



FY2013 Executive Summary

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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”

Beliefs and Philosophy

- That all children are individuals who learn in their own way and at their own pace
- That children learn best through educational experiences that are developmentally appropriate
- That parents and family are the most significant persons in a child’s life
- That every family has the right to quality, accessible and affordable services
- That a collaborative approach should be taken to support children and families

Guiding Principles

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 are as follows:

- Healthy children and healthy families result in healthy communities
- We support evidenced-based programs, promising programs and researched based programs
- We support programs that are able to demonstrate performance measures for input, output, quality/efficiency, and outcomes

Priorities

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

Efforts are Directed to

- Serve families prenatal through age 5
- Serve families that reside in Adair, Dallas, Madison, and or Warren County

Commitment to Results

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

Services Supported by the 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board

- ▶ Parents as Teachers
- ▶ Growing Strong Families
- ▶ Maternal Child Health
- ▶ New Parent Program
- ▶ Group Parent Education
- ▶ Community Planning & Coordination
- ▶ Preschool scholarships and
- ▶ Dental and Lead Screenings
- ▶ Preschool Quality Improvement
- ▶ Preschool Professional Development
- ▶ Child Care Nurse Consultants
- ▶ Child Care Quality Improvement
- ▶ Child Care Training

FY2013 Accomplishments and Facts

Family Support & Parent Education

Who were served

485 children received developmentally appropriate instruction
367 families participated in parent education opportunities
2,483 face to face home visits were provided to families
112 parent education group meetings were provided to families

What difference it made

85% of families improved or maintained healthy family functioning, problem solving and communication
86% of families increased or maintained social supports
58% of families are connected to additional concrete supports
60% of families had an increase in knowledge about child's development and parenting
55% of families improved nurturing and attachment between parent(s) and child(ren)

Did You Know?

85% of a child's brain develops in the first three to five years of his or her life?

Child Care & Preschool

55 child care training events were provided
160 contact hours of child care training were provided
204 visits were conducted by the child care nurse consultant
182 children received preschool tuition assistance
574 children received dental screenings
38 children received lead screenings

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

Visit the following websites

www.4rkids-eci.org

www.earlychildhoodiowa.org

or contact

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4 R Kids County Facts

There are in Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County:

422 registered homes/licensed centers
85.4% of kindergarteners had a preschool experience
12,674 children ages 0-5
1,811 births

Are you aware that:

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.