



Clarke, Decatur, and Wayne Counties

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Our Vision:

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

Our Mission:

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



DID YOU KNOW?

1,816 children ages 0 through 5 live in the KFC area

% of families with all parents working in the household with children under the age of 6:

71% Clarke County

57% Decatur County

55% Wayne County

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

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED

- ✦ Family Support Home Visitation
- ✦ Preschool Tuition Scholarships
- ✦ Preschool Transportation
- ✦ Child Care Nurse Consultant
- ✦ Child Care Resource and Referral
- ✦ Quality Improvement Grants
- ✦ Program Coordination
- ✦ Salary Support for Staff
- ✦ Newborn well baby/mom visits
- ✦ Infant and Early Childhood Consultation
- ✦ Provider Professional Development
- ✦ Early Childhood Literacy



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
- ✦ Healthy Children

Early Childhood Literacy Programs

New Moms Received Baby Bags and Car Seats in Wayne County

Area Preschools and Child Care Providers Received Quality Improvement Grants

Preschool Students Received Transportation Assistance for the Children to Attend Preschool

OUR PARTNERS

Central Decatur Community School

Clarke County Public Health

Decatur County Public Health

Magical Beginnings

Marion County Public Health

MATURA Action Corporation

Mormon Trail Community School

Orchard Place

SCICAP Headstart Programs

Seymour Community School

Taylor County PH

The Village

Wayne County Public Health

Westphal Infant and Early Childhood

Mental Health Consultation

FY2023 Family Support & Parent Education Facts

Who Were Served?

83 Children 0-5

64 Families

What Did We Do?

704 Home Visits

30.4% of children screened positive with ASQ-3

85.7% of children who were developmental delayed were referred or already in services

28.1% of new mothers screened positive on EPDS

77.8% of new mothers who had a positive EPDS screening were referred or already in services

What difference it made?

87% of families improved or maintained health family functioning, problem solving and communication

90.7% of families increased or maintained social supports

64.8% of families are connected to additional concrete supports

Ethnicity of Children Served

43.8% Hispanic/Latino

56.3% Not Hispanic/Latio

89.1% Family Income at 200% or below FPL

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

