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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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Make a Difference for Children - Join the DCEC Board

Dubuque County Early Childhood (DCEC) is led by a group of 17 citizens serving on a board of directors. Currently, the board is seeking new members.



For more info, including a position description and application, click on the link below, then select "Board."

<http://www.dcearlychild.org/>

The DCEC Board works with the community to address early childhood needs and advance solutions so that children are healthy and ready to succeed. Join us in strengthening community support for young children

Upcoming Meetings



Advocacy/Public Awareness - January 7, 1:00 p.m., Keystone AEA

Early Care and Education Committee - January 11, 1:00 p.m., Keystone AEA

Long-Range Planning Committee - January 14, 2:00 p.m., Archdiocese Pastoral Center

Executive/Finance Committee - January 21, 12:00 p.m., Keystone AEA

Dubuque County Early Childhood Board - January 26, 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.

Dubuque County Early Childhood Announces Mini-Grant Opportunity



Dubuque County Early Childhood (DCEC) announces an opportunity for area agencies to apply for mini-grants for health incentive programs assisting pregnant or new mothers with children under age one.

DCEC will consider applications only for programs that serve at-risk families residing in Dubuque County. Programs may offer education, support, and equipment or supplies, so mothers can meet prenatal and infant health goals. A total of \$3,600 will be awarded.

New and existing programs can apply for funds. However, funding will be considered seed money only and will not be guaranteed in future years. Applications should include a sustainability plan.

Mini-grant instructions and an application form are available upon request. Applications are due by February 1, 2016, and are subject to approval by the DCEC Board. Any agency receiving an award will have until June 30, 2016, to complete the program.

DCEC works with the community to determine early childhood needs and advance solutions to help young children be healthy and ready for success in school and life. For more info, contact DCEC at (563) 588-1620, sedward24@aol.com, www.dcearlychild.org.

There's Still Time... Win 100+ Books with One Click



Dubuque County Early Childhood is almost to our goal of 1,000 likes on our Facebook page. Here is how you can participate in our special promotion and possibly win books.

Between now and January, anyone who shares the post with this picture OR is a new "like" on our Facebook page will be entered into a drawing to win over 100 brand new books. Go to:

www.facebook.com/DubuqueCountyEmpowerment/

Please share this opportunity. Staying in touch on Facebook is a terrific way to hear about early childhood events, programs and services, and community efforts to support young children. Let's connect!

Vision to Learn

Research has shown as much as 80% of a child's learning in the first 12 years is obtained visually. Unfortunately, uncorrected vision affects as many as 1.5 million children nationwide, compromising their ability to learn in the classroom.



The Dubuque and Jackson County Campaigns for Grade-Level Reading are teaming up with the non-profit "Vision to Learn" organization to address these challenges locally. Vision to Learn operates mobile eye clinics and visits schools/organizations that serve children. Since 2012, it has provided more than 24,000 glasses to children for free in California and Delaware.

The Dubuque Campaign has secured \$61,000 in grants and donor gifts to implement Vision to Learn in Title I elementary schools in Dubuque and Jackson Counties. If additional funds become available, the program could be expanded to all 26 elementary schools in Dubuque and partner communities in Jackson County with the potential to benefit over 800 students.

If you would like to support Vision to Learn, click here to make a gift:

[Vision to Learn](#)

Reprinted from the Dubuque's Campaign for Grade Level Reading Newsletter.

For More Info

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