



# FY2014 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
- ▶ New Parent Program
- ▶ Maternal Child Health
- ▶ Group Parent Education
- ▶ Community Planning & Coordination
- ▶ Preschool scholarships
- ▶ Dental and Lead Screenings
- ▶ Preschool Quality Improvement
- ▶ Child Care Nurse Consultants
- ▶ Child Care Quality Improvement
- ▶ Child Care Training

# FY2014 Accomplishments and Facts

## Family Support & Parent Education

### Who were served

- 362 children received developmentally appropriate instruction
- 304 families participated in family support and parent education opportunities
- 2,483 personal home visits were conducted
- 77 parent education group meetings were provided to families
- 262 children were screened for development delays
- 5% of children screened were referred to Early Intervention services
- 92% of families served had one or more risk factors

## 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
- 138 contact hours of child care training were provided
- 214 early learning programs participated in quality improvement
- 200 visits were conducted by the child care nurse consultant
- 222 children received preschool tuition assistance
- 32 children received transportation assistance
- 314 children received dental screenings
- 11 children received lead screenings

## 4 R Kids County Facts

- In Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County there are:
- 25.4% of early learning providers with a QRS rating
  - 84.9% of kindergarteners who had a preschool experience
  - 23.6% single parent families
  - 12,729 children ages 0-5

## 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.

## 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](http://www.4rkids-eci.org)

[www.earlychildhoodiowa.org](http://www.earlychildhoodiowa.org)

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