



April 12-16, 2021



MID-IOWA CHAPTER
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50+ Ways to Celebrate 50 Years of WOYC!

Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children
<http://www.iowaaeyc.org> | naeyc.org | americaforearlyed.org

The Mid-Iowa Chapter of Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children wishes to express our appreciation for the many agencies and person's who have collaborated to provide Week of the Young Child celebrations over the past years. As 2021 finds us continuing to recover from a global pandemic, we are once again unable to safely offer community-based family and professional opportunities. Together with other Iowa AEYC chapter partners and the Early Literacy Metro Collaboration, we have compiled this list of informative connections and opportunities. Make copies, visit the web links and as able, & follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Mid-Iowa-Chapter-of-Iowa-AEYC> for daily individualized updates before and during the 50th Anniversary of WOYC!

Before the Week Begins

<https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/overview>

Monday, March 29. Advocate and Celebrate Professional Development. Partnership with Save the Children Action Network and Mid-Iowa Chapter of Iowa AEYC

Wednesday, April 7. No Small Matters Film Screening. Rolling Prairie Chapter of Iowa AEYC.

Saturday, April 10. Get Moving with Grace Fitness for Families Pre-register. Free. Zoom. <https://dmpl.org/events/get-moving-grace-fitness> Partnership with Des Moines Public Library

Music Monday April 12, 2021

Partner: Des Moines Public Library
SING <https://dmpl.org/explore/outreach/five-simple-steps/sing> (Books for Singing, Music for Children and More!)
Bagpipes <https://dmpl.org/events/everything-bagpipes-kevin-chapman> (virtual family music event)

PBSKids Albums
<https://pbskids.org/apps/filter/album/> (many choices)

Action Songs and Fingerplays and More-Little Story Bug!
<https://youtu.be/UQEaQYnCS1k> (youtube)

Sing while you work together, while you dress, while you pick-up, while you bathe...song and music can make daily tasks more enjoyable, especially when shared together.

5 Benefits of Music and Singing in Early Childhood Development. https://youtu.be/E8ww_gVTA0 (youtube video)

Tasty Tuesday April 13, 2021

Partner: ISU Extension
Kids in the Kitchen at Home, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/kids-kitchen> (Games, Recipes, Videos and More!)
Buy, Eat, Live, Healthy-Free Nutritional Coaching for Families Email star01@iastate.edu, Call 515-957-5784
Web resources for families and professionals <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/nutrition>

Partner: Iowa Regent Center for Early Developmental Education
STEM in Cooking: The Beginnings of Chemical Engineers <https://regentsctr.uni.edu/ceestem/stem-cooking-exploring-beginnings-chemical-engineers> (Printables, Recipes, Videos and More! For Families and professionals.)

Partner: Des Moines Public Library
TALK <https://dmpl.org/explore/outreach/five-simple-steps/talk> (Talk with your child throughout the store and other community errands, during meal preparation and around the table.)

Iowa Food and Family Project <https://www.iowafoodandfamily.com/> (Blogs, Active Ideas, Recipes, Farming, Groceries and more!)

Healthy Eating: Health Tips for Families <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/healthy-eating-health-tips-families> (U.S. of Head Start provides this printable in more than a dozen languages. Download, Copy and Share with Families.)

Ask your pediatrician or early childhood program nurse for nutrition and family meal resource connections.

Partner: Child Care Resource and Referral
<https://iowaccrr.org/families/>

Work Together Wednesday April 14, 2021

Partner: Iowa Regent Center for Early Developmental Education
VIDEOS <https://regentsctr.uni.edu/all-epq-videos> (Video clips and short explanations of examples, including building and partnership activities.)
Ramps and Pathways <https://www.pathlms.com/naeyc/courses/27725/webinars/18215>

Partner: Des Moines Public Library
WRITE <https://dmpl.org/explore/outreach/five-simple-steps/write>
Fingerplays with Dr. Jean <https://youtu.be/d0MCokEA7pk> (Small motor fun prepares children for later writing skills.)

Partner: Des Moines Children's Museum
<https://dsmchildrensmuseum.com/>

Science Center of Iowa <https://www.sciowa.org/>

Partner: Iowa State Extension
Art and Lit to Go! Facebook at 6:00PM
facebook.com/PolkCountyIA4H

Advocacy Opportunities & Leaders for Early Care and Education

- **National Association for the Education of Young Children** <https://www.naeyc.org/get-involved/advocate>
- **Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children** <http://www.iowaaeyc.org/take-action.cfm>
- **Find your Iowa Legislators** <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>
- **Save the Children Action Network, National and in Iowa** <https://savethechildrenactionnetwork.org/>

Artsy Thursday April 15, 2021

Save the Children Action Network-Iowa Photo Share from Advocate and Celebrate Effort!

Partner: Des Moines Public Library
PLAY <https://dmpl.org/explore/outreach/five-simple-steps/play>

Iowa Historical Museum, Goldie's Kid Club and more
<https://iowaculture.gov/goldie>

Des Moines Art Center, and other Art Centers around the state
<https://www.desmoinesartcenter.org/>

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NAEYC Play and Creativity
<https://www.naeyc.org/resources/topics/play>
<https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/supporting-development-creativity>
Books that stretch a child's imagination
<https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/books-stretch-childrens-thinking>

Family Friday April 16, 2021

Check out your community's Parks and Recreation Agency
Des Moines and County Departments of Natural Resources
https://www.dsm.city/departments/parks_and_recreation-division/programs/index.php
<https://www.iowadnr.gov/Contact-Iowa-DNR>

Partner: Des Moines Public Library
Virtual Storytime with American Sign-Language
<https://dmpl.org/events/virtual-storytime-rosie-miss-mary-and-mr-jay-present-storytime-using-american-sign-language>
READ <https://dmpl.org/explore/outreach/five-simple-steps/read>