

Quad Counties 4 Kids

an Early Childhood Iowa Area



Adams, Ringgold, Taylor and Union Counties

www.qc4k-eci.com

Jenny Robinson, Area ECI Director

PO Box 4 | Lenox, Iowa 50851 | quad.kfc@gmail.com

Our Vision:

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

Our Mission:

We will collaborate as a four-county area to enhance the lives of children 0-5 and their families.



DID YOU KNOW?

1,796 children ages 0 through 5 live in the area

% of families in the area with children under age 6, have all parents working:

Ringgold: 84%

Taylor: 76%

Union: 59%

Adams: 61%

Data source July 2022: State Library of Iowa, www.iowadatabase.org

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED

- ✦ Family Support Home Visitation
- ✦ Preschool Tuition Scholarships
- ✦ Preschool Transportation
- ✦ Consultation Services for Early Care Environments
- ✦ Oral Health Services
- ✦ Early Care & Education Provider Development
- ✦ Quality Improvement Grants
- ✦ Program Coordination



There are approximately 2000 days between birth and the first day of kindergarten. These first five years will impact a child's chances for success for the rest of their lives.

INVESTMENTS in early childhood are not only valuable to the individual child, but to the entire community.

When youth academic achievement is improved, the community's future benefits by having a stronger workforce, lowering crime rates, improving health and ensuring global competitiveness.

COMMUNITY PLAN PRIORITIES

- ✦ Parent Education and Family Support
- ✦ Quality Early Learning Environments (centers, homes and preschools)
- ✦ Preschool Experience
- ✦ Quality Early Learning Environments



OUR FUNDED PARTNERS

Preschool Scholarships & Grants:

Diagonal Preschool

East Union Early Childhood Center

Family Resource Center

Greater Connections Childhood

Development Center

Joyful Sparks Preschool

Lenox Preschool

MATURA-Head Start Corning

Panther Pride Preschool

Precious People Preschool

Tinker Tots

Trinity Lutheran Preschool

In-Home Childcare Providers

Transportation:

Southern Iowa Trolley

Family Support Programs:

SWCC Parents as Teachers

Ringgold Cty Public Health Start-to-Soar

Child Care Nurse Consultants:

MATURA Action Corporation

Taylor County Public Health

Oral Health

MATURA Action Corporation

Taylor County Public Health

39

of children able to attend preschool with the help of Tuition Assistance
33% were at or below 125% FPL
46% were 126-185% FPL
8% were 186-200% FPL
13% were 201% FPL or higher

22 Building Block Quality Incentives for Preschools, Child Care Centers and In-Home Child Care Providers with CCR&R program partnership

14 Child Care Providers Improved Safety and Quality with Evacuation Cribs and Toddler Cots

First Aid Kits & Other Safety Related Items to Child Care Providers

ISU Ext Union Food Safety Escape Challenge Training
SWCC Early Childhood Fall Conference

1,175 total visits made to families by our family support programs

106 Families were served by family support programs

144 Children were served by family support programs

57 Group Parent Education Meetings

96.5% of families who improved or maintained healthy, functioning problem solving and communication

71.1% of families that increased knowledge about child development and parenting

88.2% of families that increased or maintained social supports

74.1% of families improved connection to concrete supports

Early Childhood Development

“Experts tell us that 90% of all brain development occurs by the age of five. If we don’t begin thinking about education in the early years, our children are at risk of falling behind by the time they start Kindergarten.”

– Robert. L. Ehrlich

