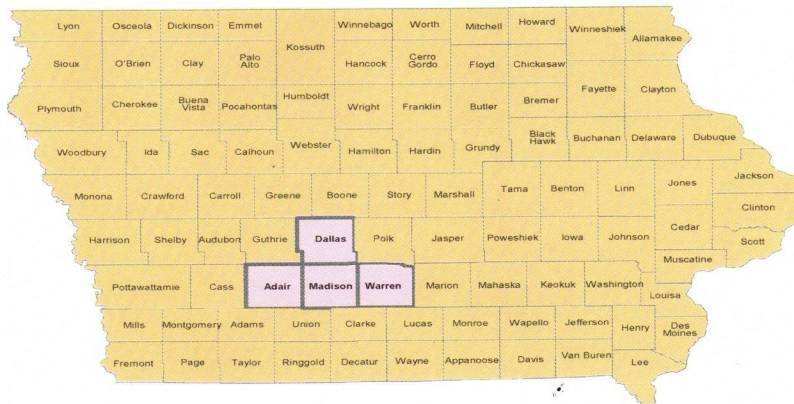


Community Plan

FY2025 - 2029



Early Childhood Iowa Area



Serving Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County

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Preface

A community plan is a document that is required by Iowa Law to be completed by local Early Childhood Iowa Areas. The purpose of the plan is to help guide an Early Childhood Area in its endeavor to reach results and improve the well-being of children prenatal through five years of age and their families. The plan is to serve as a “guide” or “roadmap” for the Early Childhood Area in their decision making, planning, and establishing priorities in the community. In addition, the plan identifies community assets, common needs, and gaps in services that help “steer” the Early Childhood Iowa Area.

Overview of Early Childhood Iowa

Iowa's Community Empowerment was established during the 1998 Legislative session to create a partnership between communities and State government to improve the well-being of families with young children. Within local empowerment areas, local citizens can lead collaborative efforts involving education, health, and human service programs.

The 2010 legislative session brought about some changes in Iowa's early childhood structure. Prior to this legislative session, Iowa's youngest children were supported through a partnership between Community Empowerment and the Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholder's Council (ECI). Both groups have served as leading advocates for young children and their families for several years.

To work toward a common vision of a comprehensive early care, health, and education system, the Iowa Legislature established Senate File 2088, calling for a merger of Community Empowerment and Early Childhood Iowa into one inclusive structure. These efforts lead to the name change from Community Empowerment to Early Childhood Iowa.

Iowa is committed to achieving results and every community in Iowa will have the opportunity to develop the capacity and commitment for achieving these results:

- Healthy Children
- Children Ready to Succeed in School
- Safe and Nurturing Families
- Safe and Supportive Communities
- Secure and Nurturing Early Learning Environments

The Early Childhood Iowa legislation established two specific programs *School Ready and Early Childhood*. These programs provide funding to encourage communities to "work together" to assist families with children ages prenatal through age five.

School Ready Grants provide comprehensive services for children prenatal through age five including preschool services and childcare services, family support and other services. Early Childhood Grants enhance the quality and capacities of childcare services.

4 R Kids ECI Area Board History

In June 2009 the State Early Childhood Iowa Board formerly known as the Empowerment Board, went through a “lean” event. The purpose of the lean event was to improve efficiencies at the state level, improve efficiencies at the local level, find balances between the local and state level, clarify roles and responsibilities, and improve performance and accountability. In the 2010 legislative session, legislators embraced the lean event recommendations and implemented many of the state Empowerment recommendations. Merging of Empowerment Boards, now known as Early Childhood Iowa Areas, was one of the new requirements.

Prior to July 2011, Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County Empowerment boards were four separate boards. The four separate Empowerment boards were proactive and volunteered to move forward with merger conversations. The first merger meeting was on September 29, 2009, which was before the new legislation was enacted. The four boards formed committees and began diligently working on forming a new Early Childhood Iowa Area Board. On January 28, 2010 the chairpersons from Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County Empowerment Boards signed a declaration of commitment to work together and develop the Early Childhood Iowa Area.

During the time period of September 29, 2009 and June 30, 2011 there were more than 30 meetings conducted in which citizens volunteered their time to form the new area. On June 3, 2011 the state Early Childhood Iowa Board unanimously approved the designation of Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County Empowerment boards to merge, which is now called 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board. The four county mergers were effective July 1, 2011.

The goal of the 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board is to provide support for strength-based programs or services for children and families with children through age five who reside in Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren Counties. Such programs focus on state result areas: Healthy Children, Children Ready to Succeed in School, Safe and Nurturing Families, Safe and Supportive Communities, and Secure and Nurturing Early Learning Environments.

Use of the Community Plan

The community plan was directed by the 4 R Kids ECI Iowa Area Board with assistance from community partners, human service agencies and 4 R Kids staff. The community plan is used as a road map for the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board and is considered as a living breathing document for the community. Additionally, it assists the Board and community partners in building a strong local early care, health and education system.

Community partners have assisted the board in the community needs assessment process. They have access to the community plan and use it as a community resource, data source, and other grant opportunities. The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board uses it to develop Request for Proposal opportunities which requires applicants to identify the priorities and the indicators their program will address. The Board also uses the community plan to gauge the progress of funded programs. The community plan is also considered a "tool" to educate the communities.

The community plan is available on the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board website at www.4rkids-eci.org. More information about the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board or the community plan can be obtained by contacting the 4 R Kids ECI Executive Director at 4rkidseci@gmail.com or 641-344-2250.

Section 1. General Information

Identification of the Area

The geographic area for the 4 R Kids ECI Area is defined by the boundaries of Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren counties. Children prenatal through age five and their families living within the 4 R Kids Early Childhood Area are eligible for services funded by the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board. It is to be noted procedures are in place with other Early Childhood Iowa areas to assure services are provided to children when families or services cross ECI boundaries. Most services are provided within the 4 R Kids ECI area except for the preschool scholarships program. Scholarships can follow the child if the child resides in the 4 R Kids ECI service area. A communication tool has been developed that identifies a contact person in surrounding Early Childhood Iowa Areas that assists families and providers when they relocate and need a preschool tuition scholarship.

Vision Statement

"Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful."

This has been the Board's vision statement since the board merger in FY2012 and is the same vision statement as Early Childhood Iowa.

Mission Statement

"Empower families and communities to enhance the quality of the lives of young children."

This has been the Board's mission statement since the merger in FY12.

Guiding Principles

- Healthy children and healthy families result in healthy communities.
- Support the use of evidence based, promising programs and research-based programs.
- Support programs that can demonstrate performance measures for inputs, outputs, quality/efficiencies, and outcomes.

Result Areas

The 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board supports the following five result areas:

- Healthy Children
- Children Ready to Succeed in School
- Safe and Nurturing Families
- Safe and Supportive Communities
- Secure and Nurturing Early Learning Environments

4 R Kids ECI Area Profile

4 R Kids ECI Area serves Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren counties. The four counties are in south central Iowa and are primarily rural in nature. The four-county area overall population is growing; however Adair County, which is the smallest county has declined in population. Dallas County is the largest county of the four and has more than thirteen times the population of Adair County.

Total Population Trend Data U.S. Census					
Year	Adair	Dallas	Madison	Warren	Total
1950	12,292	23,661	13,131	17,758	66,842
1960	10,892	24,123	12,295	20,829	68,139
1970	9,497	26,085	11,558	27,432	75,572
1980	9,509	29,513	12,597	34,878	86,497
1990	8,409	29,755	12,483	36,033	86,680
2000	8,243	40,750	14,019	40,671	103,683
2010	7,682	66,135	15,679	46,225	135,721
2020	7,497	99,732	16,546	52,398	176,173

As depicted below, Adair County has the highest median age and Dallas County has the lowest when compared to Iowa and United States. The median age of the four-county area is 39.9 years of age compared to Iowa at 38.1 years of age in the United States.

Median Age 2020 U.S. Census					
Adair	Dallas	Madison	Warren	Iowa	U.S.
45.2	35.4	40.8	38.5	38.3	38.1

- Dallas, Madison, and Warren Counties border Polk County and have the benefits of small-town neighborhoods or rural living yet are within driving distance of the Des Moines international Airport, the newest and largest shopping area of Jordan Creek, as well as many cultural opportunities in Polk County.
- Dallas, Madison, and Warren County are three of five counties that make up the Des Moines-West Des Moines Metropolitan Statistical Area.
- The four-county area has contiguous borders.
- The 4 R Kids ECI area has a total area of 2,297.24 square miles.
- All four counties have an interstate that runs through them.
- There are 38 Early Childhood Iowa areas in Iowa (as of FY2024); some encompass more than one county. Of the 38 Early Childhood Iowa areas, the 4 R Kid ECI Area ranks 3rd regarding the largest population of children under the age of five. Additionally, the 4 R Kids ECI Area is also the largest multi county area with children under the age of five.

Demographic Profile Source: <u>U.S. Census</u>						
Fact	Adair County	Dallas County	Madison County	Warren County	State of Iowa	United States
Population estimates, July 1, 2023	7,389	111,092	16,971	55,205	3,207,004	334,914,895
Population, percent change April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023	-%	11.4%	2.6%	5.4%	.5%	1.0%
Persons under 5 years	6.2%	6.6%	5.7%	5.8%	5.8%	5.5%
Persons under 18 years	22.9%	26.3%	24.6%	24.4%	22.8%	21.7%
Persons 65 years and over	23.0%	32.1%	17.7%	16.9%	18.6%	17.7%
White alone	96.4%	88.5%	96.8%	95.9%	89.6%	75.3%
Black or African American alone	1.1%	3.9%	0.6%	1.2%	4.5%	13.7%
Hispanic or Latino	3.3%	7.0%	2.4%	4.0%	7.4%	19.5%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	93.5%	82.3%	94.7%	92.4%	83.1%	58.4%
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage, 2018-2022	\$1,268	\$2,029	\$1,751	\$1,663	\$1,444	\$1,828
Median gross rent, 2018-2022	\$723	\$1,198	\$932	\$943	\$914	\$1,268
Persons per household, 2018-2022	2.27	2.53	2.54	2.56	2.40	2.57
Households with a computer, 2018-2022	87.6%	96.5%	94.0%	95.3%	92.7%	94.0%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, 2018-2022	78.8%	90.8%	85.4%	89.3%	86.3%	88.3%
High school graduate or higher, of persons age 25 years+, 2018-2022	95.7%	96.3%	97.0%	96.5%	93.0%	89.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher, of persons age 25 years+, 2018-2022	19.0%	51.5%	25.8%	32.2%	30.3%	34.3%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years	5.6%	4.3%	5.0%	3.8%	5.4%	9.3%
Per capita income the past 12 months, 2018-2022	\$36,118	\$51,347	\$39,442	\$41,279	\$37,949	\$41,261

Median household income (in 2022 dollars), 2018-2022	\$63,172	\$99,533	\$88,110	\$89,741	\$70,571	\$75,149
Persons in poverty	9.1%	4.9%	6.7%	6.3%	11.0%	11.5%

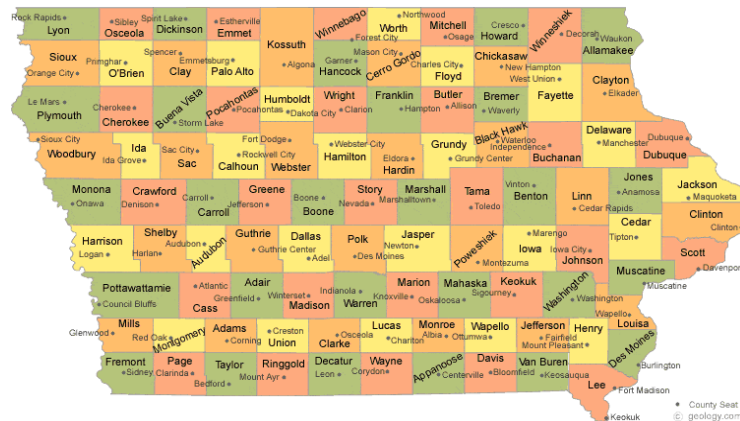
2022 Iowa Kids Count Profile

Sources:

Iowa Department of Education
Iowa Department of Public Health
Iowa Department of Human Services
U.S. Census Bureau

Fact	Adair County	Dallas County	Madison County	Warren County	State of Iowa	United States
Child abuse and neglect (2020)	24.6%	5.3%	12.6%	9.3%	14.5%	9.2%
Child poverty (2020)	11.4%	4.9%	7.1%	6.4%	12.3%	16.0%
Children receiving WIC (2020)	33.8%	8.7%	15.0%	13.9%	25.2%	26.4%
Earned income tax credit (2021)	17.0%	10.8%	13.5%	12.5%	17.5%	17.6%
8th Grade mathematics proficiency (2023)	77.4%	81.1%	82.0%	78.4%	72.0%	60.0%
Uninsured children (2017—2021)	7.0%	4.0%	3.0%	1.8%	3.0%	5.0%
Supplemental Nutrition Program (2023)	6.6%	2.8%	4.0%	3.8%	8.5%	12.3 %
4th Grade reading proficiency (2023)	59.0%	86.0%	77.7%	77.4%	73.1%	60.0%
Free or reduced lunch rate (2024)	48.0%	21.5%	27.5%	26.5%	41.8%	43.6%
High school graduation (2022)	95.9%	96.2%	96.6%	95.8%	89.9%	84.0%
Low birth weight (2020)	To small to count	5.1%	4.0%	7.0%	7.0%	8.6%
Prenatal care (2020)	86.5%	90.1%	92.0%	90.6%	83.9%	77.3%
Single parent families (2017-2021)	29.6%	19.7 %	27.0%	27.1%	31.8%	34.3%
Unemployment (2022)	2.1%	2.0%	3.1%	2.4%	2.7%	3.9%

Overall Iowa Profile



State of Iowa

(sources U.S. Census, Iowa Kids Count, Woods & Poole)

Total population (2022):	3,200,517
Total population ages 0-5 (2021):	236,146
White, non-Hispanic population (2022):	83.7%
Median family household income (2022):	\$65,429
Average cost of childcare weekly (2023):	\$148-\$227
Children living below the poverty level (2021):	12.4%
High School Graduation Rate (2021):	92.8%
Free and Reduced lunch rate (2022):	42.2%
Persons without health insurance under 65 (2021)	5.4%
Families with all parents working & children under age 6 (2021):	76%
Square miles:	55,857
Average travel time to work:	19.6 minutes
Capital:	Des Moines Iowa

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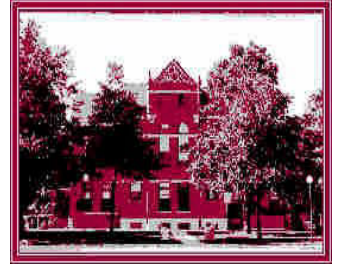
Iowa's nickname is the Hawkeye state. Iowa has 3 state universities: Iowa State University, University of Iowa, and University of Northern Iowa. Iowa ranks first in beef, pork, corn, soybean and grain production. One Iowa family farm grows enough food and fiber to feed 279 people.

Interesting Facts:

- Ripley's Believe it or Not named Burlington's Snake Alley the most crooked street in the world.
- Sabula is Iowa's only town on an island.
- Sliced bread was invented by an Iowan from Davenport.
- Iowa has more golf courses per capita than any other state.
- Strawberry Point is the home of the world's largest strawberry.
- Iowa is home to the National Hobo Convention which takes place every year in Britt Iowa.
- Hogs outnumber humans 4 to 1.
- Iowa claims the world's largest nickel, which sits 12 feet across in an Iowa City farm field.
- The Iowa 80 in Walcott is the world's largest truck stop.
- The state is comprised of 92% farmland.

Adair County Profile

(sources U.S. Census, Iowa Kids Count, Woods & Poole)



Total population (2022):	7,494
Total population ages 0-5 (2021):	531
White, non-Hispanic population (2021):	94.3%
Median family household income (2021):	\$57,944
Average cost of childcare weekly (2023):	\$136-\$148
Children living below the poverty level (2021):	14.3%
High School Graduation Rate (2021):	94.7 %
Free and Reduced lunch rate (2022):	49.5%
Persons without health insurance under 65 (2021):	5.6%
Families with all parents working & children under age 6 (2021):	72%
Square miles:	569
Average travel time to work:	23.3 minutes
County Seat:	Greenfield
Department of Human Service office:	Greenfield (less than full time)
Hospitals:	Adair County Health Systems (does not deliver babies)

Adair County Schools:

Nodaway Valley Community Schools
Orient-Macksburg Community Schools

Towns:

Adair	Fontanelle	Stuart
Bridgewater	Greenfield	
Casey	Orient	

Interesting Facts:

The area around Greenfield was settled in 1854. Greenfield became the county seat in 1875, after battling out nearby Fontanelle for the title.

The Freedom Rock is a large boulder that marks the entrance to an old rock quarry. Beginning in 1999, Ray "Bubba" Sorensen II has painted the rock every Memorial Day with different patriotic images and sayings in support of the United States military. The goal is to have a Freedom Rock in all 99 counties in Iowa.

Wind energy is a focus in Adair County and there are hundreds of wind turbines along interstate 80. Each wind turbine occupies 2 acres of land.

Dallas County Profile

(Sources U.S. Census, Iowa Kids Count, Woods & Poole)



Total population (2022):	108,016
Total population ages 0-5 (2021):	8,946
White non-Hispanic population (2020):	82.9%
Median family household income (2021):	\$93,492
Average cost of childcare weekly (2023):	\$178-\$293
Children living below the poverty level (2021):	4.5%
High School Graduation Rate (2021):	95.9%
Free and Reduced lunch rate (2022):	21.0%
Persons without health insurance under 65 (2021):	4.3%
Families with all parents working & children under age 6 (2021):	77%
Square miles:	588
Average travel time to work:	21.2 minutes
County Seat:	Adel
Department of Human Services office:	Adel (full time)
Hospitals:	Methodist West Hospital Dallas County Hospital (does not deliver babies)

Colleges

Des Moines Area Community College (DMAC Perry Campus)

Dallas County Schools:

Adel-DeSoto-Minburn Community Schools
Dallas Center –Grimes Community Schools
Perry Community Schools
Waukee Community Schools
Woodward-Granger Community Schools
Adel Classical Academy

Van Meter Community Schools
West Central Valley Community Schools
St. Patrick's Catholic School
Dallas Center Christian School
St Francis Assisi School

Towns:

Adel	Dexter	Urbandale*
Bouton	Granger	Van Meter
Clive*	Linden	Waukee
Dallas Center	Minburn	West Des Moines*
Dawson	Perry	Woodward
Desoto	Redfield	

*city shares with Polk County

Interesting Facts:

Dallas County is the fastest growing county in Iowa. Dallas County is the 4th fastest growing County in the nation. Dallas County's population grew to 99,672 in 2020 from 66,133 a decade earlier, a 51% increase. The only counties in the country that grew faster were McKenzie (131%) and Williams (83%) counties at the epicenter of North Dakota's oil boom; and Hays County, Texas (53%), an Austin suburb.

American Major League baseball player Bob Feller (November 3, 1918 - December 15, 2010) was born and raised on the family farm in Van Meter Iowa. Bob Feller was known for passing the minor leagues at age 17 and played for the Cleveland Indians.

In 2017, *Apple* known for mobile communications and technology was awarded \$213 million in incentives to build a \$1.3 billion state of art data center in Dallas County.



Madison County Profile

(Sources U.S. Census, Iowa Kids Count, Woods & Poole)

Total population (2022):	17,036
Total population ages 0-5 (2021):	1,179
White non-Hispanic population (2021)	94.6%
Median family household income (2021):	\$79,306
Average cost of childcare weekly (2023):	\$167 - \$218
Children living below the poverty level (2021):	8.8%
High School Graduation Rate (2021):	97.0 %
Free and Reduced lunch rate (2022):	28.5%
Persons without health insurance under 65 (2021):	5.0%
Families with all parents working & children under age 6 (2021):	80%
Square miles:	561
Average travel time to work:	25.9 minutes
County Seat:	Winterset
Department of Human Service office:	Winterset (less than full time)
Hospital:	Madison County Health Systems (does not deliver babies)

Madison County Schools:

Winterset Community Schools
 Interstate 35 Community Schools
 Earlham Community Schools
 Winterset Christian Academy

Towns:

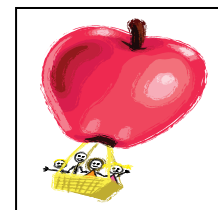
Bevington	Macksburg	Truro
Earlham	Patterson	Winterset
East Peru	St. Charles	

Interesting Facts:

East Peru (current population 125) is the birthplace of the Red Delicious cultivar apple.

Madison County is the birthplace of John Wayne and home of the historic covered bridges popularized by Robert James Waller's novel *The Bridges of Madison County* and the feature film starring Meryl Streep and Clint Eastwood.

Madison County was named after James Madison (1751–1836), the fourth President of the United States, between 1809 and 1817.



Warren County Profile

(Sources U.S. Census, Iowa Kids Count, Woods & Poole)

Total population (2022):	52,327
Total population ages 0-5 (2021):	3,786
White non-Hispanic population (2021):	92.8%
Median family household income (2021):	\$85,189
Average cost of childcare weekly (2023):	\$156-\$261
Children living below the poverty level (2021):	5.5%
High School Graduation Rate (2021):	95.8%
Free and Reduced lunch rate (2022):	26.2%
Persons without health insurance under 65 (2021):	3.8%
Families with all parents working & children under age 6 (2021):	77%
Square miles:	69
Average travel time to work:	24.5 minutes
County Seat:	Indianola
Department of Humans Service office:	Indianola (full time office)
Hospitals:	There are no hospitals in Warren County

Warren County Schools:

Norwalk Community Schools
 Indianola Community Schools
 Carlisle Community Schools
 Southeast Warren Community Schools
 Martensdale-St. Mary Community Schools
 Main Street (Pre-K – 12th)
 Victory Christian Academy (Pre-K – 8th)
 Strong Roots Christian School (Pre-K – 12th)

Colleges:

Simpson

Towns:

Ackworth	Indianola	Prole
Bevington	Lacona	Sandyville
Carlisle	Milo	Spring Hill
Cumming	Martensdale	St. Marys
Des Moines*	New Virginia	West Des Moines*
Hartford	Norwalk	

* city mostly in Polk County

Interesting Facts:

Microsoft invested more than \$3.5 billion in Iowa and in 2017 and built the largest data center in the United States which is in Warren and Madison County. The complex is larger than Jordan Creek Town Center in Des Moines.

Tom Harkin, United States Senator, was born in Cumming Iowa in 1939.

Major league baseball player Casey Blake, actor Brandon Routh who played Superman, actor Jason Momoa who played Aquaman, Iowa Hawkeye basketball player and potential NBA player Chris Street were all natives of Warren County.

Population Trends

TREND: INCREASING OVERALL POPULATION

Total Population U.S. Census					
Year	Adair	Dallas	Madison	Warren	TOTAL
1950	12,292	23,661	13,131	17,758	66,842
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2020	7,497	99,732	16,546	52,398	176,173

It has been a national trend for rural areas to lose population as an increasing number of people migrate to large cities where more opportunities for employment exist. Since 2010 to 2020, the overall population in the four-county area has increased almost 30% in a 10-year period. Adair County is the furthest distance and the most rural from the Des Moines metro area, thus the reason a decline in population.

TREND: INCREASING OVERALL 0-5 POPULATION

Woods & Poole Population 0-5 Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County								
FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
12,502	12,546	13,005	13,409	13,604	13,737	13,838	14,442	14,484

*The Adair County population **decreased** by 15 children or 2.8% from FY21 to FY22*

Woods & Poole Population 0-5 (Adair County)								
FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
511	524	406	426	438	422	476	531	516

The Dallas County population increased by 84 children or less than 1% from FY21 to FY22

Woods & Poole Population 0-5 (Dallas County)								
FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
6,922	6,906	7,940	8,181	8,304	8,408	8,422	8,946	9,030

The Madison County population increased by 30 children or 2.5% from FY21 to FY22

Woods & Poole Population 0-5 (Madison County)								
FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
1,379	1,385	1,109	1,192	1,169	1,152	1,147	1,179	1,209

*The Warren County population **decreased** by 57 children or 1.5% from FY21 to FY22*

Woods & Poole Population 0-5 (Warren County)								
FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22

3,690	3,731	3,550	3,610	3,693	3,755	3,793	3,786	3,729
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The 4 R Kids ECI Area 0-5 population grew by 42 children or less than 1% from FY21 to FY22; however, in the last five years, the population grew by 880 children or an increase of 6%.

TREND: INCREASING OVERALL RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN

Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin 2010 Data for Decision Makers and U.S. Census					
2010	Adair	Dallas	Madison	Warren	Iowa
One race only	99.3%	98.5%	99.1%	98.8%	98.2%
White	98.4%	92.2%	98.1%	97.1%	91.3%
White alone, not Hispanic	97.7%	88.7%	97.2%	95.8%	88.7%
Black or African American	0.1%	1.4%	0.3%	0.5%	2.9%
Asian	0.3%	2.5%	0.3%	0.5%	1.7%
American Indian	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Other	0.4%	2.1%	0.2%	0.4%	1.8%
Two or more races	0.7%	1.5%	0.9%	1.2%	1.8%
Hispanic Origin	1.3%	6.1%	1.3%	1.9%	6.8%

Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin 2020 Data of Decision Makers and U.S. Census					
2020	Adair	Dallas	Madison	Warren	Iowa
One race only	96.9%	94.2%	96.0%	95.5%	94.4%
White	95.4%	83.6%	94.3%	92.6%	84.5%
White alone, not Hispanic	94.3%	82.0%	93.7%	91.4%	82.7%
Black or African American	0.6%	2.7%	0.3%	0.9%	4.1%
Asian	0.3%	5.0%	0.5%	0.7%	2.4%
American Indian	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%
Other	0.3%	2.6%	0.6%	1.0%	2.8%
Two or more races	3.1%	5.8%	4.0%	4.5%	5.6%
Hispanic Origin	2.5%	6.5%	1.9%	3.2%	6.8%

As with the other counties in the state, Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County's population is predominantly white. The percentage of the population of Hispanic origin increased between 2010 and 2020.

Assets and Challenges

The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board has a feeling of compassion for all children in the service area, not just the county they represent. The board has embraced the vision of "all children will be healthy and successful." The board is now in their thirteenth year of operation and continues to learn about each county's assets and

challenges. Many communities are more resource rich than others and this makes challenging when delivering services in such a diverse service area. The four-county area continues to see great population growth which brings challenges along with it.

The 4 R Kids ECI area board is greatly interested in the perception at the grassroots level and depend on community partners to provide input and feedback into the community plan. During the spring of 2024 more than 75 community partners from each of the four early childhood committees provided input as to what they felt were strengths/assets and challenges/areas of improvement to the ECI service area.

4 R Kids ECI Area Strengths/Assets

- There is an active child abuse prevention council in each county and three have been awarded Prevent Child Abuse Iowa funding.
- The overall population has grown in the 4-county area which can affect funding in a positive manner.
- There is collaboration and coordination among service providers. (This was overwhelmingly mentioned multiple times)
- There is a high level of trust among service providers.
- There is a sense of innovation and proactive thinking.
- High quality childcare and preschool settings are available.
- Food resources have increased over the past few years and food recovery has been implemented in several areas of the counties, but more coordination is needed.

4 R Kids ECI Area Weaknesses/Challenges

- Due to the rural nature of the area, transportation is necessary to access services.
- Increasing demands due to population growth.
- Meeting the needs of an increasing diverse population in some communities.
- Retail leakage; community spends money outside the county.
- People travel outside the area to work and may not be invested in the community.
- Affordability and availability of quality childcare.
- Economic impact on the business community regarding the importance of early childhood.
- Care giver/parent engagement in parenting education.
- Limited availability of 2nd and 3rd shift as well as weekend childcare.
- Growth in some of the areas has increased demand of services such as emergency and public safety but tax dollars are slow to follow.
- Housing challenges; there is a high need for three or more-bedroom options as well as affordability.
- Fresh meal options are limited or non-existent in some of the areas of the counties. Additionally, food pantries are unable to offer fresh produce or culturally acceptable food.
- Empowering childcare providers to get registered with the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services.
- Health care providers that accept Medicaid. There are very few dentists and mental health providers in the area that accept Medicaid.
- Finding services; lack of coordination of services.

The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board uses this information in planning to understand the current and changing climate of the four-county area and to help determine the need and types of services.

Section 2. Community Needs Assessments

Development and Review of Needs Assessments

Starting in the spring of 2024 the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board and community partners researched and reviewed multiple agencies' data and needs assessments from the following:

- 2023 I2D2 Iowa Integrated Data System
- 2023 County Health Rankings
- Community Health Needs Assessment and Health Improvement Plans
- Community Health Needs Assessment (Dallas, Polk, and Warren Counties)
- ALICE
- Child care assessment
- Iowa Health and Human Services Assessment Snapshot
- FAST Assessment
- Preschool Needs assessment
- Child Abuse Assessment

The above have been a topic of discussion at the local level in each county. The next few pages provide details about each assessment that was reviewed.

I2D2 Iowa Integrated Data System

Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) provides resources and tools to help every community in the state with developing capacity to meet ECI's vision that "every child, beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful." Among these tools are data indicators to support local area boards in their data informed decision making and to monitor progress across five legislatively mandated result areas:

- Healthy children
- Children ready to succeed in school,
- Safe and supportive communities,
- Secure and nurturing families, and
- Secure and nurturing early learning environments.

Taken together, these indicators provide an overview of the multiple dimensions of child wellbeing that may impact quality of life for Iowa's young children and their families.

2023 Data Points	Adair	Dallas	Madison	Warren	Iowa
% of children were born with low birth weight	7.2%	5.9%	4.6%	6.9%	6.8%
% of children were born preterm	10.8%	9.1%	8.1%	12.7%	9.6%
% of children were born preterm or with low birth weight	13.3%	10.6%	11.2%	14.0%	11.6%
% of children were born with inadequate prenatal	5 or fewer	5.1%	5.1%	5.5%	7.9%

% of children were born of mothers who smoked during pregnancy and/or three months prior to becoming pregnant	13.3%	3.1%	9.1%	6.9%	9.1%
% of children were fully immunized by age 2	69.7%	75.0%	70.9%	74.7%	70.9%
% of Medicaid-enrolled children under age 6 received dental services	51.8%	37.2%	44.6%	48.6%	42.9%
# of infants younger than 1 year of age have died per 1,000 live births	9	3	8	5	4.6%
% of children were born of mothers having low education (at birth)	5 or fewer	3.7%	4.6%	2.3%	9.3%
% of mothers aged 15 to 50 had completed a Bachelor's or advanced degree	51.8%	60.7%	37.9%	39.2%	37.0%
% of kindergartners met the fall benchmark for the early literacy universal screening measure requirements	70.7%	80.9%	78.8%	71.4%	66.8%
% of children were born of mothers susceptible to poverty (at birth)	49.4%	22.2%	26.9%	26.3%	45.7%
% of children under age 6 lived in low-income (below 100% of the FPL) families	5.1%	7.0%	7.5%	7.2%	14.2%
% of people lived in poverty (with household income below 100% of the FPL)	10.1%	5.7%	6.1%	6.2%	11.1%
% of people were unemployed	2.3%	2.0%	3.4%	2.4%	2.7%
# per 10,000 population were homeless (point in time)	7	9	4	8	8.3%
% of minors living in low-income (at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level) families had health coverage	94.7%	91.2%	93.3%	95.3%	95.6%
% of children were born with 2 or more risk factors	41.0%	18.0%	23.9%	22.5%	39.0%
% of children were born of teenage mothers (at birth)	5 or fewer	1.0%	5 or fewer	1.3%	3.8%
% of children were born of unmarried mothers (at birth)	41.0%	19.3%	25.4%	23.8%	35.6%
# in 1,000 children under age 6 have been abused or neglected	20	11	19	21	22.1%
# per 100,000 population were a victim of domestic abuse	67	76	55	123	185.7
% children were present in domestic violence incidents	80%	50.7%	33.3%	35.9%	36.3%
# of slots were potentially available for children in HHS licensed centers and preschools	212	4,599	517	2,843	NA
# of slots were potentially available for children in HHS registered child development homes	80	296	144	384	NA
% of children under age 6 lived in families with all parents working	63.5%	76.8%	77.6%	75.1%	75.9%

The areas highlighted are concerning. Adair County has more indicators of concern than the other three counties. Adair County is not as resource rich as the other three counties.

County Health Rankings

The 2023 County Rankings are based on a model of population health that emphasizes the many factors that, if improved, can help make communities healthier places to live, learn, work and play. Below are the County Health rankings compared to 99 counties in Iowa. Rankings are 1 for the best and 99 for the worst.

2023 County Health Rankings Ranking 1 to 99				
Measure	Adair (rank of 99)	Dallas (rank of 99)	Madison (rank of 99)	Warren (rank of 99)
Overall Health Outcomes	52	3	11	24
Length of Life Premature Death	65	5	30	31
Quality of Life Poor or fair health, Poor physical health days, Poor mental health days, Low birth weight	34	2	4	25
Overall Health Factors	35	2	15	11
Health Behaviors Adult smoking, adult obesity, Food environment index, Physical inactivity, Access to exercise opportunities, Excessive drinking, Alcohol-impaired driving deaths, sexually transmitted infections, Teen births	50	2	13	8
Clinical Care Uninsured, Primary care physicians, Dentists, Mental health providers, Preventable hospital stays, Diabetic monitoring, Mammography screening	24	26	51	14
Social & Economic Factors High school graduation, Some college, Unemployment, Children in poverty, Income inequality, Children in single-parent households, social associations, Violent crime, Injury deaths	44	3	24	10
Physical Environment Air pollution-particulate matter, drinking water violations, Severe housing problems, Driving alone to work, long commute-driving alone	44	24	32	62

From the rankings, Dallas, Madison, and Warren counties are ranked in the top third of Iowa for quality of life and overall health factors.

Community Health Assessments

Every five years, local boards of health lead a community-wide discussion with stakeholders and residents about their community's health needs. The Community Health Assessments and plans are a fundamental element in county planning. All four counties identified mental health as a need.

Community Health Needs Assessment and Health Improvement Plans FY2024 - FY2028			
Adair	Dallas	Madison	Warren
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Mental health ▪Food insecurity ▪Use/substance abuse <p>Goals: Increase access to local mental health services; increase mental health education; increase knowledge and assistance of how to access mental health resources.</p> <p>Increase access to affordable foods; increase awareness of available food resources; increase nutritional and food budget education.</p> <p>Increase access and education to local resources; increase education about substance use and misuse and harmful effects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Mental health ▪Nutrition and physical activity ▪Heart disease and stroke Substance use <p>Goals: Residents have the knowledge, tools, and services available to achieve or maintain optimal mental health status.</p> <p>Residents have the knowledge and access to meet national nutrition and physical activity standards and maintain a healthy weight.</p> <p>Residents have low risk of acquiring heart disease or stroke.</p> <p>Residents know the risks associated with tobacco, alcohol, and other substances, and can access services to reduce identified risks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Mental health ▪Substance abuse ▪Workforce shortages ▪Preventive and supportive services ▪Transportation ▪Health and economic stability coalition <p>Goals: Assess and support depth and breadth of services for mental health needs in the communities.</p> <p>Assess and support depth and breadth of services for substance use and abuse in the communities.</p> <p>Attract and retain employees and workers in/into the county for all sectors.</p> <p>Communicate, convene, and spread information (knowledge) for prevention and support services.</p> <p>Transportation services for the elderly in the community.</p> <p>Coalition group to address the services and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Mental health ▪Healthy living ▪Unintentional injuries <p>Goals: Improve mental health access through collaboration and alignment of social services and by improving access through increased public transport.</p> <p>Improve and promote healthy living by reducing the prevalence of chronic disease related to diabetes mellitus and heart disease.</p> <p>Decrease the number of unintentional injury deaths by promoting prevention tactics related to substance and alcohol misuse, car seat safety and suicide prevention.</p>

		access for community health and economic stability needs.	
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2021 Community Health Needs Assessment Representing Dallas, Polk, Warren Counties

The assessment was sponsored by UnityPoint Health-Des Moines, Mercy One Des Moines, Broadlawns Medical Center, Polk County Health Department, Dallas County Health Department, Warren County Health Services, United Way of Central Iowa, EveryStep and Mid Iowa Health Foundation. The following were identified as top priorities and were ranked in order.

1. Mental Health
2. Respiratory Disease (COVID-19)
3. Nutrition, Physical Activity & Weight
4. Substance Abuse
5. Heart Disease & Stroke
6. Access to Healthcare Services
7. Infant Health & Family Planning
8. Injury & Violence
9. Disability & Chronic Pain
10. Sexual Health
11. Cancer

From the assessment mental health ranked number one. It's also important to note that infant health and family planning is also a priority as this population directly impacts the 4 R Kids ECI area.

2022 ALICE Assessment

ALICE—*Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed* definition means, despite being employed, many households earning more than the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) still do not earn enough to afford the five basic household necessities of housing, child care, food, transportation, and health care.

ALICE Data Points	Adair	Dallas	Madison	Warren
Households in Poverty	11%	6%	6%	7%
Percent of Households Below the ALICE Threshold				
Single or Cohabiting (no children)	36%	33%	25%	31%
Married (with children)	16%	9%	9%	8%
Single-Female-Headed (with children)	42%	74%	81%	67%
Single-Male-Headed (with children)	37%	38%	47%	45%

Single female headed households with no children in more populated areas are at a higher percent of ALICE. Just because an area is populated and perceived to have more resources, does not mean there are good community conditions.

Child Care Assessment

In the state of Iowa, it is legal to provide care for up to five children in a home setting without being registered with DHS. Parents needing childcare may look to family, friends, and neighbors to fill the gap created by the sharp decline in options. The use of unregulated childcare creates a

challenge in assessing the exact need for additional child care businesses and/or slots. Families are forced to find childcare based on high demand and low supply.

Iowa DHS offers two types of registration for home based childcare business, *registered child development home* and *child care home*. Both types are listed with DHS and may receive childcare subsidies for qualifying families. Both types are meeting identified standards, but a registered child development home meets additional requirements including a pre-service visit and orientation training. The additional requirements were implemented in 2023, forcing current businesses to either complete more training and other requirements or drop their registration status. The chart below reflects the decision by many home-based child care businesses to drop their registration after the increased requirements were implemented.

2019-2024 Change in Child Care Homes (Non-Registered) Source: CCRR							
Year	Adair	Dallas	Madison	Warren	4 R Kids	Region 4	Iowa
2024	0	11	1	2	14	87	413
2019	2	14	3	12	31	177	814
Change	-2	-3	-2	-10	-17	-90	-401
% of Change	-100%	-21%	-67%	-83%	-55%	-51%	-49%

All 4 counties lost non-registered childcare homes and the average loss in the four-county area is 55% over a 5-year period which is higher than the region and higher than the state average.

2019-2024 Change in Child Care Development Homes (Registered) Source: CCRR							
Year	Adair	Dallas	Madison	Warren	4 R Kids	Region 4	Iowa
2024	7	32	12	36	87	696	1,919
2019	6	33	17	49	105	928	2,544
Change	+1	-1	-5	-13	-18	-232	-625
% of Change	+17%	-3%	-29%	-27%	-17%	-25%	-33%

Three counties lost registered childcare development homes and the average loss in the four-county area is more than 17% over a 5-year period, but is lower than the CCRR region and the state average.

2019-2024 Change in Licensed Childcare Centers Source: CCRR							
Year	Adair	Dallas	Madison	Warren	4 R Kids	Region 4	Iowa
2024	7	68	9	27	111	595	1,933
2019	9	66	7	24	106	586	1903
Change	-2	2	2	3	5	9	30

% of Change	-22%	+3%	+29%	+13%	+5%	+2%	+2%
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There was a slight increase in the four-county area in licensed centers, for an overall average increase of licensed centers of 5% compared to the region at 2% and the state of Iowa at 2%.

Iowa Health and Human Services Assessment Snapshot

In 2024, IHHS implemented county snapshots consisting of several data points.

January 2024 Iowa Department of Health and Human Services System Snapshot					
Data Point	Adair	Dallas	Madison	Warren	Iowa (99 counties)
Life expectancy	78.2 years	81.8 years	79.3 years	79.0 years	78.7 years
County classification	Rural	Metropolitan	Rural	Metropolitan	NA
Primary care physicians	Part Shortage	Part Shortage	Part Shortage	Part Shortage	37 counties have a shortage
Dental care providers	Shortage	No Shortage	Shortage	No Shortage	82 counties have a shortage
Mental health care providers	Shortage	Shortage	Shortage	Shortage	92 counties have a shortage
Poor mental health days per month	4.4 days	3.8 days	4.2 days	4.2 days	4.4 days
Adults report binge drinking	24.7%	23.4%	25.7%	25.7%	24.7%
Household that spends 30% or more on housing	18.8%	19.5%	21%	20.8%	23%
Households that do not have a vehicle	4.5%	3%	4.2%	2.4%	5.6%
Adults that have an unhealthy body weight (BMI of 30.0 or higher)	37.8%	35%	38.2%	37.6%	36.3%

Overall, there is a shortage of primary care physicians, dental providers, and mental health care providers in the four-county area.

FAST Kindergarten Assessment

The Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FAST) is an early literacy screening tool that most school districts utilize with children in kindergarten. The FAST provides an estimate of broad early literacy skills during the fall screening window, typically within the first six weeks of school. FAST assessments during the fall of kindergarten include Concepts of Print (requires learner to distinguish among familiar literacy cues related to print such as directionality, letter or

word order), Letter Names (requires the learner to expressively name visually presented upper and lower case letters), Onset Sounds (requires learner to identify sounds found at the beginning of words), and Letter Sounds (requires the learner to provide sounds for visually presented upper and lowercase letters).

2022 Kindergarten FAST Assessment Data Department of Education			
School District	Number Met Benchmark	Number Tested	% Met Benchmark
Adel DeSoto Minburn Comm School District	151	188	80.3%
Carlisle Comm School District	102	159	64.2%
Earlham Comm School District	41	45	91.1%
Indianola Comm School District	148	235	63.0%
Interstate 35 Comm School District	43	62	69.4%
Martensdale-St Marys Comm School District	33	42	78.6%
Nodaway Valley Comm School District	33	45	87.3%
Norwalk Comm School District	223	271	82.3%
Orient-Macksburg Comm School District	8	13	61.5%
Perry Comm School District	103	133	77.4%
Southeast Warren Comm School District	15	22	68.2%
Van Meter Comm School District	75	90	83.3%
Waukee Comm School District	800	999	80.1%
Winterset Comm School District	80	101	79.2%
Woodward-Granger Comm School District	77	94	81.9%
Totals and Average	1,932	2,499	77.3%

The state average of the FAST assessment is 65.6%. All but three school districts scored higher than the state average.

4 R Kids ECI Preschool Survey

Each fall the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board surveys local school districts in the four-county area as to preschool needs. The needs remain consistent from year to year. School districts responded to the following preschool needs:

Space	Staff
Playground equipment	Staff professional development
Transportation	Mental health services

Child Abuse Assessment

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services publishes data annually regarding the number of child abuse/neglect reports, number of children abused/neglected and the number of children abused/neglected by age.

Child Abuse in Iowa												
Child Abuse/Neglect <u>Reports</u> Ages 0-17 in Iowa												
This data counts each report of child neglect and abuse. Each report may address one or multiple children.												
This data counts only the report - or assessment - and not individual children.												
State	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Iowa	28,918	26,129	23,562	24,298	25,707	33,418	35,029	33,004	30,151	35,593	34,512	32,857
Abused/Neglected Children Ages 0-17 in Iowa												
This data counts each child at the time of a confirmed or founded assessment of abuse or neglect.												
State	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Iowa	16,637	12,276	7,725	8,925	8,892	11,229	11,562	11,463	10,534	11,286	11,233	10,459
Percent of Abused/Neglected Children Under the Age of 5 in Iowa												
This data counts the age of each child at the time of a confirmed or founded assessment of abuse or neglect.												
If a child had multiple assessments, age is counted into the age category the child meets at the time of the most adverse assessment was reported.												
State	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Iowa	50.6%	49.0%	48.8%	49.3%	51.2%	47.4%	46.9%	46.4%	47.3%	47.3%	46.5%	46.1%

Child abuse/neglect rate among Iowa's 0-5 population is consistent over several years between 46% - 47%.

Child Abuse/Neglect in Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County												
Child Abuse/Neglect Reports by County												
County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Adair	50	55	48	63	66	167	71	83	94	121	67	87
Dallas	345	364	363	339	380	415	458	480	455	567	534	577
Madison	107	116	110	102	114	156	166	157	168	177	148	131
Warren	321	355	300	251	320	389	469	418	352	409	431	412
Abused/Neglected Children Ages 0-17 by County												
County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Adair	10	32	8	17	33	41	30	53	37	45	27	25
Dallas	145	139	118	111	122	130	125	131	131	167	169	196
Madison	47	53	25	40	25	61	51	49	50	29	57	42
Warren	153	151	98	79	128	145	142	180	116	102	165	141
Total	355	375	249	247	308	377	348	413	334	313	418	404
Percent of Abused/Neglected Children Under the Age of 5 by County												
County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Adair	70.0%	56.3%	25.0%	29.4%	48.5%	46.3%	23.3%	37.7%	54.1%	34.5%	37.0%	40.0%
Dallas	40.7%	43.9%	39.0%	45.9%	50.8%	37.7%	42.4%	46.6%	38.9%	47.9%	54.4%	45.4%
Madison	29.8%	34.0%	60.0%	42.5%	24.0%	41.0%	43.1%	36.7%	38.0%	60.0%	36.8%	26.2%

Warren	43.1%	47.0%	33.7%	44.3%	44.5%	42.8%	43.0%	44.4%	54.3%	51.0%	47.3%	50.4%
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Child abuse/neglect rate of the 0-6 population varies from year to year by county. It is important to note that the 0-5 population is the most vulnerable and quality early childhood services are needed most with this population.

Analysis of Need Assessments and Priorities

The Adair, Dallas, Madison and Warren County Early Childhood Advisory Committees continue to play an integral role in not only in gathering and reviewing the needs assessment data but all elements of the community plan. During FY2024, 4 R Kids staff facilitated multiple conversations which allowed community stakeholders to provide input on an ongoing basis. This valuable feedback was provided to the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board on a monthly basis as evidenced through Board minutes or administrative updates.

The Board has made notable progress in building an early care and education system since the designation of the new Early Childhood Iowa Area July 1, 2011. The Board has reviewed and analyzed assessment data as well as the current priorities and it was decided to continue to utilize the current priorities that have been in place since FY2012. These priorities will guide their work, assist with funding decisions, and help evaluate the effectiveness of programs. As a part of continuous improvement, these priorities will be reviewed on an annual basis as well as continue to monitor the current capacity to address the results areas.

Priority	Rationale and Strategies
Quality early childhood education settings (i.e. homes, centers, preschools)	<p>The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board is committed to quality early learning environments. With over 75% of parents with children under the age of five working it is imperative that resources be provided to build awareness of quality care and support those who provide it.</p> <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide preschool tuition scholarships for families in need. • Enforce standards set for quality preschool programs for the tuition program. • Promote the statewide voluntary preschool program. • Address barriers to transportation for preschool aged children. • Assist early care environments in meeting standards through support and education. • Support high quality professional development services and opportunities for early care and education programs. • Support incentives for quality improvement efforts for early learning environments.
Health services (i.e. vision, dental, mental, medical)	<p>The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board is committed to building strong children and children that are ready for school. Healthy brain development in the early years is the foundation in the years to follow. By intervening early, providers and parents can influence</p>

	<p>children's health and development, including not only their readiness to learn but also the risk of many adult diseases.</p> <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support programs that provide awareness regarding dental, medical, nutrition, immunizations, lead prevention, prenatal care, and development milestones. • Support transportation efforts to health services and preschool. • Increase understanding of what children need for optimal health. • Promote positive mental health for children.
Family support and parent education	<p>The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board is committed to supporting families and providers in the four counties. The community recognizes the importance for families to have the access to programs that support the family in the home and in the community.</p> <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase coordination among child and family services. • Provide information to parents and facilitate connection to the needed services and supports. • Increase awareness of family support programs. • Maintain quality through the Iowa Family Support Credential or National Accreditation process. • Promote access to family support programs. • Strive to enroll prenatal families and first-time caregivers in home visiting services.
Community resource management and planning	<p>The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board is committed to building awareness of the services available and importance of early childhood. There is much to do in this area such as central point of contact for family support programs, increasing communication across multiple disciplines, and building awareness within the business community of the importance of early childhood.</p> <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase coordination among child and family services. • Increase collaboration efforts with community leaders and business to gain partnerships and provide awareness of early childhood needs. • Collaborate with other child serving organizations to maximize resources. • Collaborate with community and neighborhood events to promote activities for families with young children. • Improve practices that will increase efficiencies. • Support central points of contact (navigation) of services.

Community Wide Indicators

A community indicator is a measure that indirectly quantifies the achievement of a result. Indicators also provide information about past and current trends. While the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board hope to affect the chosen indicators, programming that is supported by the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board most likely will not be the only thing that impacts the data.

The following indicators are utilized to maintain a comprehensive overview of current issues effecting children and families in Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County. Indicators are reviewed and updated for effectiveness on an annual basis.

The following measures assist the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board in making decisions that affect the future outcomes. Additionally the board requires grant applicants to identify what indicators their program may impact.

The following indicators have been in place since FY2020 and remain relevant today.

Indicator	Result Area	Rational for selection of Indicator
Poverty rate	Secure and nurturing families	The poverty rate signifies the economy of the area. The poverty rate can impact a child's readiness to learn.
Preschool experience rate	Children ready to succeed in school	Children that have a preschool experience are better prepared for kindergarten.
Prenatal care	Healthy children	Tracking prenatal care is a leading indicator of infant health and it's important that children have a healthy start.
Parents in the workforce	Safe and supportive communities	Parents in the workforce with children under the age of 6 represent 75% of this population. Childcare is a barrier for this population and productivity is reduced for business due to child care issues of employees.
Providers in a Quality Rating System	Secure and nurturing early learning environments	The IQ4K is a voluntary program that provides a guided way for childcare providers to improve the quality of care. Participation shows parents and the community a commitment to quality care.

The following chart on the next page illustrates the progress made with the identified indicators.

4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board Indicators

ECI Indicators	Results Linked to the Indicator	Data Source	Baseline Data (date & numerical value)	Subsequent Year's Data (Trend Line) Identify the Year			Goal (Numerical value & projected timeline)	Progress Update and/or Brief Analysis of data
Poverty % of children age 0-17 who live below the poverty level	Secure and Nurturing Families	U.S. Census Bureau (Iowa Kids Count)	9.4% (2007) <i>13.7% (State rate)</i>	6.0% (2019) <i>12.8% (State rate)</i>	5.5% (2020) <i>12.0% (state rate)</i>	5.9% (2021) <i>12.3% (state rate)</i>	Reference purposes only	Of the four counties, Adair County has the highest poverty rate at 13.8% and Dallas has the lowest rate at 5.3%. Adair County's child poverty rate dropped by .5%, Dallas grew .8%, Madison County grew dropped 1.1% and Warren County dropped by .2%. The area is below the state average. The U.S. average is 15.3%
Preschool Experience % of kindergartners who had a preschool experience	Children ready to succeed in school	Iowa Department of Education and local school districts	83.0% (fall 2010) <i>74.2% (State rate) FY11</i>	80.7% (fall 2021) <i>81.8% (State rate) FY21</i>	87.5% (fall 2022) <i>75.7% (State rate) FY22</i>	84.9% (fall 2023) TBD	To be at or above 90%	All school districts receive statewide voluntary preschool funding and 1 receives Shared Visions funding. There is Head Start in 3 of the 4 counties. The preschool experience rate decreased and this may be an indicator of the impact of the COVID pandemic. Additionally, there is no prescribed way that schools are required to measure the preschool experience rate.
Health % of live births where the mother began prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy	Healthy Children	Iowa Department of Public Health (Iowa Kids Count)	90.4% (2011) <i>1,581/1,748</i> <i>84.8% (State rate)</i>	90.3% (2020) 1,833/2,031 <i>83.9% (State rate)</i>	88.5% (2021) 2,025/2,287 <i>80.3% (State rate)</i>	87.4% (2022) 1,983/2,287 <i>79.8% (State rate)</i>	Stay at or above the state rate	All four counties are above the state average. Adair County was 85.5%, Dallas County 88.0%, Madison County 85.9%, and Warren County 85.8%. The four-county area is above the national average of 78.3%.
Parents in the Workforce % of families with all parents working & children under age 6	Safe and supportive communities	Iowa Department of Human Services	74.6% (2015) <i>(9,386/12,584)</i> <i>75.2% (State rate)</i>	73.2% (2019) <i>(9,671/13,220)</i> <i>75.1% (State rate)</i>	74.8% (2020) <i>9,961/13,311)</i> <i>75.7% (State rate)</i>	76.8% (2021) <i>10,607/13,810</i> <i>75.7% (State rate)</i>	Reference purposes only	Madison county has the highest rate at 79.9% and Adair County has the lowest at 72.1%. The highest in Iowa is Audubon County at 94.7%. The lowest is Davis County at 46.1%. The United States is at 67%. The highest state is Minnesota at 76% then Massachusetts is at 75%, The lowest state is Utah at 54%.
Quality Rating System % of participating child care providers at each level of the voluntary quality rating system (IQ4K)	Secure and nurturing child care environments	Department of Human Services Child Care Resource and Referral	9.5% (FY2023) <i>(19/201 total providers)</i> <i>8.4% (State rate)</i>	13.6% (FY2024) <i>(27/199 total providers)</i> <i>14.1% (State rate)</i>			Stay above the state rate	The new IQ4K system was replaced the QRS system in 2023. Achieving a rating in the new system does not mirror the old system. It was anticipated that fewer providers would engage in the new IQ4K system as well as fewer providers choosing to be registered. The 4 R Kids area's IQ4K rating is higher than the CCRR Region 4 at 11.8%.

Strategies

4 R Kids ECI Area Board Strategies

The 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board continues best practices in order to provide effective services. Below are items that have been improved upon or implemented since the inception of the Board in FY2012.

- Conducts annual review of indicators and priorities
- Conducts community assessments
- Review/ update community plan
- Annually reviews by-laws
- Operates a website
- Utilizes social marketing
- Conducts an audit review
- Annually reviews reciprocal agreement
- Annually reviews public awareness activities
- Conducts annual site visits
- Grantees provide a presentation annually to the Board
- Conducts Board performance review
- Adheres to a policy and procedure manual
- Markets advocacy talking points
- Utilizes a monthly work plan

Supporting Quality Programs

The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board supports quality improvement and quality programs:

- The Board has a strong preschool tuition policy and requires the following:
 - *The policy requires preschool programs to adhere to a quality menu of QPPS, NAEYC, IQ4K, or Head Start standards.
 - *Preschool programs providing 4-year-old programming are required to offer a minimum of 10 hours of instruction per week.
 - *Preschool programs are required to utilize the Ages and Stages assessment.
 - *Preschool programs are required to utilize an evidenced based curriculum.
 - *There is an expectation that preschools utilize the childcare nurse consultant.
 - *Preschool programs are required to provide annual goals for quality improvement.
- Child care provider training offered is required to be on the DHS registry.
- Priority is given to programs that utilizes evidenced based curriculum.
- Family support programs are required to participate in the Iowa Family Support Credential or National Accreditation.
- A strong emphasis on programming that meets the state definition of evidence based.

Capacity to Address Results

The 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board is confident it has the organizational capacity and collaborative partnerships necessary to address the strategies as described in this community plan. All grantees can demonstrate successfully in grant applications the capacity to meet the identified priorities through quality programs/services. The Board consists of 8-12 volunteer members, who represent a broad spectrum of views, are dedicated to families, take responsibility for fiscal management and oversight, are good communicators, and adapt to change.

The service providers in Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County take responsibility for programs, are fiscally accountable, and are interested in making a difference with families. There is also a great deal of trust among the service providers in the area.

What's Missing in the Decision-Making Process

The 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area continues to grow in population; however funding allocations doesn't keep up with the demand for services. Another area that needs notable exportation is economic development. There is evidence that economic development is greatly impacted by needs in early childhood, notability childcare. The Board may need to seek to expand collaboration to address growing needs, notably with the support of other initiatives within the four-county area.

Moving the System Forward

The 4 R Kids Early Childhood Area Board is committed to moving the early care health and education system forward. During the next several years the Board will:

- Review current programming/services on a regular basis;
- Review quarterly reports and information from annual site visits;
- Continue to review and enhance the process to award funding;
- Continue to communicate to the community, providers, and policy makers about gaps and needs;
- Continue to enhance Board policies and procedures.

ECI Alignment

Early Childhood Iowa's strategic plan aligns with the 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa's community plan. Refer to the Appendix for the vision, result areas, guiding principles, goals and strategies for a detailed alignment.

Process for Awarding Funds

Funding Plan

The Board has a three-year funding plan and the purpose is to provide for consistency of services and reduce administrative time crafting Request for Proposals (RFP). While the Board reserves the right to open up the funding process, it is customary to utilize a three-year approach. The Board's three-year plan provides for an open and fair process to programs to apply for funds and contract for services. A less intensive process is utilized for renewal years two and three.

Requirements

The Request for Proposals are required to adhere to guidelines set out in the application. Items to be addressed are; what indicators they hope to impact, what priority that they will address, a formal purpose statement, a full business plan with measurable goals, proposed benchmarks and detailed budget and justification.

When, Where, and How

The Board releases a Request for Proposal (RFP), traditionally each March with an approximate thirty-day time frame for bidders to complete. The RFP is posted on the Board's website for public access; additionally, electronic copies may also be requested. The Request for Renewal (RFR) process is similar but is limited to only those that are currently receiving funding.

Review Process

A technical review of each application is conducted by the 4 R Kids staff. The Program and Service Committee sets a meeting that is open to the public and notice is posted on the website. Applications are forwarded to the Committee for review in which they are to evaluate each application utilizing an evaluation tool prior to the meeting. The committee is also armed with state tools as to what can be purchased with the funds, most recent progress report on each current funded program, 4 R Kids Community Plan, draft allocations, and other helpful tools. The Committee makes funding recommendations to the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board at a Board meeting which is open to the public.

Notification

The 4 R Kids staff provides funding notification to all applicants after the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board has made their decisions. Notification includes statements such as pending and Iowa Department of Health and Human Services approval.

Appeals Process

Applicants have the right to appeal the funding decisions based upon a showing that the policies and procedures governing the grant selection process have not been properly applied. The appeal process begins on the postmarked date of the written notification to the applicant of the grant committee's decision. Appeals should be in writing and filed with the Chairperson of the Board within five working days of the date of written notification of funding decisions to the applicant. It is the responsibility of the applicant to assure that appeals are received by 4:30 PM on or before the fifth working day of the appeals process. Appeals received after 4:30 PM on the fifth day will not be reviewed. All appeals shall be delivered to the Chairperson of the Board.

- All appeals shall clearly state how the selection failed in following the rules of the grant process as governed by the policies and procedures outlined in the application material provided to all applicants. The request must also describe the remedy sought.
- The Board will review the appeal and gather information regarding any infractions of the process.
- At the next regularly scheduled meeting the Board will determine if there has been a violation of process and will rule on the appeal.

Section 3. Fiscal Assessment & Resource Mapping

Background of Fiscal Assessment Requirements

According to Iowa Code [256i.8](#), an Early Childhood Iowa Area is required to identify federal, state, local, and private funding sources including funding estimates available in the Early Childhood Iowa area that will be used to provide services to children from ages zero through age five. The Appendix section includes a matrix with the fiscal assessment information as well as other mapping of resources. The process used to gather the information included online data resources, emails to local partners, and phone calls. Although the matrix offers a general overview of the services and funding flowing into the community to support children, all data should be reviewed with an understanding of challenges and margins for error.

Program numbers and data cannot be compared with identical timeframes. Programs operate on a variety of calendars. Some may be reporting funds for a calendar year while others are reporting for the state fiscal year (July thru June.) Several services are operated by regional agencies with numerous counties. Information for these services offers a fiscal picture that is larger than the region covered by the community plan. A service area including rural, urban, & metropolitan counties may have a greater percentage of funding going to larger populated cities and it cannot be assumed that rural families were served proportionately. Some programs serve children and families well beyond the age of 5 years. A program listed that serves people 0-18 does not confirm that a child 0-5 was served with the funding.

Summary of Fiscal Assessment Findings

Taking into consideration the limitations of the fiscal information, the assessment provides broad information that may help early childhood efforts and guide the 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards in decision making processes. The fiscal assessment supports efforts to identify disparities, duplication, potential for efficiency, and trends of increasing and or decreasing funds. Below are the themes from the fiscal assessment.

- State funds make up a greater portion of funding contributions for young children as opposed to the federal funds identified.
- Four-year-old children receive considerable education funding through Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SVPP).
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Resource Mapping

The 4 R Kids ECI area maps many different resources in many different formats. In the Appendix there are resource maps for childcare, early childhood services by county, preschool services, family support programs, and libraries. These maps are utilized by community partners and updated annually.

Use of Fiscal Data and Resource Mapping

The 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area board as well as community partners utilizes this information in the following ways:

- Assess the needs of the community from the agency perspective.
- Review the availability of community resources.
- Examine the sustainability of programs.
- Suggest other possible funding sources available for programming.
- Present a broad picture of agencies and services.
- Provide for collaboration on referrals.
- Provide resources for families (i.e. home visitation, preschool tuition program, etc).

Section 4. Community Collaboration

Early Childhood System Building

Early Care Environments Collaboration

The Quality Improvement Project, Child Care Nurse Consultants, Child Care Resource and Referral, and the Preschool Enrichment project meet on a regular basis to coordinate services, assure that there is no duplication of services, and collaborate for service delivery. Through this collaboration early care environments are supported so that the spread of infectious disease, childhood injuries are prevented, emergency protocols are developed, and help with medication and the care for children with special health needs are being provided.

Early Childhood Committees

The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board has well established early childhood committees in Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren counties. These committees are the standing advisory committees to the 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board. Their responsibilities include, but are not limited to, assisting with community assessments, identifying community needs, resource mapping, and strategies to support the community plan. Membership is not exclusive and all community partners, key leaders, early childhood partners, and human service providers are invited and encouraged to attend. Adair, Dallas, and Madison County collaborate with the Prevent Child Abuse Councils with the already established early childhood committees and utilize the same agenda and minutes.

Prevent Child Abuse Councils

The PCA councils are the lead conveners on child abuse prevention issues. The 4 R Kids staff collaborates with the Prevent Child Abuse councils in the four-county area to enhance services. Child abuse prevention awareness activities are coordinated together to raise awareness. Additionally, 4 R Kids and Prevent Child Abuse funding is blended together, and the Board and Councils will work together to assure there is no duplication and to assure open lines of communication.

Coordination of Services

Below is a list of agencies/organizations that may be involved with one or more collaborative meetings mentioned and/or receive information in the form of an email distribution list. The distribution list serves as a central point of information for early childhood in the 4 R Kids ECI Area, as well as a gateway for other information

Decategorization Projects

County Public Health Services

County Board of Supervisors

Area Education Agencies

Child Care Resource & Referral

FaDSS

Department of Human Services

Preschools

Mental Health Regions

DMACC

Community Action Agencies

Public Transit

Economic Development

Chamber of Commerce

Simpson College

Southwestern Community College

Iowa State University Extension & Outreach

Child Abuse Prevention Councils

Private and Public Schools

Multiple Human Service Agencies

Simpson College

Southwestern Community College

Iowa State University Extension & Outreach

Child Abuse Prevention Councils

Private and Public Schools

Multiple Human Service Agencies

1st Five

Communication

The 4 R Kids Early Childhood Area Board has developed communication and marketing strategies. A Facebook page, LinkedIn profile, and a website are utilized to provide up to date communication regarding board meeting dates, community meeting notices, minutes, agendas, and a plethora of information for the community. Additionally, a logo/brand is utilized widely.

Collaborative Funding

Preschool Programming - The fiscal assessment along with extensive preschool mapping and childcare mapping provide a valuable overview of preschool programming and funding allocated for statewide voluntary preschool programming and shared visions programming. This information is utilized to its fullest regarding preschool services offered through the 4 R Kids ECI Area. Due to shrinking resources, increased demand, and more accountability, all funding is analyzed and examined to reduce duplication and to increase efficiency.

Early Care Environments

United Way of Central Iowa and Philanthropy funding have been blended with Dallas County Extension funding and ECI funding to serve early care environments, with a concentration on quality and child care providers that serve a high percentage of child care assistance families.

Section 5. Review and Evaluation

Evaluation of Board Operations

The 4 R Kids ECI Area board's process is to review annually the area's infrastructure for overall effectiveness. The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board evaluates themselves through an annual evaluation, additionally community stakeholders complete a board evaluation. The purpose of the evaluation is to assess the real and perceived perception of board function and performance. The information is utilized to create a professional development plan to improve board performance. Below is an illustration of the current infrastructure and how the work gets done as well as how information flows.

Early Childhood Iowa State Board

Purpose: Facilitates state and community efforts involving community empowerment areas, including strategic planning, funding identification and guidance, and to promote collaboration among state and local education, health and human services programs, business, faith communities, and any others that may contribute to successfully caring for Iowa's children.

Composition: 19 voting members with 15 citizen members and 4 state agencies; citizens shall be appointed by the Governor

4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board

Purpose: The purpose of the early childhood Iowa area board is to empower communities and families to enhance the quality of the lives of young children.

Boundaries: The boundaries of the early childhood Iowa area shall include any family residing in Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County.

Composition: no less than 8 members and no more than 12 members

Program and Services Committee

Purpose: review process for program funding, RFP process, best practices, outcome performance, and annual report compliance

Composition: Board members and others as needed

Board Processes Committee

Purpose: review & update by-laws, vision and mission, legislation compliance, board trainings, board structure, and outreach activities

Composition: Board members and others as needed

Board Finance Committee

Purpose: review financial obligations, payment vouchers, fiscal accountability, and assist with state budget regulations

Composition: Board members and others as needed

Adair County Early Childhood Committee

Purpose: assist with community plan, standing advisory committee for the board

Composition: Providers, citizens, interested parties

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Purpose: assist with community plan, standing advisory committee for the board

Composition: Providers, citizens, interested parties

Madison County Early Childhood Committee

Purpose: assist with community plan, standing advisory committee for the board

Composition: Providers, citizens, interested parties

Warren County Cares Committee

Purpose: assist with community plan, standing advisory committee for the board

Composition: Providers, citizens, interested parties

Evaluation of the Community Plan

The following components are in place to ensure on-going evaluation and effectiveness of the community plan.

- Programs present annually to the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board on the status of their program, outcomes, challenges and successes.
- All programs at a minimum must address the state required performance measures as outlined in the Toolkit on the state Early Childhood Iowa website.
- 4 R Kids staff annually conducts an onsite review with each funded program.
- Annual efforts include reviewing and updating the community wide indicator data to enable the board to monitor trends as well as reviewing priorities.
- The community plan priorities and indicators are included in the funding process from which the Board makes funding decisions.
- The community plan is updated every five years.
- The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board reviews all expenditures and financial data monthly.
- Contractors are required to utilize a monthly tracking tool that has been developed by the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board. This assists the board in monthly monitoring of program activity.
- Contractors are required to submit a progress report on quarterly basis.
- A semiannual financial report is submitted to the office of Early Childhood Iowa.
- The 4 R Kids Program and Service committee meets quarterly to review contractor progress and provides a detailed report to the Board.
- Contractors are required to submit an annual report with outputs, inputs, outcomes and financial statements.
- Contractors are encouraged to participate in the Early Childhood Committees the counties they serve.
- An annual report is submitted to Early Childhood Iowa on or before September 15 of each year.
- The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board participates in the Early Childhood Iowa's designation process every four years.
- The 4 R Kids ECI Area Board participates in Early Childhood Iowa's mid cycle review every two years.

Section 6. Appendix

Alignment with ECI

Vision Statement Alignment	
When Adair, Dallas, Madison and Warren County Empowerment boards officially merged in FY12, the 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area board adopted the Early Childhood Iowa's vision statement.	
Early Childhood Iowa vision statement	4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board vision statement
"Every child beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful"	"Every child beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful"

Result Areas Alignment	
The 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board aligns with the Early Childhood Iowa Boards' result areas that will improve the quality of life with young children and their families.	
Early Childhood Iowa is committed to:	4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board is committed to:
Secure & Nurturing Early Learning Environments	Secure & Nurturing Early Learning Environments
Health Children	Health Children
Secure & Nurturing Families	Secure & Nurturing Families
Ready to Succeed in School	Ready to Succeed in School
Safe & Supportive Communities	Safe & Supportive Communities

Guiding Principles Alignment	
The highly valued tenets of behavior, attitude, and action that drive the culture, work, and the decision making of the 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board aligns with the Early Childhood Iowa guiding principles as evidenced by the chart below.	
Early Childhood Iowa guiding principles	4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board's guiding principles
Children and families are our North Star Brain science Diverse partnerships Equity Data is a valuable resource Accountability	Healthy children and healthy families result in healthy communities Support evidenced-based programs, promising programs and researched based programs Support programs that can demonstrate performance measures for input, output, quality/efficiency, and outcomes

Goals and Strategies Alignment			
The goals and strategies of the Early Childhood Iowa Board and the 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board align with the states strategic plan.			
Early Childhood Iowa Goals	Early Childhood Iowa Strategies	4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board Goals	4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board Strategies
Promote a coordinated infrastructure to advance the early childhood system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Expand collaboration and coordination among state and local programs and agencies serving young children and their families. •Develop and nurture effective public-private partnerships at a state and local level. •Infuse data-based discussions and decision-making processes throughout the early childhood system. 	Support community resource management and planning to advance early childhood services in Adair, Dallas, Madison and Warren County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Be the central point of contact for early childhood programs and services and increase communication across multiple disciplines. •Collaborate with other child serving organizations to maximize resources. •Improve practices that will increase accountability and efficiencies.
Build public will for investing in young children and their families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Communicate the value of The First 2,000 Days as the most critical stage of the human lifecycle. •Partner with families and communities to improve communication about what young children and families need and how the system responds. 	Build awareness of the importance of quality early childhood services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Collaborate with community and neighborhood events to promote activities for families with young children. •Increase coordination among child and family services.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Engage families as leaders and advocates for a comprehensive early childhood system. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Increase collaboration efforts with community leaders and businesses to gain partnerships and provide awareness of early childhood needs.
Transform the early childhood workforce through formal education, greater professionalism increased skills and competence and new approaches to implementing best practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Create a larger, more skilled early childhood workforce. •Provide new or expanded early childhood workforce supports to enhance the quality of early childhood programs and services. 	Support quality early childhood education settings such as child care centers, child care homes and preschools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Enforce standards set for quality preschool programs for the tuition program. •Promote the statewide voluntary preschool program. •Address barriers to transportation for preschool aged children. •Assist early care environments in meeting standards through support and education. •Support high quality professional development services and opportunities for early care and education programs. •Support incentives for quality improvement efforts for early learning environments.
Ensure that young child and families receive the service when they need them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Improve equitable access to early learning opportunities and services for vulnerable and underserved children and families. •Expand and improve access to high quality early learning opportunities and services for young children and their families. •Improve transitions among early childhood programs and between the early childhood and K-12 education systems. 	Invest in quality family support and parent education programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Increase coordination among child and family services. •Provide information to parents and facilitate connection to the needed services and supports. •Increase awareness and access of family support programs. •Strive to increase home visiting services with prenatal families. •Provide preschool tuition scholarships for families in need.
Improve the quality of early childhood services for young children and their families across early care and education, health, mental health, and nutrition; and family support services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Promote and incentivize the use of evidence-based programs and services across the early childhood system. •Adopt a collective impact approach to investing in high-quality, evidence-based services, programs and activities across the early childhood system. 	Support health services such as vision, dental, mental and medical services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Fund evidenced-based programs and services. •Maintain quality through the Iowa Family Support Credential or National Accreditation process. •Provide infant and early childhood mental health consultation for early learning providers and family support professionals.

Fiscal Assessment Section

The following outlines the fiscal assessment mapping that identifies the agency or type of services, target population, region, funding, and data source/year, type of funding and estimated numbers served.

Early Care and Education						
	Target Population	Region	\$Estimate	Data Source & Year	Federal State or Local Funds	Number Served
Head Start Early Head Start	3-5 0-3	Drake University Region New Opportunities Region Matura Region	\$18,728,253	FY25 Iowa Dept of Education	Federal	1,285
Statewide Voluntary Preschool	4	School Districts in Adair Dallas Madison Warren	\$5,481,174	FY23 IDE	State	1,479
Shared Visions	3-4	Adair	\$66,361	FY25 IDE	State	22
CCRR - Training & Consultation	0-12	Region 4	\$2,500,000	FY25	Federal State Private	NA
Family Support and Parent Education						
Home Visiting	0-5	Adair Dallas Madison Warren	\$566,242	FY25 ECI	State Local	199
Child Welfare Programs DCAT/CPPC	0-18	Creston/Leon Cluster; Boone/Dallas Cluster; Madison, Marion & Warren Cluster	\$352,002	FY25 DCAT Areas	State	7,900
Child Abuse Prevention Services	0-18	Adair Dallas Warren	\$49,481	FY24 Prevent Child Abuse Iowa	Federal State	90
Child Health						
Medicaid HHS did not respond	All Medicaid recipients	Adair Dallas Madison Warren	\$		Federal State	
First Five	0-5	Every Step Region Matura Region	\$1,142,467	FY25 Local agencies	State	728

Fiscal information obtained may be for more counties than Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County. Funding typically is not broken out by county, therefore all funding and numbers served in a region is provided.

Head Start/Early Head Start

\$12,231,627	935	Drake University Head Start and Early Head Start
\$5,239,516	360	New Opportunities Head Start and Early Head Start
<u>\$1,257,110</u>	<u>113</u>	Matura Head Start
\$18,728,253	1,408	

DCAT/CPPC

\$166,988	1,970	Creston/Leon Cluster (2023)
\$165,014	5,930	Boone/Dallas Cluster
<u>\$20,000</u>	?	Madison/Marion/Warren Cluster (did not respond, therefore estimates were utilized from previous years)
\$352,002	7,900	

Resource Mapping Section

Adair County Early Childhood Resources

- **Buckle up Right** - A Certified Car Seat Technician will show you how to correctly install your child's safety seat, make sure your current seat is not recalled, expired and appropriate for height/weight. If you are in a need a safety seat you are able to receive one free per child per stage. Contact Adair County Health System at 641-743-2123 or tiffjohnson@adaircountyhealthsystem.org.
- **Childcare Nurse Consultant** - The purpose of this program is to promote best practice by providing guidance and technical assistance to child care and preschool providers, regarding the health and safety of the children in their care, this is accomplished via onsite visits; group trainings; and, telephone and mailing communications. For more information contact MATURA at 641-202-7114.
- **Childcare Resource and Referral** - Resources, education, and advocacy for affordable, accessible, quality childcare including: assists parents in locating quality childcare & provides child care providers with educational resources, support, and consultation. For more information contact Orchard Place at 800-722-7619, ext 5736 www.iowaccrr.org.
- **Dental Screenings** - The I-Smile™ Program provides care coordination and support to families with young children who need dental care. The I-Smile™ team can assist with setting up appointments, provide preventive services such as dental screenings and fluoride treatments, and teach children and parents how to keep a healthy mouth. For more information contact MATURA at 641-202-6800.
- **Early Access and AEA**- Early ACCESS is a partnership between service providers and families with young children ages birth to age three. The purpose of this program is for families and staff to work together in identifying, coordinating, and providing needed services and resources that will help the family assist their infant or toddler to grow and develop. AEA also provides for services ages 3-5. For more information contact Iowa Family Support Network at 888-425-4371 or www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org.
- **1st Five** - Promoting healthy mental development in children 0-5. Referrals received from local medical providers for families with children who may be experiencing a developmental delay, concern, and/or family stress. Family is connected to local resources to assist with the family needs. For more information contact at MATURA 641-202-6800.
- **Family Development & Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) Program** - FaDSS is a family development & self-sufficiency program that builds upon the strengths of each family. It helps families move toward individual growth, job retention, and economic stability. A FaDDS worker supports and advocates for families when working with local agencies. Eligibility criteria are families at 175% or below the federal poverty have a child under the age of 18 or receive Family Investment Program (FIP) benefits. For more information contact SCICAP at 641-774-8133.
- **Food Pantry's** – Matura Adair County Neighborhood Center located in Greenfield call 641-743-2424; United Methodist Church located in Greenfield call 641-743-2715; Food Bank of Iowa mobile food pantry located in Orient at the United Methodist Church and in Adair located at the United Methodist Church, for mobile food pantry inquires call 515-564-0330. All food pantry hours vary.
- **Food Program** - The food program is part of the federal school lunch program and is available to registered home child care providers. For more information contact Child & Adult Food Program at Union County ISU Extension 641-782-8426 or West Central Community Action Agency 712-755-5135 or New Opportunities 712-792-9266.
- **Hawk-i** - A program for uninsured children that provides no-cost or low cost health care coverage to children in working families. For more information contact MATURA at 641-202-6800.
- **Health Insurance Market Place** - Adair County Health System has Certified Application Counselors for the Health Insurance Marketplace. Our Certified Application Counselors can assist you through the application process to obtain health insurance through the Marketplace. For more information contact Adair County Public Health at 641-743-6173 or sclaussen@adaircountyhealthsystem.org.
- **Immunizations** - Immunizations for uninsured and underinsured children up to 18 years of age at no charge. Immunizations for adults are available for a fee. Influenza & pneumonia immunizations are available seasonally. For more information contact Adair County Public Health at 641-743-6173.
- **Lead Testing** - Children can receive a free lead poisoning test at no cost. For more information contact MATURA at 641-202-7114.
- **Medicaid** - This program gives you health coverage through a Managed Care Organization (MCO) that you get to choose. For more information contact Iowa Department of Human services at 800-338-8366 or <http://dhs.iowa.gov/>.
- **Maternal Health** - provides services for women living in Adair County, who are pregnant or have recently given birth. Participants will receive services such as pregnancy and childbirth information, mother and new baby care, breastfeeding support, and community resource and referral. For more information contact Taylor County Public Health at 712-523-2556.
- **New Parent Program** - Provides parental awareness of child development and facilitation of family self-sufficiency and stability to access resources for overburdened families in through home visits for pregnant women or new parents and their families. For more information contact Lutheran Services of Iowa at 515-271-7315.
- **Parents as Teachers** - This program utilizes the Parents as Teachers curriculum and offers voluntary comprehensive home visitation for parents of children birth to five years of age. For more information contact Southwestern Community College at 641-782-1308.
- **Preschool Support** - Offers preschool enrichment services for preschool aged children such as preschool tuition scholarships and other supportive preschool services. For more information contact ISU Extension & Outreach - Dallas County at 515-993-4281 or 515-735-5720.

□ **Quality Child Care Project** - Provides early care providers with high level trainings and technical assistance to increase quality in early learning environments. Infant and early childhood mental health consultation is also available. For more information call Dallas County Extension at 515-993-4281.

□ **Vision Screenings** - IOWA KIDSIGHT is a vision screening program where Lions Club volunteers in Iowa conduct vision-screening session for children 6 months through kindergarten. For more information contact the [Greenfield Lions Club](#) or Iowa Lions Club at 515-232-2215 or info@iowalions.org.

□ **Vision Screenings** - InfantSEE; The American Optometric Association and the Vision Care Institute of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. have partnered to create this program, a no cost public health program, to identify the potential for eye and vision problems in infants in their first year of life. Participating optometrists will provide a one-time eye assessment to infants between 6 and 12 months of age, at no cost, regardless of income. For more information call the [Iowa Optometric Association](#) at 1-800-444-1772.

□ **WIC** - Women Infant and Children (WIC) provides extra food to children ages 0-5, pregnant women, and moms. WIC also provides health and nutrition education for families. To participate in the WIC Program, families must be income eligible. For more information contact Matura at 641-202-7114.

□ **Child and Adolescent Health** – provides presumptive eligibility services for children who may appear to be eligible for Medicaid or hawk-i, and informing services for children who are newly Medicaid enrolled. They provide care coordination services to help families access regular health care check-ups for their children through medical and dental homes. They also link families to other community-based services based upon need. The Child Health program strives to assure that children receive periodic comprehensive health screening services such as lead screenings, vision screenings, and dental screenings. For more information contact MATURA at 641-202-6800.

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□ **1st Five** - 1st Five is a project to assist medical practitioners in providing social/emotional, autism, family stress, and parental depression screenings to children and their caregivers during well-child exams. Following a physician's referral to 1st Five, a Care Coordinator assists the family in accessing community resources to address all of their needs. 1st Five understands that the health and well-being of family members directly impacts the health of an infant or young child. For more information contact [Every Step](#) at 515-558-9954.

□ **Childcare Assistance (CCA)** - is available to the children of income-eligible parents who are absent for a portion of the day due to employment or participation in academic or vocational training or PROMISE JOBS activities. Assistance may also be available for a limited period of time to the children of a parent looking for employment or when the parent who normally cares for the child is unable to do so due to hospitalization, or outpatient treatment for physical or mental illness. For more information contact the [Iowa Department of Human Services](#) at 866-448-4605.

□ **Child Care Nurse Consultant** – The purpose of this program is to promote best practice by providing guidance and technical assistance to child care and preschool providers, regarding the health and safety of the children in their care, this is accomplished via onsite visits; group trainings; and, telephone and mailing communications. For more information contact EveryStep at 515-468-3509.

□ **Child Care Resource and Referral** – Resources, education, and advocacy for affordable, accessible, quality childcare including: assists parents in locating quality childcare & provides child care providers with educational resources, support, and consultation. For more information contact [Orchard Place](#) at 800-722-7619 ext 3590 or child care referrals 855-244-5301.

□ **Dallas County Family Development Center** -The Dallas County Family Development Center provides income-eligible residents in Dallas County with heat and utility assistance, clothes closet, and the SHARE food program. Our Christmas toy program is open to families who are eligible residents of Dallas County, and who live outside of West Des Moines and Waukee. Back-to-school supplies and holiday food packages are offered to residents of the Perry School District. The center also serves as the information, application, and referral center for all of the programs within New Opportunities, Inc, as well as a link to other community resources. For more information please contact [New Opportunities](#) at 515-465-5185.

□ **Dental Screenings** - The I-Smile Program provides oral health screenings; oral health education; nutrition education relating to oral health; fluoride varnish application; and a referral to a dentist for comprehensive dental needs. The program targets pregnant women and children under the age of 21 residing in Dallas County. For more information contact EveryStep at 515-961-1074.

□ **Early Access** - Early ACCESS is a partnership between service providers and families with young children ages birth to age three. The purpose of this program is for families and staff to work together in identifying, coordinating, and providing needed services and resources that will help the family assist their infant or toddler to grow and develop. For more information contact [Iowa Family Support Network](#) at 888-425-4371.

□ **Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis & Treatment (EPSDT)** - Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment (EPSDT) program - serves residents Dallas County. EPSDT is the benefit package of Medicaid/Title 19 for individuals under age 21 years. The focus of our EPSDT Care for Kids program is to: inform families of the benefits they receive with Medicaid/Title 19; help individuals secure a medical and dental home; ensure that eligible individuals receive and understand the importance of preventative health care; link families to other community resources to improve their health and well-being (WIC, Early ACCESS, parenting classes, child care assistance, housing assistance, food pantries, etc.); and provide or link families to transportation to qualifying medical, dental, and mental health appointments. For more information on Iowa's Care for Kids Program contact Warren County Health Services at 515-961-1074

□ **Early Head Start** - Home visitation program for eligible expectant mothers and children age birth to three offered through [New Opportunities](#). For additional information on programming in the Adel and Waukee areas contact Abby at 712-830-8583 or in the Perry area contact Cecilia at 515-465-8106 or 515-313-3900. Center Based child care is also available for eligible children age birth to three in Perry. For additional information contact Andi at 515/465-5972 ext. 4033.

□ **Energy Assistance** - The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a program that assists income-eligible families in mitigating the cost of home heating. Applications are accepted between October 1st (elderly/disabled) or November 1st - April 30th. New Opportunities serves Dallas County eligible residents with offices in Perry at the Family Development Center, in Waukee at Waukee Area Christian Services, and at other satellite locations as needed. For more information contact [New Opportunities](#) at 515-465-5185

□ **Family Development & Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) Program** - **FaDSS** is a family development & self-sufficiency program that builds upon the strengths of each family. It helps families move toward individual growth, job retention, and economic stability. A FaDSS worker supports and advocates for families when working with local

agencies. Eligibility criteria are families at 175% or below the federal poverty have a child under the age of 18 and receive Family Investment Program (FIP) benefits. For more information contact New Opportunities at [New Opportunities](#) at 712-792-9266.

☐ **Food Program** - The food program is part of the federal school lunch program and is available to registered home and child care providers. For more information contact Child & Adult Food Program at [New Opportunities](#) at 712-792-9266 ext 303 or Polk County Community Family & Youth Service at 515-286-2073.

☐ **Group Parent Education** - Provides group parenting skills-building programs & resources that are available to all regardless of income. Topics covered in our program offerings include: positive discipline & guidance, coping with anger & conflict, problem solving techniques, & communication along with how to build the foundation of literacy & language skills. Free resources are available in the areas of parenting, nutrition & health, stress reduction, & finance to assist families in making decisions to improve & transform their lives. For more information contact [ISU Extension & Outreach](#) - Dallas County at 515-993-4281.

☐ **HAWK-I – Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa**- Free or low-cost health care coverage for kids. To qualify a child must: be under 19 year old, be uninsured, be ineligible for Medicaid, meet the income guidelines, be a citizen or a lawful permanent resident alien, meet the income guidelines, and that the child cannot be the dependent of a State of Iowa employee. A dental only option is also available. To get answers to questions call customer service at 800-257-8563 or go to www.hawk-i.org. For assistance in completing the application or to get more applications contact [Dallas County Public Health Nursing](#) at 515-993-3750, or Warren County Health Services at 515-961-1074 for Presumptive Eligibility determinations.

☐ **Head Start** – Free comprehensive quality preschool program for eligible 3 and 4 year olds offered through [New Opportunities](#). For more information on programming in the Adel and Waukee area office at 515-987-7428 or 712-830-1327 (cell) or in the Perry office at 515-465-8106 or 515-238-2194. During the summer call 800-642-6330.

☐ **Health Navigation** - Locating and accessing needed services can sometimes be difficult, confusing, or even overwhelming. A Health Navigator can help residents locate and access resources, explore options, and navigate systems. For more information, contact [Dallas County Public Health Nursing](#) at 515-993-3750 and ask for Health Navigation.

☐ **Hearing Screening** - Free hearing screenings for children ages 0-5. For more information contact the [Area Education Agency](#) in Johnston at 515-270-9030.

☐ **Housing Assistance** -The agency's direct and guaranteed rural credit programs help families find affordable housing, assist businesses to create economic opportunities, and allow communities to build or improve essential infrastructure and facilities. USDA Rural Development housing loans and grants provide decent, safe, and affordable single, multiple-family, and elderly housing. Housing programs provide financing with no down payment at favorable rates and terms. For more information contact the [USDA Rural Development State Office](#) at (515)284-4663.

☐ **Immunization Clinics** – [Dallas County Public Health Nursing](#) offers immunizations for uninsured and underinsured children up to 18 years of age at no charge. Immunizations for adults are available for a fee. Influenza & pneumonia immunizations are available seasonally. For more information contact 515-993-3750.

☐ **Macaroni Kids** - Weekly, hyper-local e-newsletters and website featuring events, activities, products and places for moms, kids and families. For more information contact www.story-boone.macaronikid.com

☐ **Maternal Child Health Programs-Title V** – Provides enhanced services to pregnant and post-partum women. Health education and referral are the most important aspects of the Maternal Health program. Staff also help families to access the following screening services for their children: vision/hearing screenings; dental education & referral; health education; immunizations; physical exams; developmental assessments; nutrition & psychosocial screenings; lab tests including blood lead testing. For more information contact [Visiting Nurse Services](#) at 515-288-1516.

☐ **Maternal Child Health Home Visitation Program** – A free, voluntary, program available to all women living in Dallas County, who are pregnant or have recently given birth. Services include: Pregnancy and Childbirth Information; Mother and New Baby Care; Breastfeeding Support; Community Resource and Referral. To schedule a home visit, please contact [Dallas County Public Health Nursing](#) at 515-993-3750.

☐ **New Parent Program** – Provides parental awareness of child development and facilitation of family self-sufficiency and stability to access resources for overburdened families in through home visits for pregnant women or new parents and their families. For more information contact [Lutheran Services of Iowa](#) at 515-271-7315.

☐ **Parents As Teachers** – provides parent education, support and encouragement for all families in Madison County with children from birth to kindergarten entry in order to enhance optimal child development and school readiness in these crucial early years of life. For more information contact Short Years Partnership at 515-238-8170 or [Short Years Partnership](#).

☐ **Preschool Enrichment** – Free technical assistance for preschools that desire to improve preschool quality. Preschool tuition scholarships and other supportive preschool services are offered through the project. For more information contact [ISU Extension & Outreach](#) - Dallas County at 515-993-4281 or 515-735-5720.

☐ **Presumptive Medicaid Eligibility (PME) for Children** – Provides emergency needed medical coverage while Medicaid application is being processed. For more information contact Warren County Health Services at 515-961-1074

☐ **Quality Child Care Project** – Free technical assistance and high level training for child care providers, centers, and preschools that have a desire to improve quality in early learning environments. For more information contact [ISU Extension & Outreach](#) - Dallas County at 515-993-4281.

☐ **Tobacco Cessation** - Quitline Iowa offers tobacco cessation coaching services over the telephone or the Internet, 24 hours a day. For more information contact 800-7841-8669.

☐ **Vision Screenings** - IOWA KIDSIGHT is a vision screening program where Lions Club volunteers in Iowa conduct vision-screening session for children 6 months through kindergarten. For more information contact the [Adel Lions Club](#) or Iowa Lions Club at 515-232-2215 or info@iowalions.org.

☐ **Vision Screenings** – InfantSEE; The American Optometric Association and the Vision Care Institute of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. have partnered to create this program, a no cost public health program, to identify the potential for eye and vision problems in infants in their first year of life. Participating optometrists will provide a one-time eye assessment to infants between 6 and 12 months of age, at no cost, regardless of income. For more information call the [Iowa Optometric Association](#) at 1-800-444-1772.

☐ **WIC** - Women Infant and Children (WIC) provides healthy food, nutrition counseling, health services, breastfeeding support and more to children from birth to 5th birthday, pregnant women, and postpartum moms. For more information contact Broadlawn's WIC Program at 515-282-5800 or www.happyhealthywawic.org to set up an appointment.

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☐ **Bring Love** – Provides support for foster and adoptive parents in Madison County. Bring Love has a free clothing (Kloset4KIDS) located at CRISP that can supply foster children ages infant to teen with clothing needs. We provide meals for foster families when they get a foster placement. We also have local photographers that will take pictures of foster children for special occasions or adoption day photos. Bring Love will sponsor various community events to raise awareness and support for foster children. For more information contact Liz Hensley at 515-554-1363 or lzhensley@gmail.com.

☐ **Child Care Resource and Referral** - Resources, education, and advocacy for affordable, accessible, quality childcare including: assists parents in locating quality childcare & provides child care providers with educational resources, support, and consultation. For more information call Iowa CCRR parent referral specialist at 800-244-5301 childcare@caeiowa.org or www.iowaccrr.org. For child care providers contact Orchard Place at 800-722-7619 or <https://iowaccrr.org/providers/AP/>.

☐ **Childcare Nurse Consultant** - The purpose of this program is to promote best practice by providing guidance and technical assistance to child care and preschool providers, regarding the health and safety of the children in their care, this is accomplished via onsite visits; group trainings, and telephone and mailing communications. For more information contact Warren County Health Services 515-961-1074 or <https://healthservices.warrencountyia.org>.

☐ **C.R.I.S.P. (Community Resources in Service to People)** - "A place to go when you don't know." Provides some resources directly for urgent situations, matches clients to resources in the community, and runs annually the following direct assistance service projects: Backpacks4KIDS, WinterWear4KIDS, Christmas 4KIDS. For more information contact C.R.I.S.P. at 515-462-9400 or www.wintercricrisp.org.

☐ **Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center** - Provides support for victims and survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence. Trained advocates present evidence-based curriculum to children ages 3-18 in an effort to prevent child sexual abuse. Education, counseling, medical and legal advocacy, and support groups are provided to children and parents at no cost. All services are completely voluntary and confidential. For more information contact CIAC at 515-993-4095.

☐ **Early Access** - Early ACCESS is a partnership between service providers and families with young children ages birth to age three. The purpose of this program is for families and staff to work together in identifying, coordinating, and providing needed services and resources that will help the family assist their infant or toddler to grow and develop. For more information contact Iowa Family Support Network at 888-425-4371 or www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org.

☐ **Family Development & Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) Program** - FaDSS is a family development & self-sufficiency program that builds upon the strengths of each family. It helps families move toward individual growth, job retention, and economic stability. A FaDSS worker supports and advocates for families when working with local agencies. Eligibility criteria are families at 175% or below the federal poverty have a child under the age of 18 and receive Family Investment Program (FIP) benefits. For more information contact SCICAP at 641-774-8133.

☐ **Ferst Readers'** - The mission is "strengthening communities by providing quality books and literacy resources for children and their families to use at home during the earliest stages of development." Free books for children 0-5 who live in Madison County. Children will receive a free book every month until they turn 5 years-old. Contact Corey St. John for more information 515-462-2718 or <https://ferstreaders.org/>

☐ **Food Program** - The food program is part of the federal school lunch program and is available to registered child care providers. For more information contact Child & Adult Food Program at New Opportunities at 712-792-9266.

☐ **1st Five** - Promoting healthy mental development in children 0-5. Referrals received from local medical providers for families with children who may be experiencing a developmental delay, concern, and/or family stress. Family is connected to local resources to assist with the family needs. For more information contact Warren County Health Services 515-961-1074 or <https://healthservices.warrencountyia.org>.

☐ **hawk-i** - A program that provides no-cost or low cost health and dental insurance coverage to children and teens. For more information contact Warren County Health Services 515-961-1074 or <https://healthservices.warrencountyia.org> or <https://dhs.iowa.gov/hawk-i>

☐ **Head Start** - Free comprehensive quality preschool program for eligible 3 and 4 year olds. For more information contact Matura Head Start at 515-462-1208 or www.maturacommunityaction.maturaact.org

☐ **Hearing Screening** - Free hearing screenings for children ages 0-5. For more information call the Area Education Agency at 515-270-9030 or www.heartlandaea.org.

☐ **Immunizations** - Immunizations for uninsured and underinsured children up to 18 years of age at no charge. Immunizations for adults are available for a fee. Influenza & pneumonia immunizations are available seasonally. For more information call Madison County Public Health Services 515-462-9051 or www.madisoncoia.us.

☐ **I-Smile™ Program** - The I-Smile™ Program provides care coordination and support to families with young children who need dental care. The I-Smile™ team can help with: setting up appointments; giving reminders of when a dental appointment is; providing preventive services such as dental screenings and fluoride treatments; and teaching children and parents about how to keep a healthy mouth. For more information contact Warren County Health Services 515-961-1074 or <https://healthservices.warrencountyia.org>.

☐ **Leadie Eddie**- Puppet show presentation for preschools providing blood lead poisoning prevention education in an entertaining format. Includes written information to send home to parents. For more information contact Warren County Health Services at 515-961-1074 or <https://healthservices.warrencountyia.org>.

☐ **Lead Testing** -Children may be able to receive a test for blood lead levels free of charge. At least one test for blood lead levels is required for entry to Kindergarten. For more information contact Warren County Health Services 515-961-1074 or <https://healthservices.warrencountyia.org>.

☐ **Maternal Health** - Provides services for women living in Warren County, who are pregnant or have recently given birth. Participants will receive services such as pregnancy and childbirth education, mother and new baby care, breastfeeding support, and community resource and referral. For more information contact [Visiting Nurse Services](#) at 515-288-1516.

☐ **Matura Multipurpose** - Offers a food pantry, housing and energy assistance, clothing, and other services. For more information contact Matura at 515-462-4704 or www.maturacommunityaction.maturaact.org.

☐ **Medicaid** - This program gives you health coverage through a Managed Care Organization (MCO) that you get to choose. For more information contact Iowa Department of Human services at 800-338-8366 or <http://dhs.iowa.gov/>.

☐ **New Parent Program** – provides parental awareness of child development and facilitation of family self-sufficiency and stability to access resources for overburdened families in through home visits for pregnant women or new parents and their families. For more information contact Lutheran Services of Iowa at 515-271-7315 or www.lsiowa.org.

☐ **Parents as Teachers** - provides parent education, support and encouragement for all families in Madison County with children from birth to kindergarten entry in order to enhance optimal child development and school readiness in these crucial early years of life. For more information contact Short Years Partnership at 515-961-1020 or [Short Years Partnership](#).

☐ **Preschool Support** - Offers preschool enrichment services for preschool aged children such as preschool tuition scholarships and other supportive preschool services. For more information contact [ISU Extension & Outreach](#) - Dallas County at 515-993-4281 or 515-735-5720.

☐ **Presumptive Eligibility**- Presumptive Eligibility is a program that offers immediate health services access by providing temporary health insurances through Medicaid. Warren County Health Services is a Qualified Entity authorized to complete Presumptive Eligibility for income eligible pregnant women and children under the age of 19 years old. For more information contact Every Step 515-343-7615 or <https://www.everystep.org/>.

☐ **Quality Improvement Project** - Provides early care providers with high level trainings and technical assistance to increase quality in early learning environments. For more information call Dallas County Extension at 515-993-4281 or www.extension.iastate.edu/dallas.

☐ **Vision Screenings** - IOWA KIDSIGHT is a vision screening program where Lions Club volunteers in Iowa conduct vision-screening session for children 6 months through kindergarten. For more information contact the [Winterset Lions Club](#) or Iowa Lions Club at 515-232-2215 or info@iowalions.org.

☐ **Vision Screenings** – InfantSEE; The American Optometric Association and the Vision Care Institute of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. have partnered to create this program, a no cost public health program, to identify the potential for eye and vision problems in infants in their first year of life. Participating optometrists will provide a one-time eye assessment to infants between 6 and 12 months of age, at no cost, regardless of income. For more information call the [Iowa Optometric Association](#) at 1-800-444-1772.

☐ **WIC** - Women Infant and Children (WIC) provides healthy food, nutrition counseling, health services, breastfeeding support and more to children from birth to 5th birthday, pregnant women, and postpartum moms. For more information contact Broadlawns WIC Program at 515-282-5800 or check out our website: www.happyhealthyiawic.org to set up an appointment.

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☐ **Assistance** (food, energy, etc) - IMPACT Community action programs provide critical support programs and guidance for people in need. Our important services are home energy and weatherization assistance, food support, personal finance education, and disaster relief. For more information contact IMPACT at 515-961-2543 or <https://www.impactcap.org/warren>.

☐ **Car Seat Safety Checks** - Get your car seat professionally checked by a nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) at a car seat check up event or a car seat inspection station. Or attend an educational workshop to learn more. To [locate a car seat event](#) near you. Or [find an inspection station](#), a site with regularly scheduled car seat checks. For more information contact Warren County Health Services at 515-961-1074. or <https://healthservices.warrencountytia.org/>.

☐ **Child Care Resource and Referral** – Resources, education, and advocacy for affordable, accessible, quality childcare including: assists parents in locating quality childcare & provides child care providers with educational resources, support, and consultation. For more information contact Orchard Place at 800-722-7619 ext 3590 or www.iowaccrr.org.

☐ **Early Access** - Early ACCESS is a partnership between service providers and families with young children ages birth to age three. The purpose of this program is for families and staff to work together in identifying, coordinating, and providing needed services and resources that will help the family assist their infant or toddler to grow and develop. For more information contact Iowa Family Support Network at 888-425-4371 or www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org or Heartland AEA www.heartlandaea.org at 800-362-2720.

☐ **Employee & Family Resources (EFR)** - offers a variety of substance misuse and problem gambling prevention services, including: evidence-based prevention curricula for pre-K-12 schools and community groups and programming for youth and adults on drug education, low vs. high risk choices, and social and emotional learning. All prevention services are grant funded through the Iowa Department of Public Health and offered at no cost to the community. For more information, contact Employee & Family Resources at 515-471-2327 or visit www.efr.org.

☐ **Family Support Network** - The Iowa Family Support Network serves as a central point of contact to help parents and providers connect to Early ACCESS, Family Support, and Group Based Parent Education Services for 0-5 year olds and their families across the state of Iowa. For more information contact IFSN at 888-425-4371 or www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org or [IFSN Facebook Page](#).

☐ **First Five** – Promoting healthy mental development in children 0-5. Referrals received from local medical providers for families with children who may be experiencing a developmental delay, concern, and/or family stress. Family is connected to local resources to assist with the family needs. For more information contact EveryStep 515-558-9954 or www.everystep.org.

- ❑ **Food Program** - The food program is part of the federal school lunch program and is available to registered home and child care providers. For more information contact Child & Adult Food Program at Clarke County ISU Extension at 641-342-3316 or New Opportunities at 712-792-9266 or SEIEDA at 641-682-8741.
- ❑ **Head Start** - Free comprehensive quality preschool program for eligible 3 and 4 year olds. For more information contact Drake Head Start at 515-271-1854 or www.drakeheadstart.org.
- ❑ **Hearing Screening** - Free hearing screenings for children ages 0-5. For more information contact the Area Education Agency at 515-270-9030 or www.hearlandaea.org. (Limited summer hours available)
- ❑ **Immunizations** - Immunizations for uninsured and underinsured children through 18 years of age at no charge. Immunizations for adults are also available for a fee. For more information contact Warren County Health Services 515-961-1074 or <https://healthservices.warrencountvia.org/>.
- ❑ **I-Smile™ Program** - The I-Smile™ Program provides care coordination and support to families with young children who need dental care. The I-Smile™ team can help with: setting up appointments; giving reminders of when a dental appointment is; providing preventive services such as dental screenings and fluoride treatments; and teaching children and parents about how to keep a healthy mouth. For more information contact EveryStep at 515-288-1516 or www.everystep.org.
- ❑ **Medicaid** - This program gives you health coverage through a Managed Care Organization (MCO) that you get to choose. For more information contact Iowa Department of Human services at 800-338-8366 or <http://dhs.iowa.gov/>.
- ❑ **Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH)** - Developmental screenings and blood lead screenings for children. Pregnancy education, postpartum home visits, and breastfeeding support. Assistance in locating and accessing other community resources, including medical and dental homes. Help with applications for hawk-i and Medicaid, including Presumptive Eligibility Determinations, which provides Medicaid for a limited time while a formal Medicaid eligibility determination is being made by DHS. For more information contact EveryStep at 515-288-1516 or www.everystep.org.
- ❑ **New Parent Program** - Provides parental awareness of child development and facilitation of family self-sufficiency and stability to access resources for overburdened families in through home visits for pregnant women or new parents and their families. For more information contact Lutheran Services of Iowa at 515-274-7315 or www.lsiowa.org.
- ❑ **Parents as Teachers** - provides parent education, support and encouragement for all families in Madison County with children from birth to kindergarten entry in order to enhance optimal child development and school readiness in these crucial early years of life. For more information contact Short Years Partnership at 515-961-1020 or [Short Years Partnership](#).
- ❑ **Preschool Support** - Offers preschool enrichment services such as preschool tuition and other supportive preschool services. For more information contact Warren County I.S.U. Extension Warren County at 515-993-4281 or 515-735-5720 or [Dallas County ISU Extension](#).
- ❑ **Transportation** - HIRTA provides door to door transit services in the counties of Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Story and Warren. All rides are open to the general public, including persons with disabilities. For more information contact HIRTA at 877-686-0029 or erides@ridehirta.com
- ❑ **Quality Improvement Project** - Provides early care providers with high level trainings and technical assistance to increase quality in early learning environments. Infant and early childhood mental health consultation is also available. For more information call Dallas County Extension at 515-993-4281 or 515-735-5706 or [Dallas County ISU Extension](#).
- ❑ **Warren County Health Services** - Immunizations; Car Seat Safety Checks; Leadie Eddie Puppet Show (Blood lead poisoning prevention educational presentations to preschools); Child Care Nurse Consulting (Health and Safety Consultation via onsite visits, email, and telephone serving child care homes, centers and preschools). For more information contact Warren County Health Services 515-961-1074 or <https://healthservices.warrencountvia.org/>
- ❑ **Vision Screenings** - IOWA KIDSIGHT is a vision screening program where Lions Club volunteers in Iowa conduct vision-screening session for children 6 months through kindergarten. For more information contact the [Indianola Evening Lions Club](#) or Iowa Lions Club at 515-232-2215 or info@iowalions.org.
- ❑ **Vision Screenings** - InfantSEE; The American Optometric Association and the Vision Care Institute of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. have partnered to create this program, a no cost public health program, to identify the potential for eye and vision problems in infants in their first year of life. Participating optometrists will provide a one-time eye assessment to infants between 6 and 12 months of age, at no cost, regardless of income. For more information call the [Iowa Optometric Association](#) at 1-800-444-1772.
- ❑ **WIC** - Women Infant and Children (WIC) provides healthy food, nutrition counseling, health services, breastfeeding support and more to children from birth to 5th birthday, pregnant women, and postpartum moms. For more information contact Broadlawns WIC Program at 515-282-5800 or www.happyhealthyviawic.org to set up an appointment.

Libraries

There are 6 libraries in Adair County, 11 in Dallas County, 4 in Madison County and 6 in Warren County.

Libraries in the 4 R Kids ECI Area			
Warren County Libraries	Madison County Libraries	Dallas County Libraries	Adair County Libraries
Carlisle Public Library 135 School Street Carlisle, Iowa 50047 515-989-0909	Winterset Public Library 123 N. 2nd Street Winterset, Iowa 50273 515-462-1731	Adel Public Library 303 S. 10th Street Adel, Iowa 50003 515-993-3512	Adair Public Library 310 Audubon Street Adair, Iowa 50002 641-742-3323
Indianola Library 207 N. B. Street Indianola, Iowa 500125 515-961-9418	St. Charles Public Library 210 N. Cross Street St. Charles, Iowa 50240 641-396-2945	De Soto Library 405 Walnut Street De Soto, Iowa 50069-0100 515-834-2690	Fontanelle Public Library 303 Washington Street Fontanelle, Iowa 50846 641-745-4981
Norwalk Public Library 1051 North Ave Norwalk, Iowa 50211 515-981-0217	Earlham Public Library 120 S. Chestnut Street Earlham, Iowa 50072 641-758-2121	Granger Public Library 2216 Broadway Street Granger, Iowa 50109 515-999-2088	Greenfield Public Library 202 S. First Street Greenfield, Iowa 50049 641-743-6120
New Virginia Public Library 501 Border New Virginia, Iowa 50210 641-449-3614	Truro Public Library 114 E. Center Street Truro, Iowa 50257 641-765-4420	Perry Public Library 1101 Willis Avenue Perry, Iowa 50220 515-465-3569	Public Resource Technology Center 201 School Street Orient, Iowa 50858 641-337-5061
Lacona Public Library 107 Main Street Lacona, Iowa 50139 641-534-4400		Van Meter Public Library 505 Grant Street Van Meter, Iowa 50261 515-996-2435	Stuart Public Library 111 Font Street Stuart, Iowa 50250 515-523-2152
Milo Public Library 123 Main Street Milo, Iowa 50166 641-942-6557		Woodward Library 118 S. Main Street Woodward, IA 50276 515-438-2636	Bridgewater Library Main Street, Box 94 Bridgewater, Iowa 50837 641-745-5155
		Dallas Center Library 1308 Walnut Street Dallas Center, Iowa 50063 515-992-3185	
		Dexter Library 724 Marshal Street Dexter, Iowa 50070 515-789-4490	
		Minburn Public Library 315 Baker Street Minburn, Iowa 50167 515-667-2712	
		Redfield Public Library Box L Redfield, Iowa 50003 515-833-2200	
		Waukee Public Library 950 Warrior Lane Waukee, Iowa 50263 515-987-1280	

FY24 Preschool Mapping

Preschool mapping is updated annually and utilized with families that are looking for early learning environments.



Adair County

<i>Preschool & Address</i>	<i>Non- Profit</i>	<i># Kids Served</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Service Time Frame</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Curriculum Utilized</i>	<i>Assessment Utilized</i>	<i>Quality Effort</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Faith Based</i>
Nodaway Valley Preschool* 410 NW 2 nd St Greenfield, IA 50849 641-743-6136	X	Lic 16 Des 16	3-5	M-F 7:50-3:30 4 yrs- 5 yrs. T, TH 7:50-3:30 3 yrs.	\$75.00 \$150/month- additional 4 afternoons	Creative Curriculum	GOLD	NAEYC	State, Federal, ECI, Parents	
Orient-Macksburg Preschool* 201 S School St Orient, IA 50858 641-337-5061	X	Lic 20 Des 36	3-4	T-TH 7:45-3:15 3 yr olds M-W-F 4's	4 yrs.'-FREE 3's- \$80	Creative Curriculum, Bridges	GOLD, Ages and Stages Get Ready to Read	NAEYC	State ECI Parents	
B-F Pre-Kindergarten * P.O. Box 94 Bridgewater, IA 50837 641-745-5155 	X	Lic 25 Des 16	3-5	M, W, F 8-11:30 am	\$100/ 3 ½ days	Creative Curriculum, OWLS HWT	ASQ	IQ4K	Parents, private donations, ECI	
Little Lambs Preschool* 505 NE Dodge St Greenfield, IA 50849 641-745-5155 	X	Lic 30 Des 30	3-5	M, 12:30-4 T, TH 8:00-11:30 12:30-4:00 pm	\$100/ 3 days \$80/ 2 days	PAWS OWLS HWT	ASQ, Get ready to Read	IQ4K	Parents, private donations, ECI	X

Dallas County

<i>Preschool & Address</i>	<i>Non- Profit</i>	<i># Kids Served</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Service Time Frame</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Curriculum Utilized</i>	<i>Assessment Utilized</i>	<i>Quality Effort</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Faith Based</i>
Adel Elementary Preschool 215 N 11th St Adel, IA 50003 (515) 993-4283	X	Lic 30 Des 40 Works with Special Needs	4	8:45 – 11:30 M-TH 12:30 – 3:15 M-TH	FREE 4's	Creative Curriculum Projects of Study	GOLD	QPPS	Parent Spec Ed	
Brick Street Kids Preschool PO Box 25 23932 Meadow Rd Adel, IA 50003 515-490-3878	x	Lic 16 Des 16	3-4	MWF 8:30- 11:30 a.m. 4's T-TH 8:30-11:30 a.m. 3's	\$120.00 \$135.00	Faith based			Parent	X
Faith's Flock Preschool* 602 S 14th St Adel, IA 50003 515 - 993 - 3848 Ext: 26 http://adelpreschool.com/index.html	X	Lic 24 Des 20	3 - 5	8:30–11:00 MWF 4's 8:30-11 T TH 3's M-TH 12:00-3 Transition	4's 125.00 / mo. 3's 150.00 / mo. 5's \$175/ mo.	Creative Curriculum Voyagers (Christian)	Director Written ASQ	IQ4K-1	Parent Fees Private Scholarship ECI	X
St Patrick's Gingerbread House Preschool 1302 5th St Perry, IA 50220 515-465-4186 http://www.stpatricks-perry-ia.org/gingerbread-preschool.html	X	Lic 17 Des 34	4 - 5	8:00 – 11:10 M, T, TH, F 12:00 – 3:10 M, T, TH, F	FREE	Creative Curriculum, Handwriting w/o Tears, IGDIS, 2 nd Step Projects of Study	GOLD	QPPS	State	X
Head Start, Perry 2816 1st Ave		Lic 92		8:30-2:45						



Perry, IA 50220 515-238-2194	X	Des 84 Works with Special Needs	birth – 5	M-F .	Free	Creative Curriculum	GOLD	QPPS HSS	Federal	
Head Start, Waukee 425 Ashworth Dr Waukee, IA 50263 515-987-7428	X	Lic 40 Des 34 Works with Special Needs	3 – 5	8:15-2:45 M- F	Free	Creative Curriculum	GOLD	HSS	Federal	
Hope Waukee 305 NE Dartmoor Dr Waukee, IA 60263 515-264-2000	X	Lic 48 Des 48	3-6	M & W: 9:00-11:30 am or 12:30-3:00 pm T& Th: 9:00-11:30 am or 12:30-3:00 pm M-TH: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	3'3 \$150 4's \$210 5's \$370	High Scope Creative curriculum ELS HWT	GOLD		Parent	x
Kid's Korner Preschool 1106 Linden Dallas Center, IA 50063 (515) 992-4942		Lic 122 Des 75	4,5	1215-3:15 M, T, TH, F	Free	Creative Curriculum	GOLD	QPPS	State	
Kids Korner Two 1808 Grove St Adel, Iowa 50003 (515) 993-1190 http://kidskornertwo.com/rates-hours/		Lic 184 Des170	3,4	M- F 6 am-6 pm	\$205.00 per week	Creative Curriculum	GOLD		Parent fees	
Little Friends of Living Faith* 2180 NW 142nd St Clive, IA 50325 clivechurch.com 515-556-5576	X	Lic 67 Des 58	2 - 5	9:00 – 1:00 T-TH M, W, F M-F	\$215.00 2 day \$305.00 3 day \$405.00/mo. Pre-K	Wee Learn Christian Learning w/o Tears	Ages & Stages	IQ4k-4	Parent Fees ECI	X
Raccoon River Preschool 28059 Fairground Road Adel, Iowa 50003 (515) 444-3492	X	Lic 30 Des 26	3-5	3's M, T, TH 8:45- 11:15 4's 8:45-11:15 4's T, TH, 12:00-2:45	\$140.00 \$175.00 \$205.00	Creative Curriculum	HWT	IQ4K	Parent Fees ECI	X
Hope West Des Moines Preschool 925 Jordan Creek Pkwy		Lic 44	3-5	9:00-11:30 M – TH	Three's \$150.00/mo.	The Letter People	Program developed		Parent Fees	X

West Des Moines, IA 50266 515-422-9122  ps://www.lutheranchurchofhope.org/west-des-moines/youth/preschool/classes--tuition/		Des 84		12:30-3:00 M – TH 9-3 M-TH	PreK \$210.00/mo. TK \$370.00/mo.	Handwriting w/o Tears	Portfolios			
Perry Child Development Center* 920 18th St Perry, IA 50220 www.perrychildcare.org 515-465-2522 	X	Lic 77 Des 62 Works with Special Needs	2-12	Center hours 5:00 am – 6:00 pm Preschool-3 & 4 yrs. 8-11 am 2:30-5:30pm M, T, TH F	3's \$188.00/mo. 4's FREE	Creative Curriculum Al's Pals Projects of Study	GOLD IGDIS ASQ 2 nd Step	IQ4K- 4 NAEYC	Parent Fees ECI Accepts State Subsidy Federal	
Perry Elementary Early Learning Center 1600 8th St Perry, IA 50220 515-465-8235	X	Lic 20 Des 20 Works with Special Needs	3-4	8:20-11:20 MTTHF 12:20 – 3:20 MTTHF	Free	Creative Curriculum SEEDS	GOLD IGDIS ASQ 2 nd Step	QPPS	State	
St. Francis of Assisi Preschool 7075 Ashworth Rd. West Des Moines, IA 50266 515-223-4577	X	Lic 54 Des 52 PK = 48 3-4Yrs = 32 2 ¼ -3Yrs = 32	2 3/4-5	Pre-K M-TH 8:30 – 11:15 12:15 – 3:00 3-4 yr. olds M T TH 8:35 – 11:05 12:20 – 2:50 2 ¾-3 y olds W & F 8:35-11:05	\$1,925-\$2,600 annually	Al's Pals High Scope (Work Plans) Handwriting w/o Tears (PK) Everyday Math (PK) Mix of Teacher Directed & Student Selected	Portfolios ASQ3 &-SE IGDFS (PK)		Parent Fees	X
Van Meter Pre-Kindergarten PO Box 52 520 1st Ave Van Meter, IA 50261 515-996-2221	X	Lic 27 Des 20 Works with Special Needs	4	8:15 – 11:15 12:15-3:30	FREE	Creative Curriculum	GOLD	QPPS	State	
Waukee Community School District- Vince Meyer Early Learning Center* 400 Locust Street Waukee, IA 50263	X	Lic 56 Des 12 Works with Special needs	3-4	9:00-11:30 1:00-3:30 M, T, TH, F	3's \$250.00 4's FREE	Creative Curriculum IELS	GOLD	IELS QPPS	Parent Fees ECI State	

515-987-5160										
Westview Church Preschool* 1155 SE Boone Dr. Wauke, IA 50263 515-987-9954	X	Lic 50 Des 85	3-5	9:15 – 11:45 M-TH 9:15 – 11:45 MTTH 12:30 – 3:00 M – TH	3's \$140.00/mo. 4's \$175.00/mo. 4's \$210.00/mo.	Creative Curriculum HWT Al's Pals	GOLD	QRS-5	Parent Fees ECI	X
Woodward Granger CSD Preschool* 2200 State St. Granger, IA 50109 999-8058	X	Lic 20 Des 116 Work with Special Needs	3-5	8:15 – 11:20 M T TH F 3 yrs. 12:15 – 3:20 M T TH F 3-4 yrs.	3's Full day \$350.00 4 yrs.- FREE Full Day \$350.00	Creative Curriculum	GOLD	QPPS	State Parent Fees ECI	
Dallas Center Grimes-North Ridge <u>500 NE Beaverbrooke Blvd.</u> Grimes, Iowa 50111	X	Lic 192 Des 168 Work with Special Needs	3-5	8:15 – 11:15 M T TH F 3 yrs. 12:15 – 3:15 M T TH F	3's \$200.00/mo. 4 yrs.- FREE	Creative Curriculum Handwriting w/o Tears	GOLD	QPPS	State Parent Fees	

Madison County



<i>Preschool & Address</i>	<i>Non- Profit</i>	<i># Kids Served</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Service Time Frame</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Curriculum Utilized</i>	<i>Assessment Utilized</i>	<i>Quality Effort</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Faith Based</i>
Little Huskies Preschool 404 S 2nd Ave Winterset, IA 50273 515-462-1551 http://www.winterset.k12.ia.us/	X	Lic 120 Des 96	4	M, T, TH, F 8-11 am 12:15-3:15 pm	4 yrs.-FREE	Creative Curriculum Handwriting w/out Tears Everyday Math	GOLD IGDIS	QPPS	State Federal	

Little Roadrunner Preschool * 405 E North Truro, IA 50257 641-765-4901 http://www.i-35.k12.ia.us/preschool.html 	X	Lic 60 Des 60	3-5	8-3 M-TH 4-5 yrs. 8-11 M-TH	4 yr. old all day- \$205 3's- \$265/mo.	Creative Curriculum AL's Pals	GOLD	QPPS	State ECI	
Wee Learners Preschool * 210 W Green Winterset, IA 50273 515-473-5284 		Lic 29 Des 29	3-4	4's M, T, TH, F 12-3 3's M/TH, T/F 8- 11:30	3 yr. old's- 175.00 4 yr. olds- Free	Creative Curriculum, Handwriting Without Tears, Al's Pals Everyday Math	GOLD IGDIS	QPPS	Parent Fees ECI State	
Winterset Head Start/Little Huskies North* 1724 N John Wayne Dr Winterset, IA 50273 515-462-1208	X	Lic 20 Des 20	3-4	M-TH 8- 3	3 yr. olds –155.00 4 yr. olds – Free Wrap around \$185.00	2 nd Step Creative Curriculum	GOLD IGDIS ASQ SE Brigance	HSS IQ4K	Federal	
Little Leaps Learning Academy 620 N Chestnut Ave Earlham, IA 50072 515-758-2829		Lic 25 Des 16	3	T, W, TH 9:30-11:30	3 yr. olds-\$140.00	Creative Curriculum Al's Pals HWT	GOLD		Parent Fees State Subsidy	
Earlham Community Preschool 535 N Chestnut St Earlham, IA 50072 515-758-2235	x	Lic 20 Des 10	3-4	T, W, TH, F 8:05- 11:15 12:05-3:15	3's IEP FREE	Creative Curriculum	GOLD	QPPS	Parent Fees State	
Winterset Christian Academy 224 E Court Ave Winterset, IA 50273 515-468-0384	x	Lic Des	4	8-12 M-F	2,500 yearly tuition	ABEKA			Parent Fees	x

Warren County

<i>Preschool & Address</i>	<i>Non- Profit</i>	<i># Kids Served</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Service Time Frame</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Curriculum Utilized</i>	<i>Assessment Utilized</i>	<i>Quality Effort</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Faith Based</i>
Elzora Town Daycare Center 316 N 5 th Milo, IA 50166 641-942-6138	x	Lic 16	3-4	M, T, TH, F 8:30-11	75.00	Creative Curriculum	ASQ	IQ4K	Parent Fees State Federal	
Indianola Preschool 205 South Howard Indianola, IA 50125 515-961-3798	x	Lic 45 Des 114 Works with special needs	3-5	8-11 12-3 M-F	125- 2 days 165- 3 days 200- 5 days 225- 5 days	Creative Curriculum Pinnell Shared Reading	ASQ	IQ4K	Parent Fees ECI	
Indianola Community School District Purple and Gold Preschool 1306 W Salem Ave Indianola, IA 50125 515-961-9570	X	Lic 95 Des 140 Work with special needs	3-4	8-11 12-3 4yrs MTTHF 11:45-2:45	3 yrs.-IEP 4 yrs.- free	Creative Curriculum Al's Pals	GOLD IGDIS	QPPS	State	
Lil Hands Big Dreams Child Development & Preschool 730 Main St Norwalk, Iowa 50211 515-981-0717		Lic 116 Des 100	3-4	MW or TTH 8:15-11:15 M-F 6:30-5:30	3yrs \$148.00	Creative Curriculum	GOLD ASQ	IQ4K QPPS	State Federal ECI	
Oviatt Preschool * 713 School Street Norwalk, IA 50211 515-981-1005 www.norwalk.k12.ia.us	X	Lic 120 Des 100 Works with special needs	3-4	3's M-T -TH-F 4's M, T, TH, F 8:05-11:05 12:10-3:10	3's \$250/month	Creative Curriculum Al's Pals HWT	GOLD IGDIS ASQ	QPPS	State, Federal	
Martensdale St. Mary's Community School District Two Peas in a Pod Preschool *	X	Lic 40 Des 35	3 -5	M, T, TH, F 8:00-3:15 4's	\$260.00 monthly \$40.00 monthly	Creative Curriculum HWT	GOLD IGDIS	QPPS	Parent Fees State ECI	

390 Burlington Ave Martensdale, IA 50160 641-764-2466 www.mstm.us		Works with special needs		8:00-11:00 W (3)		Big Day(reading)				
Carlisle Community School District Preschool 430 School Street Carlisle, IA 50047 515-989-0339 www.carlislecommunityschools.com	X	Lic 120 Des 112 Children with special needs	3-4	M, T, TH, F 8:10-11:20 12:10-3:20	3 yr.-free (IEP) 4 yr. – free	Creative Curriculum	GOLD	QPPS	Federal State	
Southeast Warren Community School District Preschool * 316 North 5 th Street Milo, IA 50166 641-942 -6216 www.se.warren.k12.ia.us	X	Lic 60 Des 60 Works with children with special needs	3-5	M, T, TH, F 8:30-11 3's M, T, TH, F 8-3	4 yr. –Free ½ day Full day \$130	Houghlin Mifflin Creative Curriculum Al's Pals HWT	GOLD, IGDIS	QPPS	State ECI	
Strong Roots Christian School 2205 West Second Avenue Indianola, Iowa 50125 515-962-5038		Lic 18 Des	3-5	2 day 3 day 5 day 8-11:20 8-3:15	160.00 180.00 270.00	ABEKA			Parent Fees	X
Drake/Head Start 713 School Ave Norwalk, IA 50211 515-271-1861 www.drakeheadstart.org	X	Lic 17 Des 34 Works with Special needs	3-5	M-F 8-2 :30	Free	Creative Curriculum	GOLD	HSS	Federal	
Norwalk Christian Academy * 225 North Avenue Norwalk, IA 50211 515-313-7837	X	Lic 192 Des 192 Works with special needs	2-12	4 yr. UP 8-11:30 M, T, TH, F 12:00-3:30 MTTHF 5 yr. 3 yr.-T-F or M-TH 8-11	3 yr. old \$65 week 4 yr. old-FREE	Creative Curriculum HWT Al's Pals	GOLD IGDIS Portfolios	QPPS IQ4K	Parent Fees State State Subsidy ECI	X
Indianola Preschool *				Full Week	\$125 - 2 days					

205 South Howard St Suite B Indianola, IA 50125 515-961-3798 www.indianolapreschool.com 	X	Lic 45 Des 114 Works with special needs	3-5	AM & PM Class 8:00-11:00 12:00-3:00	\$165- 3 days \$225 - 5 day	Creative Curriculum Pinnell Shared Reading	GOLD	IQ4K	Parent Fees ECI	
Main Street School 925 Main St Norwalk, IA 50211 515-981-1275	x	Lic Des	3-6	M-F 8:15-2:45	\$4,700 a year				Parent Fees	
Serendipity Preschool * 1100 Gordon Drive Norwalk, IA 50211 515-981-0901 	X	Lic 44 Des 74	3-5	3's-T & TH 7:55-11:00 4's-M, W, F 7:55-11:15 M, T, W, TH 7:55-11:15 12:00-2:45	\$145 2 day FREE 3- 4 day \$275 5's	Creative Curriculum Al's Pals HWT Foundations	GOLD ASQ	QPPS IQ4K-4	Parent Fees State ECI	
Sprouts 125 School Street PO Box 356 Carlisle, Iowa 50047		Lic Des	2-3	T/F M/TH 8:15-11:15	\$150	Creative Curriculum	ASQ	IQ4K	Parent Fees ECI	
Victory Christian Academy 805 N 1 st Indianola, Iowa 50125 515-962-1632 http://www.vcaiowa.com/	X	Lic 80 Des 77	4-5	M-F	\$275	A Beka			Parent Fees	x

Key: NAEYC – National Association for the Education of Young Children
NSP – Non-Standard Performance
HSS-Head Start Program Standards
PBIS- Positive Behavior Intervention Supports
IQ4K-Iowa Quality for Kids
ASQ- Ages & Stages Questionnaire
HWT- Handwriting without Tears

QPPS-Quality Pre-School Performance Standards
QRS-Quality Rating System
IELS- Iowa Early Learning Standards
IGDIS- Indicators of Individual Growth and Development

Licensed Capacity (Lic) - The total license capacity (number have at one time based on physical mapping) given by DHS or DE
Desired Capacity (Des) - Number of children per session x the number of sessions = total desired capacity at any one time.

***Denotes participating in preschool tuition scholarships through 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa**
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Adair County Family Support Referral Map

Purpose: The purpose of the family support referral map is to provide a simple tool to access and identify resources.

Family Support Definition: Family support programs includes group-based parenting education or home visiting programs that are designed to strengthen protective factors, including parenting skills, increasing knowledge of child development, and increasing family functioning and problem solving skills.

Program Name	Parents as Teachers	New Parent Program	FaDSS	Maternal Child Health	Early Access
Agency & Contact Info	Southwestern Community College 641-782-1308	Lutheran Services in Iowa 515-271-7472	SCICAP 641-774-8133	Matura 641-202-7114	Green Hills AEA or Heartland AEA 800-425-4371
Home Visitation	X	X	X	X	X
Group Parent Education	X				
Evidenced based program	X	X	X	X	X
No Cost	X	X	X	X	X
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must reside in the county ● Have child age prenatal up to kindergarten entry (ages 0-5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must reside in the county ● Be prenatal or have newborn up to 90 days after birth ● High risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must reside in the county ● Must be receiving Family Investment Program (FIP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must reside in the county ● Pregnant women on WIC ● Children age 0-21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have a child age prenatal up to age 3 with the probability of developmental delays
Program Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Long term home visitation ● Offers personal visits ● Group based parenting education ● Developmental screenings ● Connects families to community resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strength based ● Long term, (up to 5 years) ● Holistic family focused ● Pre & post natal education for a healthy pregnancy, birth, and beyond ● Track/monitor developmental milestones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Home visitation Program ● Offers personal visits ● Set goals and advocate with you for other services ● Referrals to other community services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide pregnancy support and health education and referral ● Provide informing & care coordination to assist with establishing a medical or dental home; provide oral health services, developmental & lead screenings ● Provide depression screening & nutrition ed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supports families regarding child development ● Encouraging families to teach their child throughout daily routines ● Provides information and emotional support to families ● Coaching for families in order to problem solve and identify learning opportunities
Participant Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School readiness & success ● Learn about child development ● Improve parenting practice ● Parent support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase positive parent child interaction(s) ● Build strategies for positive discipline ● Connect with local resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assist in attaining self sufficiency ● Referral to resources ● Assist in locating housing and other services needed ● Parent Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establishment of medical and dental home ● Improved birth outcomes ● Learn about child development ● Early referral 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School readiness ● Family support

Dallas County Family Support Referral Map

Purpose: The purpose of the family support referral map is to provide a simple tool to access and identify services.

Family Support Definition: Family support programs includes group-based parenting education or home visiting programs that are designed to strengthen protective factors, including parenting skills, increasing knowledge of child development, and increasing family functioning and problem-solving skills.

Program Name	Parents as Teachers	New Parent Program	Early Head Start	FaDSS	Parenting Education	Maternal Child Health	Early Access
Agency & Contact Info	Short Years Partnership 515-238-8170	Lutheran Services in Iowa 515-274-4946	New Opportunities Inc 712-830-8583	New Opportunities Inc 712-792-9266	ISU Extension & Outreach 515-993-4281	EveryStep 515-558-9946	Heartland AEA 888-425-4371
Home Visitation	X	X	X	X		X	X
Group Parent Education	X		X		X	X	
Evidenced based program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
No Cost	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Must reside in the County ●Have a child age prenatal to age three 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Must reside in the County ●Be prenatal or have newborn up to 90 days after birth ●High risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Must reside in the County ●Income eligibility requirements ●Children ages birth to three and expectant mothers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Must be below 175% poverty guidelines ●Must have children 0-18 in the home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Open to residents of Dallas and surrounding counties ●Children aged 0-6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Reside in Dallas County ●Income requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Must reside in the County, birth to 3 years ●Delay in a developmental area, health or physical
Program Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Long term home visitation ●Offers personal visits ●Group based parenting education ●Developmental screenings ●Connects families to community resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Strength based ●Long term, (up to 5 years) ●Holistic family focused ●Pre & post-natal education for a healthy pregnancy, birth, and beyond ●Track/monitor developmental milestones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Weekly home visits with lesson plans for the child ●Bi-monthly socializations for enrolled families ●Developmental screenings ●Assistance with health, mental health and dental needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Home visitation Program ●Offers personal visits ●Set goals and advocate with you for other services ●Referrals to other community services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Group based parenting education ●Connects families to community resources ●Series of classes offered multiple times throughout the year ●Offers Great Beginnings, Family Storyteller, Together We Can 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Individualized health education & support during pregnancy and post-partum ●Screenings ●Community referrals ●Support Groups available ●Interpretation available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Early Intervention ●Speech and Language services ●Developmental services ●Family training and/or counseling ●Individualized special Instruction ●Free Hearing screens
Participant Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●School readiness & success ●Learn about child development ●Improve parenting practice ●Parent support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Increase positive parent child interaction(s) ●Build strategies for positive discipline ●Connect with local resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●School Readiness for the child ●Support for parents as the child's first and best teacher ●Ensure the child is achieving developmental milestones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Assist in attaining self sufficiency ●Referral to resources ●Assist in locating housing and other services needed ●Parent support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Improves parenting practices & skills ●Learn about child development ●Parental support ●Strengthen family relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Increase positive parenting practices ●Understanding around health through individualized and culturally sensitive support by RN ●Parent support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Early childhood readiness skills ●Appropriate child activities ●Family focused ●Identify ongoing services over age 3

Madison County Family Support Referral Map					
Purpose: The purpose of the family support referral map is to provide a simple tool to access and identify services. Family Support Definition: Family support programs includes group-based parenting education or home visiting programs that are designed to strengthen protective factors, including parenting skills, increasing knowledge of child development, and increasing family functioning and problem solving skills.					
Program Name	Parents as Teachers	New Parent Program	FaDSS	Maternal Child Health	Early Access
Agency & Contact Info	Short Years Partnership 515-962-1020	Lutheran Services in Iowa 515-271-7472	SCICAP 641-774-8133	EveryStep 515-558-9946	Heartland AEA 888-425-4371
Home Visitation	X	X	X	X	X
Group Parent Education	X			X	
Evidenced based program	X	X	X	X	X
No Cost	X	X	X	X	X
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Must reside in Madison County ●Have a child age prenatal to age 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Must reside in Madison County ●Be prenatal or have newborn up to 90 days after birth ●High risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Must reside in Madison County ●Must be receiving Family Investment Program (FIP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Reside in Madison County ●Income requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Must reside in Madison County, birth to 3 years ●Delay in a developmental area, health or physical
Program Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Long term home visitation ●Offers personal visits ●Group based parenting education ●Developmental screenings ●Connects families to community resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Strength based ●Long term, (up to 5 years) ●Holistic family focused ●Pre & post natal education for a healthy pregnancy, birth, and beyond ●Track/monitor developmental milestones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Home visitation Program ●Offers personal visits ●Set goals and advocate with you for other services ●Referrals to other community services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Individualized health education & support during pregnancy and post partum ●Screenings ●Community referrals ●Support Groups available ●Interpretation available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Early Intervention ●Speech and Language services ●Developmental services ●Family training and/or counseling ●Individualized special Instruction ●Free Hearing screens
Participant Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●School readiness & success ●Learn about child development ●Improve parenting practice ●Parent support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Increase positive parent child interaction(s) ●Build strategies for positive discipline ●Connect with local resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Assist in attaining self sufficiency ●Referral to resources ●Assist in locating housing and other services needed ●Parent Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Increase positive parenting practices ●Understanding around health through individualized and culturally sensitive support by RN ●Parent support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Early childhood readiness skills ●Appropriate child activities ●Family focused ●Identify ongoing services over age 3

Warren County Family Support Referral Map

Purpose: The purpose of the family support referral map is to provide a simple tool to access and identify services.

Family Support Definition: Family support programs includes group-based parenting education or home visiting programs that are designed to strengthen protective factors, including parenting skills, increasing knowledge of child development, and increasing family functioning and problem solving skills.

Program Name	Parents as Teachers	New Parent Program	FaDSS	Maternal Child Health	Early Access
Agency & Contact Info	Short Years Partnership 515-238-8170	Lutheran Services in Iowa 515-271-7472	Mid-Iowa Community Action 641-691-8270	EveryStep 515-558-9946	Heartland AEA 515-961-8191
Home Visitation	X	X	X	X	X
Group Parent Education	X			X	
Evidenced based program	X	X		X	
No Cost	X	X	X	X	X
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must reside in Warren County ● Have a child age prenatal up to age 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must reside in Warren County ● Be prenatal or have newborn up to 90 days after birth ● High risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must be below 175% poverty guidelines ● Must have children 0-18 in the home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reside in Warren County ● Income requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must reside in Iowa ● Have a child birth to 3 years ● Delay in a developmental area, health or physical
Program Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Long term home visitation (up to 5 years) ● Offers personal visits ● Group based parenting education ● Developmental screenings ● Connects families to community resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strength based ● Long term, (up to 5 years) ● Holistic family focused ● Pre & post natal education for a healthy pregnancy, birth, and beyond ● Track/monitor developmental milestones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Home visitation Program ● Offers personal visits ● Set goals and advocate with you for other services ● Referrals to other community services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Individualized health education & support during pregnancy and post partum ● Screenings ● Community referrals ● Support Groups available ● Interpretation available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Early intervention ● Speech and language services ● Developmental services ● Family training and/or counseling ● Individualized special instruction ● Free hearing screens
Participant Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School readiness & success ● Learn about child development ● Improve parenting practice ● Parent support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase positive parent child interaction(s) ● Build strategies for positive discipline ● Connect with local resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assist in attaining self sufficiency ● Referral to resources ● Assist in locating housing and other services needed ● Parent support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase positive parenting practices ● Understanding around health through individualized and culturally sensitive support by RN ● Parent support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Early childhood readiness skills ● Appropriate child activities ● Family focused ● Identify ongoing services over age 3