

# EARLY CARE BEST PRACTICES STUDY COMMITTEE

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## **Tentative Agenda**

October 31, 2007

Supreme Court Consultation Room, State Capitol

- 10:00 a.m. Roll call, initial committee organization: elect permanent co-chairpersons, adopt rules of procedure, and share preliminary comments from members
- 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Early Childhood Iowa Strategic Plan - recently identified priorities: Ms. Ruth Krueger, Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA) and Ms. Gretchen Hageman (IDPH)
- 10:45 - Noon Ms. Janet Gartin, Family Support Coordinator, Office of Community Empowerment, Department of Management
- Noon Luncheon Recess
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Panel on Major Family Support Programs - Ms. Janet Gartin, Moderator
- Family Development and Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) Grant Program: Ms. Danielle Leaser, Four Oaks, covering Dubuque, Delaware, Jones, Washington, Johnson, Linn, Benton, and Iowa counties
  - Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program: Ms. Betsy Moritz, Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency in north central Iowa
  - Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success - Healthy Families Iowa (HOPES-HFI): Ms. Mary Odell, (Muscatine), Lutheran Services in Iowa (offered by LSI in many counties)
  - Early ACCESS - special needs children: Ms. Cheryl Jones, Child Health Specialty Clinic, Ottumwa
  - Local Community Empowerment Coordinator - HOPES-like Program: Ms. Cindy Duhrkopf, Audubon, Carroll, Greene, and Guthrie counties
  - Prevent Child Abuse Iowa - Parent education in a group setting: Ms. Brenda Ristvedt, Volunteer Cooperative in Buchanan County
  - Early Head Start: Ms. Kim Young-Kent, Tri County Child and Family Services serving Blackhawk, Buchanan, and Grundy counties
- 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Iowa Public Television's Ready to Learn Program: Mr. Dan Miller, Executive Director and General Manager, Iowa Public Television
- 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Area Education Agency Programs - Ms. Valerie Jensen, Associate Dir., Loess Hills AEA
- 3:45 - 4:15 p.m. Early Childhood Programs - Fiscal Information: Ms. Shanell Wagler, State Empowerment Facilitator and Ms. Lisa Burk and Ms. Robin Madison, LSA Fiscal Services Division
- 4:15 - 4:30 p.m. Committee discussion
- 4:30 p.m. Adjournment