuque Community Schools
- \* Linda Martin, Western Dubuque Community Schools



Thank you for your dedication to healthy and successful children and to making Dubuque County a strong community!

## Dubuque to Host "Back To School Bash"



**You are invited!**

# Back to School Bash

**Date: Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> Time: 12-4:00 PM**  
**Comiskey Park, 255 E 24th STREET**

This is your one stop shop to learn about **FREE** resources in your community that can help your students and your families get ready for the school year!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT**

**THESE ORGANIZATIONS**

- Boy Scout of America
- City of Dubuque Leisure Services
- Crescent Community Health Center
- Dubuque Black Men Coalition
- Every Child/ Every Promise
- J4BG Family Service
- Hope Church
- Inclusive Dubuque
- Life Connection
- Macaroni Kid
- Multicultural Family Center
- Northeast Iowa Community College
- Operation New View
- Resources Unite
- Romper Stompers Child Care Center
- St. Mark Youth Enrichment
- Women United Way

**APPLES FOR STUDENTS**


Register for St. Mark Youth Enrichment's Apples for Students Program to have your K-5 student's school supplies provided and available for them at their school!

Contact St. Mark if you have any questions! 563-582-6211 ext. 112 or [bmccgarry@stmarkyouthenrichment.org](mailto:bmccgarry@stmarkyouthenrichment.org).

Thank you to all of our community partners for helping to make the **2016-2017 school year a success for everyone!**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anderson Sainci at 563-589-4249 or [Asainci@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:Asainci@cityofdubuque.org)


## Dyersville's Grade Level Reading Initiative to Host "Kickoff to School" Event




BE SURE TO STOP OUT FOR FREE FAMILY FUN!

## DYERSVILLE KICKOFF TO SCHOOL

Wednesday, August 10 ★ 5:30-7:30 p.m.


 FREE books, food, inflatables, activities and more!


 FREE school supplies for the upcoming year!

Oak Gardens, Commercial Club Park ★ Hwy 136, Dyersville, IA  
 For more information: Jessica Pape ★ [jpape1112@gmail.com](mailto:jpape1112@gmail.com) ★ 563.920.9206

### "Kids Expo-Dubuque County" Seeking Exhibitors

This year's Kids Expo-Dubuque County will take place on October 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grand River Center, Dubuque. In its 12th year, Dubuque County Early Childhood (DCEC) is pleased to produce this event for our community. The expo is an incredible family resource and fun fair that typically draws well over 2,500 visitors.

DCEC is accepting registrations for booths from family-friendly non-profits and business in the tri-state area. For more info, see the form below, call 588-1620, or write to [sedward24@aol.com](mailto:sedward24@aol.com). Booth space goes quickly, so sign up today. Registering by August 15 offers some special benefits - see below. Hope you can join us at Kids Expo!

## BOOTH REGISTRATION

Yes, please reserve our organization a booth at the Kids Expo on October 8th.  
 No, I am not interested this year but please keep me on the mailing list.

**If you are reserving a booth, please list the quantity needed:**

Display 6 ft. Table(s) skirted with two chairs.  
 Cost: \$35 per table for non-profits and \$55 per table for-profit organizations  
 Display 6 ft. Table(s) skirted with two chairs, pipe and drape.  
 Cost: \$75 per table for non-profits and \$100 per table for-profit organizations

Will you need electricity? (\$30 extra charge)  yes  no (Electrical cords are NOT provided.)

If possible, we would like to be located next to similar booths  yes  no

Special requests: \_\_\_\_\_  
(We will try to accommodate special requests to the best of our ability.)

**NEW:** I would like lunch delivered to booth for \$12 (includes sandwich, chips, cookie & drink)  yes  no  
(please include lunch option and payment with booth registration)

Lunch Options:  ham  turkey  vegetarian  
 water  pop (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Qty of Lunches: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED - In the space below, briefly identify the services your organization/business offers to children age birth to five. If you do not serve birth to five, specify the age group and services you do offer.**  
**This section must be completed or this registration will be returned to you.**

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### EARLY REGISTRATION/PLANNING:

There are wonderful benefits if you register by August 15:

- Be entered into special drawing for gift cards and free booth giveaways.
- Publicity in expo advertising on social media & printable ads from the Telegraph Herald.
- Your organization's name listed on the exhibitor map on the day of event.

Last year we had approximately 3,000 adults:children attend. To help attract guests to your display, we encourage all exhibitors to host free activities or offer giveaways for children and family. Set up for event is Saturday between 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

A special thanks goes out to our sponsors for making this event happen. Would you like to become a sponsor and get even more benefits and publicity from your expo experience?  yes  no


### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please enclose payment (make checks payable to: Dubuque County Early Childhood). Booths are available on a first come, first serve basis. Space is limited. Send registration form, list of services your organization/business offers and payment by August 26, 2016.

**To: Dubuque County Early Childhood , C/O Kids Expo • 2310 Chaney Road • Dubuque, IA 52001**

Payment and Cancellation Policy: Payment must be included with this form. The deadline for canceling your booth for a full refund is September 23rd. Any cancellation after that date will not be refunded. No-refunds will not be refunded. The Dubuque County Early Childhood (DCEC) Board reserves the right to deny participation to any applicant that the board determines does not offer services that help reach DCEC goals. DCEC also has the right to review booth contents and to modify, remove, or prohibit anything it seems to be inappropriate. DCEC's decisions on these matters shall be final.

## Meeting on Child Care and Emergency Plans



In Iowa by October 1, 2016, all child care providers must have a written emergency plan. To assist with this, Child Care Resource & Referral and Dubuque County Emergency Management are hosting a meeting on preparedness planning.



The goals of the meeting are to do the following:

- \* Answer questions about the new requirement.
- \* Discuss emergency preparedness procedures and resources available in this area.
- \* Get ideas of procedures to include in written plans for child care.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, August 18, from 6-8 p.m., at the Dubuque County Emergency Responder Training Facility, 14928 Public Safety Way, Dubuque.

RSVP: Call (563) 557-1628 by August 15 to reserve a seat. There are no credit hours available for this meeting.

**For More Info**  
 Dubuque County Early Childhood (formerly Empowerment), 2310 Chaney Road,  
 Dubuque IA 52001, Phone (563) 588-1620, fax not currently available  
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, 2728 Asbury Road, Suite 500, Dubuque, Iowa 52001

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