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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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Event to Support School Readiness

The second annual Kick-Off to School event will be held on August 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m., in Dyersville. To accommodate more families and outside resources, the event will be at Oak Gardens in Commercial Club Park. Consider getting involved:

- * Sign up as a volunteer or talk to your employer to see if you can get a group of volunteers to contribute.
- * Pledge financial support to cover food, supplies, and activities. Donate items like books. Or contact us to discuss other needs.
- * Register your organization for a booth. For just \$40, you can talk to hundreds of people in a family-friendly environment.

For more info, contact Jessica Pape at jpape1112@gmail.com.



Upcoming Meetings - Dubuque County Early Childhood

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

Kids Expo Planning Team - July 21, 1:00 p.m., Keystone AEA

The Dubuque County Early Childhood Board does not meet in July.

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.

New Members Joining DCEC

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

- * Kim Glaser, City of Dubuque
- * Ashley Weber, Overhead Doors

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



Governor's Volunteer Award Presented to DCEC Member Tina Brestrup



Tina Brestrup, Dubuque, Iowa, received a Governor's Volunteer Award from Governor Terry E. Branstad during a special recognition ceremony held on June 28 in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Nominated by Dubuque County Early Childhood, Ms. Brestrup (pictured here with fellow board member Louise



Ottavi) was honored with an individual award for distinguished service and exceptional leadership, including establishing community strategies that meet young children's needs and ensuring families can access resources to build their strengths.

Dubuque County Early Childhood's Director, Sherri Edwards, stated, "Tina speaks for children throughout our county and thinks comprehensively about services needed. She has a talent for facilitating strong communication between providers to help our families."

Coordinated by Volunteer Iowa, the Governor's Volunteer Award provides a way for organizations to honor their long-term and exceptional volunteers with a prestigious, state-level award.

"I am pleased to honor those who have given the precious gift of their time to meet essential needs across Iowa," said Governor Terry E. Branstad. "The commitment of these volunteers helps Iowa consistently remain in the top 10 states in the nation for its volunteerism rate."

Dubuque County Early Childhood, a nonprofit organization, promotes healthy and successful children.

Start with a Smile - Help Support Early Childhood

Here's an easy way to help support local early childhood efforts. You now can donate to Dubuque County Early Children (DCEC) simply by placing an Amazon order. It's easy - click on <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-8792057> and then place your order. Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to help local children receive needed family support services.



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