

## Council Members

Council members represent many Floyd County organizations and agencies. Anyone interested in working with the council may attend the meetings and express opinions. The council meetings are posted on the web. For additional information, please call the Floyd County Public Library who serves as the fiscal agent for the group.

### Membership includes:

**Big Sandy Community and Technical College**  
**Child Care Aware**  
**Child Care Facilities**  
**Early Childhood Advocates**  
**Faith Community**  
**Family Resource Centers**  
**Floyd County Cooperative Extension Agency**  
**Floyd County Head Start and Preschool**  
**Floyd County Health Department**  
**Floyd County Public Library**  
**Floyd County Schools**  
**Kentucky Early Intervention**  
**Mountain Comprehensive Care**  
**Interested Community Members**  
**Parents**

*"Working together to support families and young children in our county. . . ."*

**READY TO GROW...**  
**READY TO LEARN...**  
**READY TO SUCCEED**

Building innovative, collaborative partnerships that promote school readiness for young children and families.

## Background

KIDS NOW and former Governor Paul E. Patton's Early Childhood Initiative created the FCCECC. House Bill 706, the enabling legislation for the initiative, directs Family Resource and Youth Services Centers and Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies to convene these councils.

The FCCECC is a vehicle to develop collaboration at the local level and provides a means to attract additional resources to meet the early childhood needs of our community. It also gives local citizens a way provide input to state policy makers and planners of the Early Childhood Development Plan developed by the Early Childhood Development Authority, the Governor's Taskforce for Early Child Development, and Governor's Office for Early Childhood. For additional information, visit <http://kidsnow.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

### Floyd County Community Early Childhood Council

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**FLOYD  
COUNTY  
COMMUNITY  
EARLY  
CHILDHOOD  
COUNCIL**



## Free Events

### SPARK

Supports Parents to Assure Ready Kids

@ East KY Science Center

In the Fall

Early Childhood

HEART Fair

Helping Everyone Achieve

Readiness Together

@ BSCTC Walking Track

In the Spring

# Community Early Childhood Council

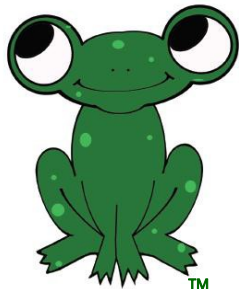
## School Readiness

In Kentucky, "School readiness means that each child enters school ready to engage in and benefit from early learning experiences that best promote the child's success".

Families, early care and education providers, school staff, and community partners must work together to provide environments and developmental experiences that promote growth and learning to ensure that all children in Kentucky enter school eager and excited to learn. The five developmental areas for school readiness are:

1. Learning approaches
2. Social and emotional development
3. Health and physical well being
4. Cognitive and general knowledge
5. Language and communication development

The Floyd County Community Early Childhood Council's (FCCECC) goal is to build innovative, collaborative partnerships that promote school readiness for young children and families.



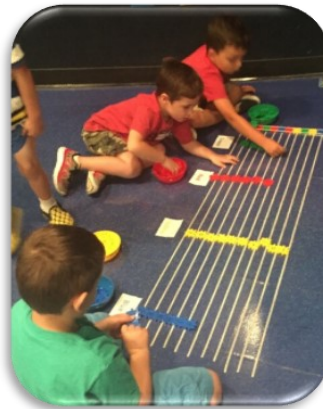
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The KIDS NOW early childhood initiative is



funded with twenty-five percent of Kentucky's Phase I Tobacco Settlement dollars. The KIDS NOW goals are to ensure all young children in Kentucky are healthy and safe, possess the foundation to enable them to achieve school and personal success, and live in strong families that are supported and strengthened in their communities.

The STARS for KIDS NOW is a voluntary, quality rating system for child care providers. Intended to raise the overall level of quality in child care, STARS offers a system of incentives and rewards based on elements and characteristics of child care environments that have proven positive



outcomes for children and families. It also offers technical assistance to child care providers and staff to achieve these quality indicators. The FCCECC is currently working through a grant made possible by KIDS NOW.



## FCCECC Objectives

- a** Support the development and improvement of **high quality learning environments** for young children in our community. This includes both home and organized settings.
- b** Support families and increase family and caregiver understanding of their child's development as they **prepare their children for school and future success**. Increased parent and family participation in their child's education leads to future success.
- c** Improve ways in which a parent, family, and/or educators have access to data regarding a **child's learning needs**. This allows educators and family members the opportunity to gauge where a child may require more assistance. Sharing data among different groups assists in the Individualization of a child's education and improves child outcomes.

**The FCCECC hosts several  
FREE Family Events  
where children are  
engaged in educational activities  
and information is given to parents  
to support children and families to  
become**

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