



FY2025 Executive Summary

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Service Area

Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County in Iowa

Vision Statement

“Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful”

Mission Statement

“Empower families and communities to enhance the quality of the lives of young children”

4 R Kids Board

The 4 R Kids ECI area Board consists of a range of board members from eight to twelve, of which they represent at a minimum, faith, human service, education, business, health, and consumer of service. Board members either live or work in Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County. The purpose of the local board is to be a central point of contact for early childhood, administer funds that have been entrusted to them and monitor programming for families with children under the age of 5.

Commitment to Results

The 4 R Kids ECI area Board is striving to achieve the following state result areas:

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

Priorities

The 4 R Kids ECI area board has the following priorities:

- Quality early childhood education settings (i.e., homes, centers, preschools)
- Health services (i.e., vision, dental, mental, medical)
- Family support and parent education
- Community resource management and planning

Funding

The Iowa legislature allocates state funds to the [Early Childhood Iowa](#) state board. The [Early Childhood Iowa](#) utilizes a funding formula to allocate funding to thirty-eight local Early Childhood Iowa Boards, of which the 4 R Kids ECI Board is one of the thirty-eight local Boards. In fiscal year 2025, the 4 R Kids ECI area board received \$1,234,673 for programming to serve children ages prenatal through age 5 and address priorities in the 4 R Kids ECI community plan.

At a Glance – In Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County there are:

12.7% of early learning providers with a IQ4K rating (June 30, 2025 [CCR&R](#))
82.8% of kindergarteners who had a preschool experience (Local School Districts Fall 2024)
76.5% of all parents working with children under the age of 6 (June 30, 2025 [CCR&R](#))
14,775 children ages 0-5 (Woods & Poole FY2023)

Want to learn more or get involved with early childhood in Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County?

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*There are approximately 2000 days between birth and the first day of kindergarten.
The first 2000 days of a child's life can have a profound and lifelong impact on physical and emotional wellbeing,
readiness to learn and succeed and ability to become a productive citizen.*

FY2025 Partners and Performance	
Family Support	Partners and Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lutheran Services in Iowa – New Parent Program long term home visitation • Southwestern Community College – Parents as Teachers long term home visitation • Short Years Partnership – Parents as Teachers long term home visitation Performance Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 178 children received developmentally appropriate instruction • 129 families participated in family support and parent education opportunities • 1,743 personal home visits were conducted • 36% of families served were prenatal • 92% of families served had one or more risk factor (income, education, developmental delay) • 22% of families were Hispanic/Latino • 85% of families increased or maintained social supports • 96% of families improved or maintained healthy function, problem solving and communication
Quality Early Childhood Settings	Partners and Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dallas County ISU Extension – Quality Improvement Project & Preschool Enrichment • Orchard Place Child Care Resource & Referral – Consultation & Support • Warren County Health Services – Child Care Nurse Consultant • Every Step – Child Care Nurse Consultant • MATURA – Child Care Nurse Consultant Performance Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 64 child care training activities were provided • 495 child care providers participated in professional development • 53 child care providers participated in quality improvement • 5 new child care home business were implemented • 40 child care providers received wage enhancements • 1,003 technical assistance contacts were provided by a child care consultant • 375 technical assistance contacts were provided to child care providers by child care nurse consultants • 88 children received preschool tuition assistance
Health Services	Partners and Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dallas County ISU Extension – Coordination • Every Step – Dental Screenings • Dental Connection – Dental Screenings • Matura Action Corporation – Dental Screenings • Joyce Westphal – Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Performance Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 290 children received dental screenings • 17 home visitors and 76 child care providers received mental health consultation • 397 hours of infant and early childhood mental health consultation provided
Community Planning & Resource Management	4 R Kids Board Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 board members representing faith, consumer, human service, education, health, and business • 108 hours volunteer time in board meetings • 100% of board meetings met quorum • 100% of contracts were state and local compliant • Continues to meet all legislated responsibilities and maintained designation status • 275 community partners receive regular communication from the Board • 211 community meetings with 4 R Kids representation

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