



# FY2017 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
- ▶ Coordinated Intake
- ▶ Community Planning & Coordination
- ▶ WAGES
- ▶ Preschool scholarships
- ▶ Dental Screenings
- ▶ Preschool Quality Improvement
- ▶ Child Care Nurse Consultant
- ▶ Child Care Quality Improvement
- ▶ Child Care Training

# FY2017 Accomplishments and Facts

## Family Support & Parent Education

### Who were served

327 children received developmentally appropriate instruction

286 families participated in family support and parent education opportunities

2,386 personal home visits were conducted

94% of families served had one or more risk factor (income, education, development delay)

27% of families were Hispanic/Latino

91.6% of families increased or maintained social supports

92% of families improved or maintained healthy function, problem solving and communication

## Did You Know?

90% of a child's brain develops in the first three to five years of his or her life?

## Child Care & Preschool

33 child care training activities were provided

312 child care providers participated in professional development

97 early learning programs participated in quality improvement

114 visits were conducted by the child care nurse consultant

161 children received preschool tuition assistance

16 children received preschool transportation assistance

621 children received dental screenings

14 high risk families were connected with family support services

## 4 R Kids County Facts

In Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County there are:

27.2% of early learning providers with a QRS rating

89.9% of kindergarteners who had a preschool experience

76.5% of all parents working with children under the age of 6

13,210 children ages 0-5 (Woods & Poole FY17)

## 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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