



Community Plan 2022 -2024

Participating Agencies:
BVCS Early Childhood Iowa
Decat/CPPC Communities
Local Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Councils

Communities Identified:
Buena Vista, Crawford, & Sac Counties



Community Plan Fiscal Years 2022-2024
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Contact Information, Mission & Guiding Principles

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Guiding Principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities that are innovative and creative • Utilize best practices to enhance quality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop partnerships to improve communication, cooperation, and collaboration • Be culturally sensitive • Be future oriented 	

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Mission: To create community partnerships that support children and empower families in our diversified county.		
Guiding Principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention, family centered, and community based • Protecting children from harm is everyone's business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural competence • Coordination of system resources • Youth are safe, healthy, and prepared for adulthood 	

Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac, Child Abuse Prevention Councils		
Mission: To promote positive and safe environments for the children in our community through public awareness, education, and services designed to prevent abuse and neglect.		
Guiding Principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate and increase awareness in the prevention of child abuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess community needs of prevention services • Assist with the development and funding of services 	

Section I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Use of the Community Plan

We recognize that many agencies serve families and in society today can be complex. The BVCS Early Childhood Iowa (BVCS ECI) 3-County Board, Decatorganization / Community Partnership for Protecting Children (Dect/CPPC) Boards, along with local Community Coalitions in Buena Vista, Crawford and Sac Counties entities have assembled a Community Plan centered on families and young children. Research from various websites and surveys assisted in the compilation of the materials. The Community Plan is organized in five sections designed to provide a quick guide for your use.

Section 1 emphasis is on identifying the area served, community partners, purpose and geographical/demographics for the three-county area centered around the zero to eighteen population in Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Counties.

The profile assists the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area, Decat/CPPC Communities, Child Abuse Prevention Councils and/or readers to understand and make decisions in relationship to the three counties. Utilize the geographical/demographics data to study, capture, and analyze subsets within a given population.

Section 2 examines the community needs assessment completed for the three counties, development of our strategic plan, priorities and community wide indicators used to track programs. Use this information when you are developing or making the case for expanding a current program and/or partnering with BVCS ECI, Decat/CPPC, or Child Abuse Prevention Councils.

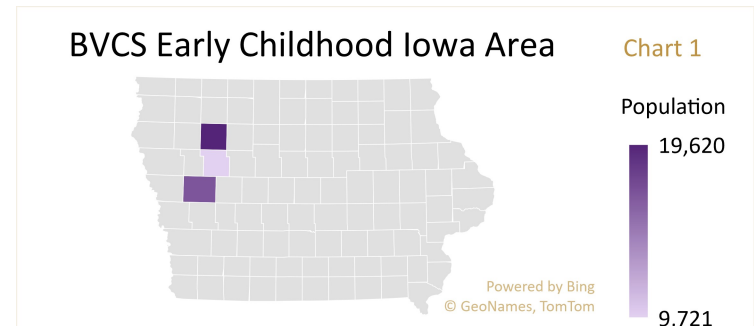
Section 3 focus is on collaboration, defined as: *partners engaging in a process through which they constructively build an interdependent system which includes a common mission, comprehensive communication and planning, pooled resources, and shared risks and products.* Look at how we can build a sturdy foundation for the children and their families in our communities. This section can be used as a springboard to goal setting and planning for community partners.

Section 4 information gathered around public and private funding sources for early childhood services including federal, state, local and private funding sources available in the Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac Counties.

Section 5 provides an acknowledgement to those who participated and a summary of the plan. Identifies the resources used throughout the plan.

Geographical /Demographic Profile Composition

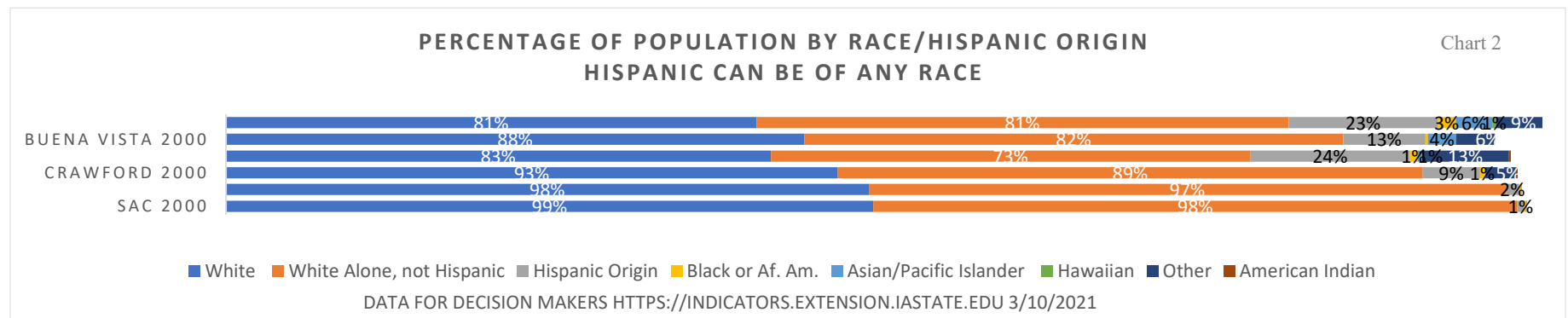
Located in West-North-Central Iowa, the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa encompasses the counties of Buena Vista, Sac and Crawford. Decat/CPPC services are provided in Buena Vista County and Crawford, Sac Counties. Child Abuse Prevention Councils that are located in each of the three counties.



Buena Vista and Crawford Counties have a high diversity in race. In reviewing data from the Iowa Department of Education, Bureau of Information and Analysis Services 2019-2020 it is estimated that Buena Vista County school’s enrollment was 43% white, with the Storm Lake School District reporting 16% white. Buena Vista County Schools include Albert City-Truesdale, Alta-Aurelia, Newell-Fonda, Sioux Central, and Storm Lake. Crawford County was 52% white, with the Denison School District reporting 31% white. Crawford County Schools include Ar-We-Va, Charter Oak-Ute, IKM-Manning, Denison, and Schleswig. Sac County was 92% white, with the Schaller-Crestland Community School District reporting 86% white. Sac County Schools include Odebolt Arthur Battle Creek Ida Grove, Schaller-Crestland, and East Sac County. [Online Reports | Iowa Department of Education \(educateiowa.gov\)](https://education.iowa.gov/) and [Department of Education - Iowa School Performance Profiles \(iaschoolperformance.gov\)](https://iaschoolperformance.gov/)

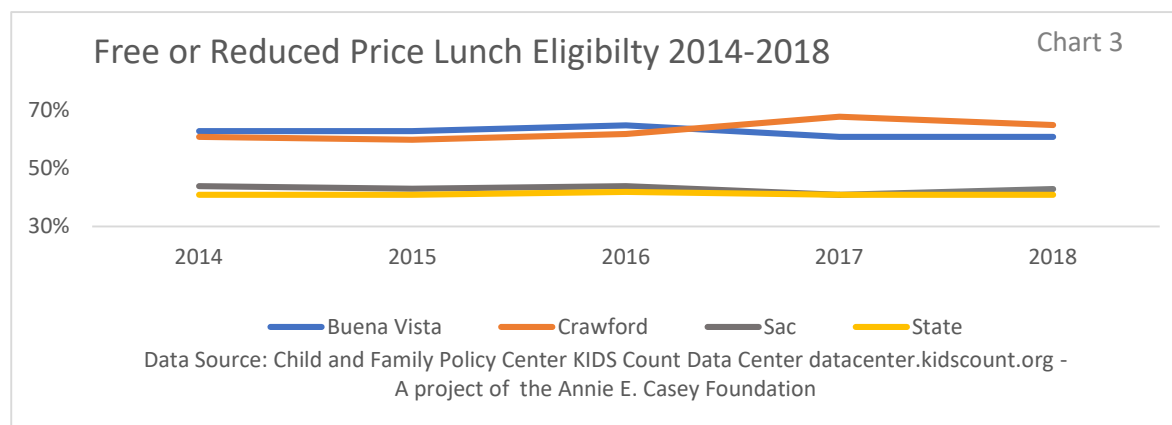
While this has been a learning experience in many day-to-day living situations, many have reported that diversity is also beneficial. Children learn to accept others for differences and learn from various cultures.

Percentage of Population in Buena Vista, Crawford, & Sac Counties by Race/Hispanic Origin



Economic deprivation in our area is evidenced by the fact that the counties *Estimates for Median Household Income and Per Capita Income, U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 2014-2018, U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: United States* Data for Decision Makers [Data for Decision Makers \(iastate.edu\)](http://iastate.edu), County Profile reports published by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 11/25/2010. The Counties of Buena Vista, Crawford and Sac are less than the median household income in the State of Iowa and United States of America. Buena Vista County \$54,556. or 35.7%, Crawford County \$53,609. or 34.5%, Sac County \$54,958. or 35.9%, State of Iowa \$58,580. Or 33.5%, United States \$60,293. Socioeconomic Profile data also shows Persons in poverty, percent Buena Vista County 10%, Crawford County 12%, Sac County 11%, State of Iowa 11%, United States 11%.

Economic deprivation is also demonstrated by *Iowa Public School K-12 Student Eligible for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch 2014-18 percentages*: 2018: Buena Vista County 60.5%, Crawford 65.4%, Sac 42.7%, versus the State 40.5%. [Free or reduced-price lunch eligibility | KIDS COUNT Data Center](#) Why this indicator matters? Eligibility for free or reduced-price lunches has increased 53 percent since 2000. Increases have been noted in every Iowa County with some more than doubling their rate during this time. In 2018 Buena Vista County was at 61%, Crawford County 65% and Sac County 43% all above the state percentage of 41% The chart below shows the Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Eligibility from 2014 to 2018.



Albert City-Truesdale	36%	Ar-We-VA CSD	49%	East Sac County CSD	45%
Alta-Aurelia CSD	48%	Charter Oak-Ute CSD	57%	Odebolt-Arthur-Battle Creek- Ida Grove (OABCIG) 48%	
Newell-Fonda CSD	53%	Denison CSD	71%		
Storm Lake CSD	74%	IKM-Manning CSD	41%	Schaller-Crestland CSD	50%
Sioux Central	37%	Schleswig CSD	42%		

2018-19 Kindergarten Assessment by ECI Area (FAST) Chart 5

Name of Community School District	Benchmarks		
	# Met	# Tested	Percent
Indicates less than 30 students *			
Albert City-Truesdale	*	*	71%
Newell-Fonda	28	44	64%
Sioux Central	31	53	58%
Storm Lake	153	258	59%
Ar-We-Va	*	*	57%
Charter Oak-Ute	*	*	50%
Denison			
IKM-Manning	52	65	80%
Schleswig	*	*	55%
East Sac County	49	66	74%
OABCIG	45	73	62%
Schaller-Crestland	*	*	73%

High School Graduation Rates

Chart 6

Percentage of public-school students entering ninth grade who graduate with their class four years later, Iowa Department of Education year presented represents the end of the school year, data source [High school graduation | KIDS COUNT Data Center](#) Iowa Department of Education.

County	Year - 2014	Year - 2018
Buena Vista	69%	79%
Crawford	89%	88%
Sac	98%	97%
State of Iowa	91%	92%

Birth Information by County:

Per 1,000 population:	Live Births Rates				Teen pregnancy-births to mothers < 20			
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019
Buena Vista County	15.5	14.9	14.6	14.5	12.5	10.3	11.1	7.6
Crawford County	15.1	12.8	13.4	12.5	16.7	8.8	9.8	6.5
Sac County	11.2	11.5	10.9	11.4	8.7	*	*	*
State of Iowa	12.5	12.2	11.9	11.9	8.2	7.7	7.4	6.8

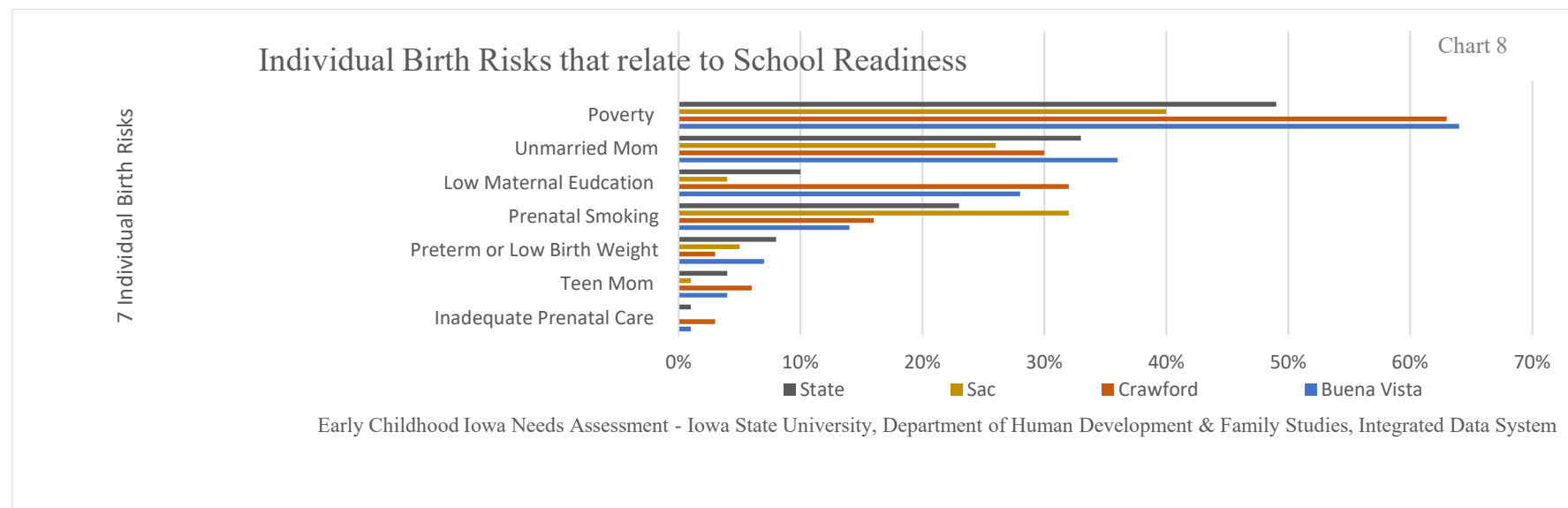
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Iowa Department of Public Health - [Live Births and Deaths \(iowa.gov\)](#)

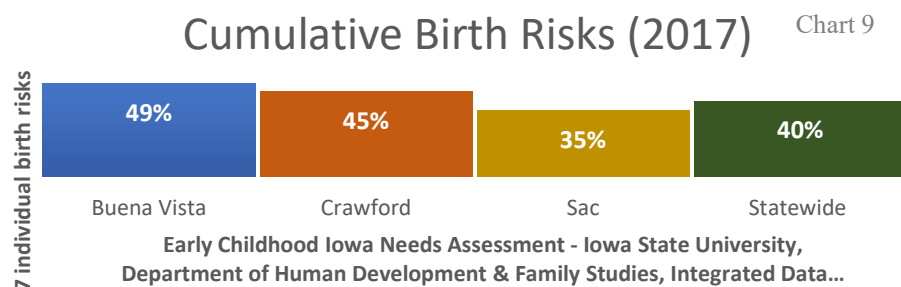
Individual birth risks that relate to school readiness. Statewide Needs Assessment findings using the Integrated Data System (IDS) 2017 kindergarten cohort (n=27,321) identified significant birth risks with known associations to early health and school readiness outcomes. Compared to national estimates, Iowa evidence higher percentages of children born to a teen mother (4% vs. 2%, nationally) and to a mother who smoked during pregnancy (23% to 7%, nationally; note that the national definition did not include the 3 months prior to pregnancy, which Iowa’s definition did include). Findings also showed that children born to teen mothers, mothers without a high school education, families in poverty, or were exposed to prenatal smoking are more likely born in rural counties compare to urban counties.

The chart indicates the percentage of children in the IDS 2017 kindergarten cohort (n=27,321) with identified birth risks statewide relative to children born and attending kindergarten in Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Counties. All variables were derived from the Vital Statistics birth records. Poverty was defined if the mother was receiving WIC or Medicaid at the time of the child’s birth. Pre-term birth (before 36

weeks gestation), low birth weight (weighting less than 2,500 grams), and inadequate prenatal (no medical visits within the first trimester or fewer than 4 visits throughout the pregnancy) were defined using the Centers for Disease Control national definitions. Prenatal smoking included children whose mothers smoked three months prior to or anytime during pregnancy. Source: *Early Childhood Iowa Needs Assessment - Iowa State University, Department of Human Development & Family Studies, Integrated Data System*



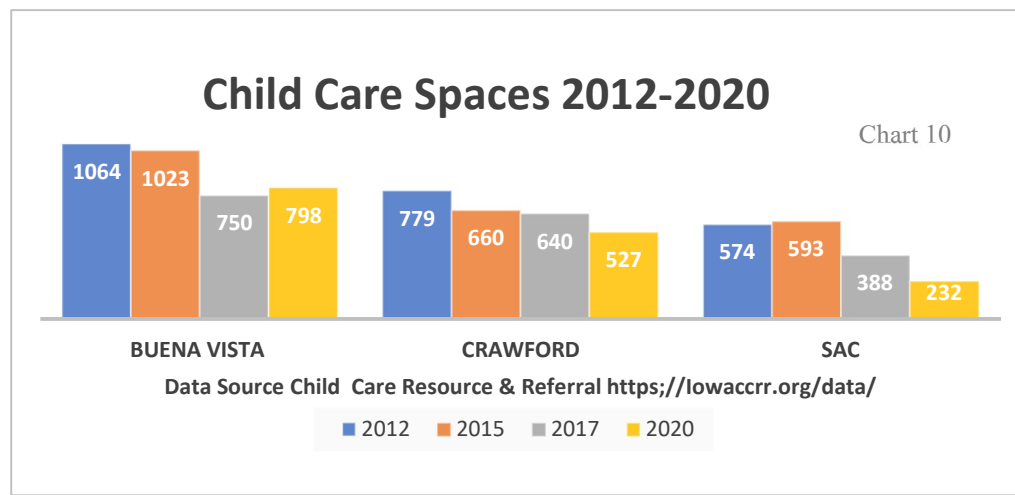
Cumulative birth risks. As children often face multiple risks that are highly correlated and accumulate over time, a cumulative risk approach was utilized to understand the multiple risk context and provide deeper insights into how agencies might address the needs of vulnerable children. A cumulative risk measure was constructed as a sum of the seven (7) individual birth risks identified as poverty, unmarried motherhood, low maternal education, teen motherhood, preterm/low birth weight, inadequate prenatal care, and prenatal smoking.



Source: *Early Childhood Iowa Needs Assessment - Iowa State University, Department of Human Development & Family Studies, Integrated Data System*

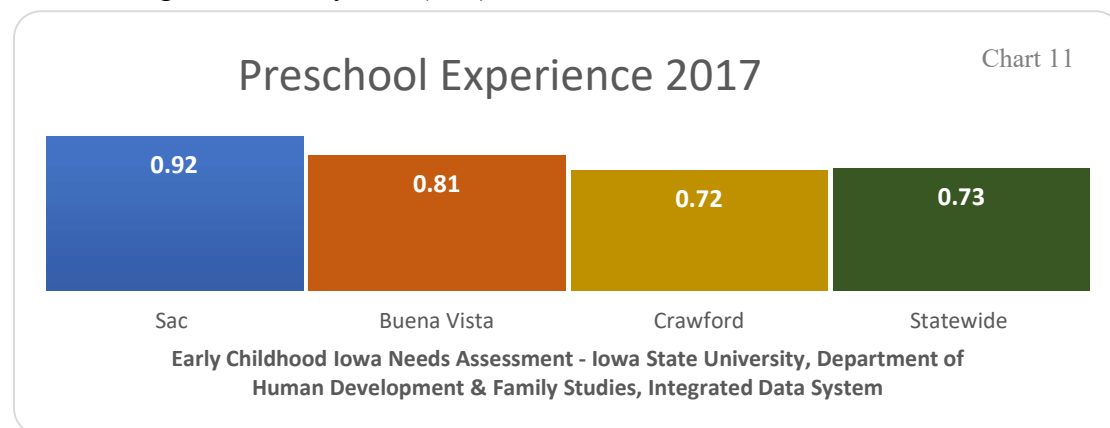
The percentage of all parents in the labor force ranges in 2020 Buena Vista County 75%, Crawford County 75%, Sac County 83%, State of Iowa 75.2% Source: Iowa Child Care Resource & Referral [5 Yr. Trend 2015-2020 - Iowa CCR&R](#) yet the number of identified child care capacity does not meet the number of children under nine years of age.

Children under six years of age are more likely to require child care. Considering the data of the number of child care slots identified with Child Care Resource and Referral in 2020 (1557) and the population of children age 0- 5 Buena Vista County 1, 739 Crawford 1,422 and Sac 705 for a three County total of 3,866 (Population Data Source: Woods & Poole Population Estimates as of Dec 31, 2019). The three counties may need 2,329 additional child care slots to just meet the needs of children under age six. The chart below shows the decline of child care slots in Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Counties. The percentage of decline of child care slots between 2012 and 2020 by County: Buena Vista 54% Crawford 68% Sac 40%.



Unduplicated percentage of children with preschool experiences (2017)

Iowa's Integrated Data System (IDS) documented counts of children from across different types of preschool programs for the first time.

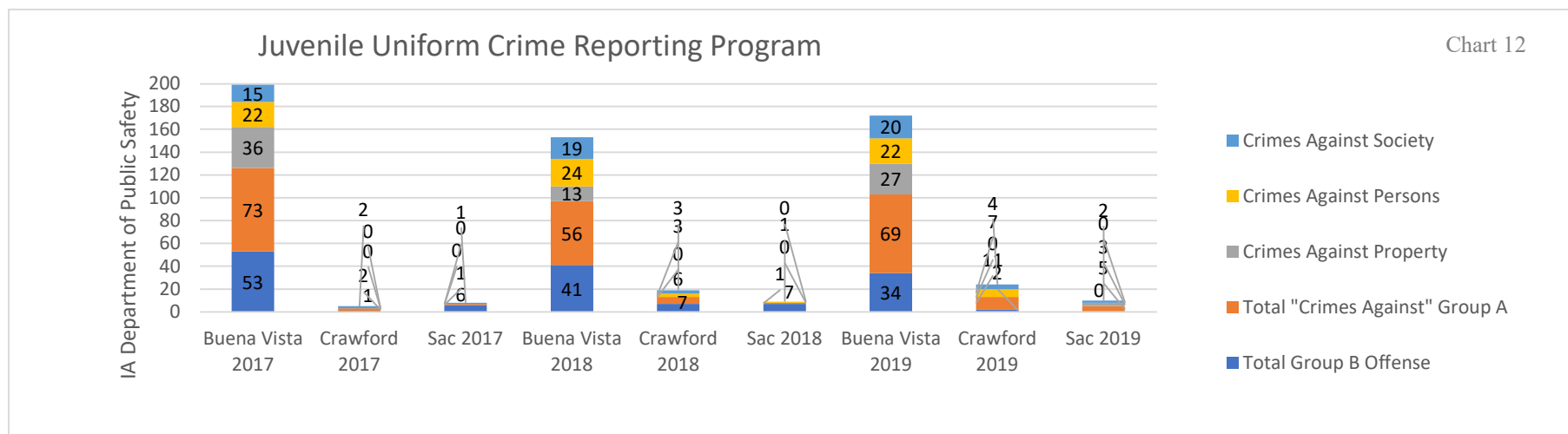


Findings using the IDS data for the 2017 kindergarten cohort (n=27,321) indicated that 73% of Iowa children experienced at least one center-based experiences was defined by participation in a Department of Education funded preschool program (e.g., Statewide Voluntary Preschool, Shared Visions, or IDEA), receiving child care assistance from DHS, and /or who completed a Teaching Strategies GOLD (TS GOLD) assessment (which indicated that the child attended a center that participated in TS GOLD assessments through the State of Iowa license and included Head Start programs and many other

privately funded preschool centers). Source: *Early Childhood Iowa Needs Assessment, prepared by Iowa State University in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies.*

Juvenile Arrests by County

Number of Reported Group A and Group B Juvenile Arrests by County. Arrest offense categories include the offense types for which agencies arrested individuals, but they are not necessarily the same offenses initially reported in the incident. The table does not include the data for arrests who were reported to have been involved in more than one incident and, therefore, had arrestee submitted with multiple incidents report. For this report, a juvenile is an offender who is 17 or younger. Data Source: Iowa Department of Public Safety



2019 Buena Vista County Arrest in **Group A**: Crimes Against Person (22) aggravated assault 2, simple assault 16, intimidation 4; Property (27) burglary/breaking & entering 13, all other larceny 10, credit card/automatic teller machine fraud 3, destruction/damage/vandalism of property 1; Society (20) drug/narcotic violations 15, drug equipment violations 2, pornography /obscene material 3, **Group A Total (69)**.

Group B Offenses Total (34) disorderly conduct 19, drunkenness 2, liquor law violations 6, trespass or real property 1, all other offenses 6.

2019 Crawford County total Arrest in **Group A**; Crimes Against Person (7) simple assault 4, intimidation 3; Property (0); Society (4) drug/narcotic violations 4 **Group A Total (11)**. **Group B** Offenses Total (2) liquor law violations.

2019 Sac County total Arrest in **Group A**: Crimes Against Person (0); Property (3) all other larceny 2, motor vehicle theft 1; Society (2) drug/narcotic violations 2 **Group A Total (5)**. **Group B** Offenses Total (0)

Buena Vista County 2019 data shows a reduction in the overall total of Crimes Against Society, Persons, & Poverty (Group A) and Total Group B Offenses. Crawford and Sac County data remains low for Group A and Group B from 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Iowa Youth Survey Results relating to mental health - 2018

Reviewing timeline for all grades 6th, 8th, and 11th in the Iowa Youth Survey questions in 2014 (B66), 2016 (B68), and 2018 (B 63) *During the past 12 months, have you seriously thought about killing yourself?* IYS Question B63

Buena Vista County in 2014 17%, 2016 13%, 2018 **22%** **Crawford County** 2014 14%, 2016 17%, 2018 **27%**. **Sac County** 2014 data not available, 2016 12%, 2018 **17%**. Note: Any difference of 1.6 percentage points or greater may be considered statistically significant. Refer to chart for 2018 data.

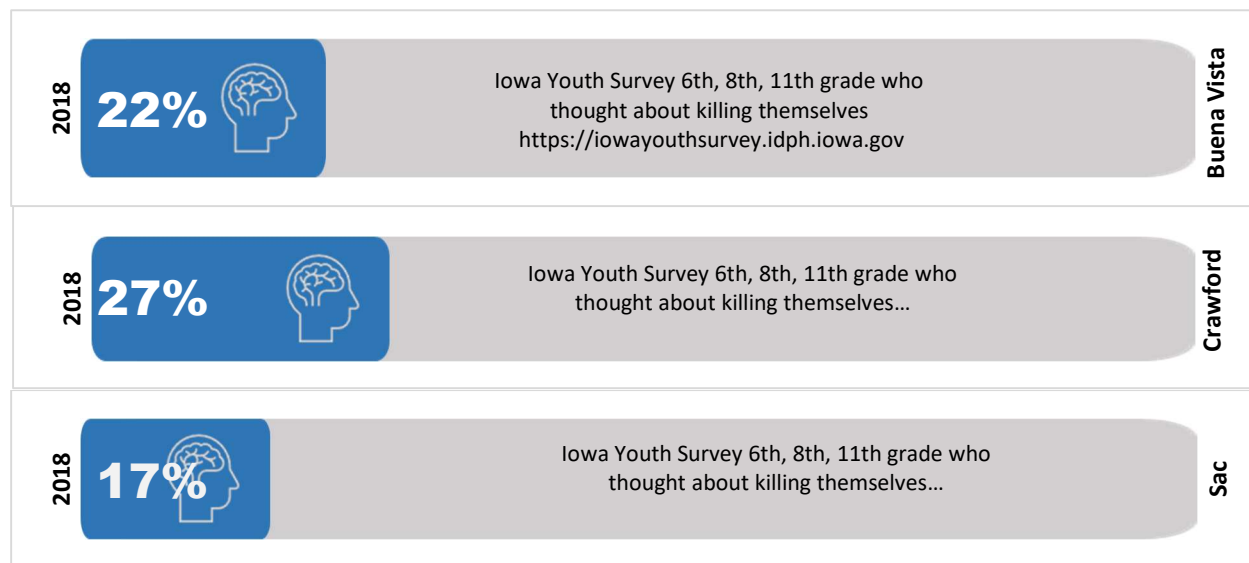


Chart 13

Date Source: Iowa Department of Public Health – Division of Behavioral Health and Iowa Department of Human Rights – Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning. Iowa Youth Survey Prepared by Iowa Consortium for Substance Abuse Research and Evaluation – University of Iowa. <https://iowayouthsurvey.idph.iowa.gov/>



Information on the Counties - Buena Vista County

Buena Vista County is a micropolitan county in northwest Iowa. It is composed of ten incorporated communities and their surrounding rural areas. From 2000 to 2010, Buena Vista County's population decreased by 0.74 percent while the state's population increased by 4.10 percent.

City/Town Populations:				County Seat: Storm Lake				Other Information
City	2000 ¹	2010 ²	2019 ³	City	2000 ¹	2010 ²	2019 ³	Hospital Buena Vista Regional Medical Center - Birthing Facility
Albert City	709	699	665	Alta	1865	1883	1903	DHS Office: Storm Lake (full-time office) 311 E. 5 th Street
Lakeside	484	596	689	Linn Grove	211	154	146	Interesting Fact: Buena Vista County was created on January 15, 1851. The county is named for the final victory field of General Zachary Taylor in the Mexican American War. Buena Vista, which is Spanish for "Beautiful View" or "Good View", was the name of a battle in the Mexican War in which General Zachary Taylor defeated General Santa Ana.
Marathon	302	237	227	Newell	887	876	852	
Rembrandt	228	203	194	Sioux Rapids	720	775	744	
Storm Lake	10,076	10,600	10,322	Truesdale	91	81	77	
County	20,411	20,260	19,620	State	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,155,070	
Buena Vista County Data for Decision Makers - report created 11/22/2020 ¹ U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Census 2000, Summary File 1 ² U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Census 2010, Summary File 1 ³ U.S. Census Bureau; Population Estimates Program 2018								

Schools:

Name of School	Serving Grades	(High School Graduation Rate 2019)
Albert City-Truesdale Elementary (Sioux Central)	PK – 6	
Alta-Aurelia Community School District	PK – 12	91.7
Newell-Fonda Community School District	PK – 12	100.0
Sioux Central Community School District	PK – 12	97.7
Saint Mary's Catholic School	PK – 12	Report not available
Storm Lake High School	PK – 12	50.9
Storm Lake/IA Cntrl/Buena Vista Early College HS		41.7
Iowa Public School Class 2019 Four Year Cohort Graduation Rates by school and subgroup Iowa Department of Education (educateiowa.gov)		
Iowa Central Community College	Buena Vista University	Faust Institute of Cosmetology

Buena Vista County Community Demographics	Year (2010)	(2019) Estimate	State of Iowa (2019) Estimate	Data Source
Total County Population	20,260	19,620	3,155,070	U.S Census Bureau
Percent Persons under 5 years	7.20%	7.40%	6.20%	U.S Census Bureau
Percent Under 18 years	25.00%	25.70%	23.00%	U.S Census Bureau
Percent 65 years and over	15.10%	16.70%	17.50%	U.S Census Bureau
Population by Race	2010	2019	2019	
White	80.70%	82.70%	90.60%	U.S. Census Bureau
Black-African American	2.70%	3.40%	4.10%	U.S. Census Bureau
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.03%	0.60%	0.50%	U.S. Census Bureau
Asian alone	5.60%	10.00%	2.70%	U.S. Census Bureau
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	z	1.80%	0.20%	U.S. Census Bureau
Two or More Races	1.80%	1.50%	2.00%	U.S. Census Bureau
Population by Ethnicity & Characteristics	2010	2019	2019	
Hispanic or Latino	22.70%	26.40%	6.30%	U.S. Census Bureau
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	67.90%	58.00%	85.00%	U.S. Census Bureau
Foreign born persons, percent, 2006-2010 & 2014-2018	15.30%	18.50%	5.20%	U.S. Census Bureau
Income & Poverty	Year	2019	2019	
Persons in Poverty, percent	13.00%	10.20%	11.20%	U.S Census Bureau
Median Household Income(in 2018 dollars), 2014-2018	\$44,795	\$54,556	\$58,580	U.S Census Bureau
Student Eligible Free or Reduced Lunch	2016-2017	2018-2019	2018-2019	
PK - 12 School Enrollment	4173	4441	483591	IA Department of Education
Free or Reduced Lunch	2495	2716	207835	IA Department of Education
Percentage Eligible Free or Reduced Lunch	59.78%	61%	43%	IA Department of Education
Employment	Oct-15	Oct-20	Oct-20	
Labor Force	11,660	12,010	1,638,540	IA Workforce Development
Employment	11,300	11,750	1,589,440	IA Workforce Development
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	2.2%	2.3%	IA Workforce Development
All parents in family in labor force-children < 6	2015	2020	2020	
Parents	77%	74%	75%	American Community Survey
Live Births (No. & Rate/1000)	2015	2019	2019	
Mothers under age 20	14.2	14.5	11.9	IA Dept. of Public Health
Low Birth Weight <2,500 /Grams	21 or 13.4	11 or 7.6	9.0	IA Dept. of Public Health
Very Low Birth Weight <1,500 /grams - 2015-2019	6 or 2.41%	7 or 2.75%	1.86%	IA Dept. of Public Health
Child Abuse	2.0 or .69%		0.87%	IA Dept. of Public Health
Child Abuse	CY 2015	CY 2019	CY 2019	
Family Assessment	43	54	6,543	IA Dept. of Human Services
UnConfirmed	44	72	17,947	IA Dept. of Human Services
Confirmed	2	7	1,623	IA Dept. of Human Services
Founded	32	38	6,891	IA Dept. of Human Services
Confirmed or Founded 5 years of Younger	14	30	5,323	IA Dept. of Human Services
Confirmed or Founded 6 to 10 Years	19	17	3,055	IA Dept. of Human Services
Early Care and Education *Spaces listed with CCR&I	Jul-15	Jul-20	Jul-20	
*Spaces in Registered Child Development Homes	224	112	27,661	IA Dept Human Services
* Spaces in Child Care Homes	195	15	3,375	IA Dept Human Services
* Spaces in DHS Licensed Centers/Preschool	586	536	128,488	IA Dept Human Services
* Spaces in Dept. of Ed Operated Center/ Preschools	176	135	13,729	IA Dept Human Services

Information on the Counties - Crawford County

Crawford County is a nonmetropolitan county in west central Iowa. It is composed of thirteen incorporated communities and their surrounding rural areas. From 2000 to 2010, Crawford County's population increased by 0.91 percent while the state's population increased by 4.10 percent.



Population: 16,940				County Seat: Denison				Other Information:
City	2000 ¹	2010 ²	2019 ³	City	2000 ¹	2010 ²	2019 ³	Hospital Crawford County Memorial Community Hospital Birthing Facility DHS Office: Carroll Iowa Interesting Facts: Crawford County was created on January 1, 1851. Crawford County is named for William Harris Crawford, United States senator from Georgia and United States Secretary of the Treasury. Denison is the hometown of actress Donna Reed and the Donna Reed Museum.
Arion	136	108	107	Aspinwall	58	40	39	
Buck Grove	49	43	41	Charter Oak	530	502	478	
Deloit	228	264	255	Denison	7,339	8,298	8,244	
Dow City	503	210	497	Kiron	273	279	266	
Manilla	839	776	746	Ricketts	144	145	135	
Schleswig	833	882	857	Vail	452	436	417	
Westside	327	299	289					
County	16,942	17,096	16,820	State	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,155,070	

Crawford County Data for Decision Makers - report created 11/25/2020 ¹U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Census 2000, Summary File 1
²U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Census 2010, Summary File 1 ³U.S. Census Bureau; Population Estimates Program 2018

Name of School	Serving Grades	(High School Graduation Rate 2019)
Ar-We-Va	PK – 12	100.0
Charter Oak-Ute (Maple Valley-Anthon Oto)	PK – 8	
Maple Valley-Anthon Oto High School		87.0
Denison High School	PK – 12	90.5
Denison Alternative High School		small number
Schleswig (Denison)	PK – 8	
Saint Rose of Lima	PK – 5	
Zion Lutheran	PK – 8	
Iowa Public School Class 2019 Four Year Cohort Graduation Rates by school and subgroup Iowa Department of Education (educateiowa.gov)		
Job Corp	Iowa Western Community College	

Crawford County Community Demographics	Year (2010)	Year (2019) Estimate	State of Iowa (2019) Estimate	Data Source
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Population by Race	2010	2019	2019	
White, alone	82.9%	91.40%	90.60%	U.S. Census Bureau
Black-African American	1.20%	3.60%	4.10%	U.S. Census Bureau
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.03%	1.30%	0.50%	U.S. Census Bureau
Asian alone	0.60%	2.50%	2.70%	U.S. Census Bureau
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	z	30.00%	0.20%	U.S. Census Bureau
Two or More Races	1.60%	1.00%	2.00%	U.S. Census Bureau
Population by Ethnicity & Characteristics	2010	2019	2019	
Hispanic or Latino	24%	28.90%	6.30%	U.S. Census Bureau
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	76%	64.60%	85.00%	U.S. Census Bureau
Foreign born persons, percent, 2006-2010 & 2014-2018	12.30%	16.80%	5.20%	U.S. Census Bureau
Income & Poverty	Year	2010	2019	2019
Persons in Poverty, percent		13.10%	11.20%	11.20%
Median Household Income		\$45,637	\$53,609	\$58,580
Student Eligible Free or Reduced Lunch	2011-2012	2018-2019	2018-2019	
PK - 12 School Enrollment	3,779	2,847	483591	IA Department of Education
Free or Reduced Lunch	2,108	1,891	207835	IA Department of Education
Percentage Eligible Free or Reduced Lunch	67%	66%	43%	IA Department of Education
Employment	Oct-15	Oct-20	Oct-20	
Labor Force Summary Data Tool	8,730	7640	1,638,540	IA Workforce Development
Employment	8,450	7,430	1,589,440	IA Workforce Development
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	2.7%	2.3%	IA Workforce Development
	2015	2020	2020	
All parents in family in labor force-children < 6	69%	75%	75%	American Community Survey
Parents	2015	2019	2019	
Live Births (No. & Rate/1000)	12.8	12.5	11.9	IA Dept. of Public Health
Mothers under age 20	12 or 9.6	8 or 6.5	9.0	IA Dept. of Public Health
Low Birth Weight <2,500 /Grams * suppressed	*	*	1.9%	
Very Low Birth Weight <1,500 /grams - 2015-2019	Annual Avg 2.2 or .99%		0.87%	IA Dept. of Public Health
Child Abuse	CY 2015	CY 2019	CY 2019	
Family Assessment	24	37	6,543	IA Dept. of Human Services
UnConfirmed	34	82	17,947	IA Dept. of Human Services
Confirmed	8	18	1,623	IA Dept. of Human Services
Founded	14	30	6,891	IA Dept. of Human Services
Confirmed or Founded 5 years of Younger	13	21	5,323	IA Dept. of Human Services
Confirmed or Founded 6 to 10 Years	7	20	3,055	IA Dept. of Human Services
Early Care and Education *Spaces listed with CCR&R	Jul-15	Jul-20	Jul-20	
*Spaces in Registered Child Development Homes	108	88	27,661	IA Dept Human Services
* Spaces in Child Care Homes	80	40	3,375	IA Dept Human Services
* Spaces in DHS Licensed Centers/Preschool	384	309	128,488	IA Dept Human Services
* Spaces in Dept of Ed Operated Center/ Preschools	88	90	13,729	IA Dept Human Services

Information on the Counties - Sac County



Population:				County Seat: Sac City				Other Information
City	2000 ¹	2010 ²	2019 ³	City	2000 ¹	2010 ²	2019 ³	Hospital: Loring Hospital Non-Birthing Facility
Auburn	296	322	305	Early	605	557	515	DHS Office: Carroll Iowa
Lake View	1,278	1,142	1,084	Lytton	305	315	289	Interesting Facts: Sac County was established as an independent County in 1856. Named for the Sac Indian tribe, which was prominent in the area. The name means either “People of the Yellow Earth” or “Red Bank”. Sac City is home to the world’s largest popcorn ball. The unofficial weight is 9,370 pounds.
Nemaha	102	85	81	Odebolt	1,153	1,013	943	
Sac City	2,368	2,220	2,068	Schaller	779	772	723	
Wall Lake	841	819	769					
County	11,529	10,350	9,721	State	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,155,070	
Sac County Data for Decision Makers - report created: 12/01/2020 ¹ U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Census 2000, Summary File 1 ² U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Census 2010, Summary File 1 ³ U.S. Census Bureau; Population Estimates Program 2018								

Schools

Name of School	Serving Grades	(High School Graduation Rate 2019)
Odebolt (OABCIG)	PK – 8	
Odebolt, Arthur, Battle Creek, Ida Grove	PK-12	96.7
Schaller-Crestland (Ridge View)	PK - 8	
Ridge View High School	09 – 12	100.0
East Sac County Community School District	PK – 12	94.5
Iowa Public School Class 2019 Four Year Cohort Graduation Rates by school and subgroup Iowa Department of Education (educateiowa.gov)		

Sac County Community Demographics	Year (2010)	Year (2019) Estimate	State of Iowa (2019) Estimate	Data Source
Total County Population	17,096	9,721	3,155,070	U.S Census Bureau
Percent Persons under 5 years	5.80%	6.00%	6.20%	U.S Census Bureau
Percent Under 18 years	22.50%	22.80%	23.00%	U.S Census Bureau
Percent 65 years and over	22.10%	23.90%	17.50%	U.S Census Bureau
Population by Race	2010	2019	2019	
White alone	97.80%	97.30%	90.60%	U.S. Census Bureau
Black-African American	0.30%	40.00%	4.10%	U.S. Census Bureau
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.10%	20.00%	0.50%	U.S. Census Bureau
Asian	0.20%	50.00%	2.70%	U.S. Census Bureau
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	z	20.00%	0.20%	U.S. Census Bureau
Two or More Races	0.80%	1.30%	2.00%	U.S. Census Bureau
Population by Ethnicity & Characteristics	2010		2019	
Hispanic or Latino	1.88%	3.80%	6.30%	U.S. Census Bureau
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	98.10%	93.80%	85.00%	U.S. Census Bureau
Foreign born persons, percent, 2006-2010 & 2014-2018	1.90%	1.50%	5.20%	U.S. Census Bureau
Income & Poverty	Year	2010	2019	2019
Persons in Poverty, percent		10.50%	11.20%	11.20%
Median Household Income		\$42,888	\$54,958	\$58,580
Student Eligible Free or Reduced Lunch	2011-2012	2018-2019	2018-2019	
PK -12 School Enrollment	1,685	2,147	483591	IA Department of Education
Free or Reduced Lunch	703	1,015	207835	IA Department of Education
Percentage Eligible Free or Reduced Lunch	42%	47%	43%	IA Department of Education
Employment	Oct-15	Oct-20	Oct-20	
Labor Force Summary Data Tool	5,580	5020	1,638,540	IA Workforce Development
Employment	5,430	4,920	1,589,440	IA Workforce Development
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	2.0%	2.3%	IA Workforce Development
	2015	2020	2020	
All parents in family in labor force-children <6	80%	83%	75%	American Community Survey
Parents	2015	2019	2019	
Live Births (No. & Rate/1000)	11.1	11.4	11.9	IA Dept. of Public Health
Mothers under age 20 * suppressed values	6 or 9.8	*	9.0	IA Dept. of Public Health
Low Birth Weight <2,500 /Grams * suppressed	*	*	1.9%	
Very Low Birth Weight <2,500 /grams 2015-2019	* suppressed		0.87%	IA Dept. of Public Health
Child Abuse Assessed Reports of Child Neglect and Abuse by Level of Findings	CY 2015	CY 2019	State of IA CY 2019	
Family Assessment	8	14	6,543	IA Dept. of Human Services
Not Confirmed	25	34	17,947	IA Dept. of Human Services
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Early Care and Education *Spaces listed with CCR&	Jul-11	Jul-20	Jul-20	
*Spaces in Registered Child Development Homes	84	16	27,661	IA Dept Human Services
* Spaces in Child Care Homes	70	45	3,375	IA Dept Human Services
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* Spaces in Dept. of Ed Operated Center/ Preschools	190	80	13,729	IA Dept Human Services

Section II: Community Needs Assessment

Development of the Community Needs Assessment

The collaboration team of BVCS Early Childhood Iowa, Decat/CPPC Areas of Crawford - Sac, and Buena Vista and Child Abuse Prevention Councils have utilized a combination of methods to determine and prioritize the needs for the children age 0-5 and youth 6-18. We have researched the data and statistics from sources on the internet and compiled internet data from various sites identified in Section 1 of this Community Plan.

Data Gathered, State and County:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Child Care Resource & Referral | • US Census Bureau |
| • Iowa Department of Human Services | • Workforce Development |
| • Iowa Department of Education | • Kids Count |
| • Iowa Department of Public Health | • Iowa Youth Survey |
| • Iowa Department of Public Safety | • Juvenile Delinquency |

Community Coalition Members (local services providers) participated in a strategic planning session during scheduled bi-monthly meetings. They provided input on the strengths, resources, gaps, weaknesses, family stress, resources, and better ways to serve the community.

Locally we surveyed parents using an electronic survey and paper copies. Parent Surveys consisted of open-ended questions, and check boxes for utilized community services. The surveys were distributed to schools, preschools, family support programs, and mentoring programs in Buean Vista, Crawford and Sac Counties. 110 responses were received from the parent surveys.

Reviewed other community assessments including public health/hospitals, community action agencies and Prevent Child Abuse Iowa. We continually gather information about local needs at local Community Coalition meetings, which have representation from various community partners.

Analysis of Data

Data points identified as areas of concern:

- Poverty as displayed in the high percentage of Free or Reduced School Lunch
- Teen Age Pregnancies
- Cumulative birth risk (prenatal smoking, low education, marital status, poverty)
- High percentage of all parents in the workforce
- Reduction of child care spaces
- Juvenile arrests
- Possible suicide in teens

Local Service Providers:

Primary strengths identified by the service providers during the local community coalition meetings included:

- Diversity and participation in communities
- Wide variety of resources
- Teamwork and collaborative planning
- Dual Language Learner programs at Storm Lake and Denison Community School Districts
- Family Treatment Court Programs
- Family Support programs

Gaps, Weakness, and Stress for families:

- Mental Health – knowledge of mental health youth and adult, mental health factors and substance abuse, services for children, help in school or community.
- Child Care – affordability, quality, child care assistance providers, Foster Care options, spaces for child care, respite care.
- Employment/Work – unemployment, financial stress from losing job, long hours at work, Refugee unaware of manual labor required at packing plant jobs, ability to take off work to attend services related to substance abuse.
- Housing – rental property, homeless (no shelter) want to stay in school district, finances to help secure housing, bed bugs in rental property, home furnishings.
- Financial – food insecurities, lack of Medicaid dental care providers, cost for health care deductible and co-pay, COVID-19 stress of family income, help for family when an item is not considered a necessity.
- Literacy – adult literacy (reading and importance of mail), multiple languages, cost of language line, interpreters for various languages.
- Transportation – cost of taxi, lack of car, affordable transportation (groceries, school etc.),
- Other: connection to social supports, know resources, more services for substance abuse, activities during cold weather months.

Parent Surveys:

How is our community doing in terms of caring for its children (0-5) and/or youth (6-18)? What are the community’s primary strengths and resources, particularly for families and children?

Results to open ended question, categorized by topic.	Need	Strength
• Child Care	35%	0
• Parks, Events and Activities	14%	5%
• Preschool	6%	5%
• Before and After School Care	5%	5%
Needs identified at or below 4%: Community and Parent Involvement, Recreation Center, Communication about what is available, Funding (Federal, State, Local Government), Cases of child abuse under the radar, food or financial insecurities, ethnic & language, transportation to preschool, housing, mental health, special needs/inclusion, schools, behavior or parent education, health – urgent care.		
Strengths at or above 4%: Community and Parent Involvement, Recreation Center, Communication, food or financial insecurities, ethnic & language, special needs/inclusion, schools.		

What are the main sources of stress for families that may interfere with the best care and nurture of their children?

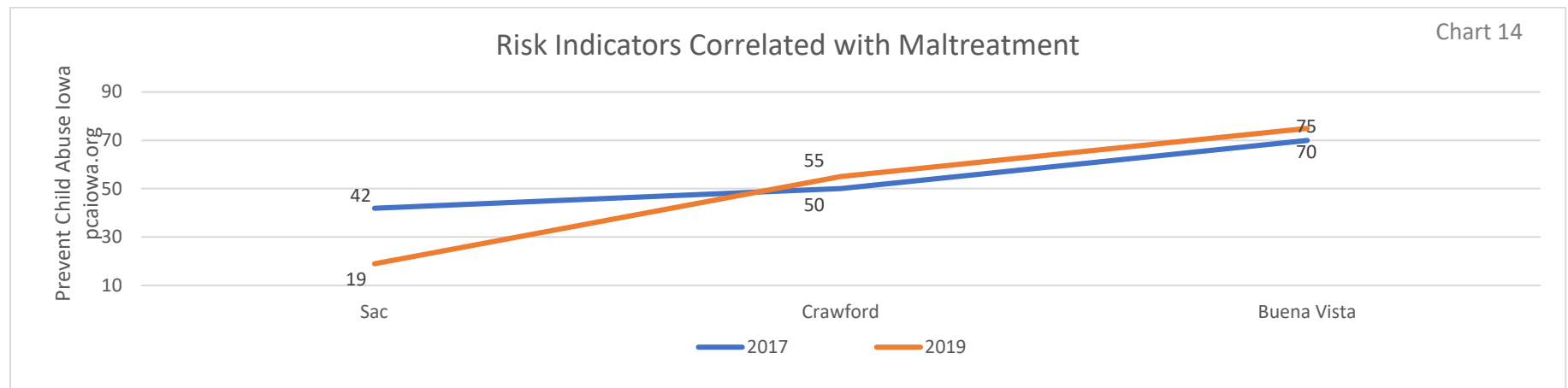
• Financial	27%		• Lack of child care	21%
• Work	12%		• Lack of time with children	10%
• COVID-19	10%			
Stress identified at or below 4 %: language/communication, understanding health care/medical, affordable child care, school work (COVID-19), too busy, lack of knowledge of resources for family, scheduling conflicts, housing, cultural norms/values, taking care of house and meals, school travel, racial biased & bullying against white, taxes, lack of sleep.				

Parents reported using a variety of services provided throughout the counties. According to the parents surveyed Public Libraries are widely utilized by children and families. The survey shows parents are connecting to services in addition to the continued necessity to provide awareness of community supports. One comment suggested the need to connect to parents beyond the use of brochures or flyers. The chart identifies programs that rated above 15% responding they had used the service.

Public Libraries	53%		Preschool	45%
Area Education Agency	27%		Connected to Primary Caregiver	27%
i-Smile	26%		WIC	25%
Connected to Dental Care Provider	19%		Head Start/Early Head Start	19%
Mental Health Agencies	19%		Department of Human Services	15%

Community Assessments:

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa assessment shows percentages of abuse, neglect, and all risk factors. The data's standard deviations for all risk indicators correlated with maltreatment were summed and then the counties were ranked by the sum. The factors included are child abuse and neglect, child poverty, teen births, low-birthweight births, children living with parents with 4+ ACEs, children living with domestic violence, children living in households where rent is more than 35 percent of income, child population between the ages of zero and five, and children living with mental illness in the family. Buena Vista County **75**, Crawford County **55**, and Sac County **19** respectively of the 99 counties in Iowa. (Iowa Child Maltreatment Prevention Data Update 2019). The higher the number the higher the percentages of abuse, neglect, and all risk factors. pcaiowa.org



Community Action Agencies (Head Start/Early Head Start) three Community Action Agencies provide services Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc (Buena Vista County) West Central Community Action (Crawford County) and New Opportunities, Inc. (Sac County). Assessment and Annual Report reflect working toward a variety of items and services for children and families. Building relationships and coordinated efforts when working with children with disabilities and other preschool programs. Ensuring children are connected to health, mental health, and dental care. Education around nutrition and physical activity relating to overall health and weight. The importance of parent involvement and education to understand child development and assist children in developing lifelong learning beyond their Head Start experiences. Offering a quality preschool setting to prepare children for school readiness. Full reports are available on community action websites.

- *West Central Community Action Annual Report 2019 (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019) Head Start & Early Head Start*, link to report <https://www.westcentralca.org>
- *Complete Head Start Early Head Start Annual Report 2018-2019*, link to the report: <http://www.udmo.com/HeadStart.htm>
- *Complete Community Needs Assessment Update 2020*, link to report [https://www.newopp.org/2020-Head-Start-Community-Needs-Assessment-\(CNA\)-Update](https://www.newopp.org/2020-Head-Start-Community-Needs-Assessment-(CNA)-Update) – updated information in added to the 2016 CNA.

Healing Iowa ACEs 360 – Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) The 2018 Iowa Youth Survey (IYS), which captures the perceptions, attitudes, and behaviors of 6th, 8th, and 11th graders, shows the challenges noted: 21% have had thoughts of suicide – 15.7 % do not feel safe at school – 15.4% live in a home where people have a serious alcohol or drug problem – 10% disagree with the statement “I have a happy home.”

Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Counties data compares to the answers included in the Healing Iowa ACEs 360 report.

- Thoughts of suicide IYS Questions B63: Buena Vista (**22%**) Crawford County (**26%**), Sac (17%) ACEs 360 (21%)
- Do not feel safe at school IYS Question E48: Buena Vista (13%) Crawford (**17%**) Sac (14%) ACEs 360 (15.7%)
- Live in a home where people have a serious alcohol or drug problem IYS Question F3: Buena Vista (15%) Crawford (13%) Sac (14%) ACEs 360 (15.4%)
- Disagree with the statement “I have a happy home.” IYS Question F2: Buena Vista (7%) Crawford (**14%**) Sac (8%) ACEs 360 (10%)

Loring Hospital, Sac County, Iowa 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment

Loring Hospital set realistic goals and determined needs we can make a difference with by choosing the following health needs:

- 1) Mental Health
- 2) Obesity, Nutrition, and Wellness Education
- 3) Substance Abuse

<https://www.loringhospital.org/>

Crawford County Memorial Hospital 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment Report and Implementation Strategy

Top 3 Community Needs:

- 1) Expansion of Child Care options in Denison
- 2) Support of additional low to moderate income housing
- 3) Address ongoing Mental Health/Drug Abuse treatment needs through strategic partnerships

https://www.ccmhia.com/pdf-docs/CHNA-plan_2019.pdf

Family First Prevention Services Act (“Family First”) federal legislation which restricted how the federal government spends money on child welfare to improve the outcomes for children. Using evidence-based family preservation services. Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Counties are in the Western Service Area.

Iowa Department of Human Services - Placement Summary					
Report Fiscal Years 2019-2021	DHS	% DHS	JCS	% JCS	Total Cases
Buena Vista	108	78.26%	30	21.74%	138
Crawford	87	76.99%	26	23.01%	113
Sac	22	81.48%	5	18.52%	27
Western Service Area	3,172	90.47%	334	9.53%	3,506
https://dhs.iowa.gov/dashboard_childwelfare Data from FACS-Data last updated 1/31/2021					

Analysis of the Information collected to identify priorities

In analysis of the surveys, data collection, and input gathered at Community Coalition meetings and other community assessment the board identified community needs, set priorities, and provided a rationale for the identification. BVCS Early Childhood Iowa, Decat/CPPC, and Prevent Child Abuse Councils do not have the funding to address all of the community needs identified by the community analysis but will continue to coordinate and collaborate to bring about change for children and families.

Identified Needs, Priorities, Rationale

A collaborative approach was used to develop this Strategic Plan for Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Counties children (0-5) and youth/teens (6-18).

The graphics below recognize needs that were identified in reviewing data from several sources, surveys from parents, service partnership meeting, and reviewing other community assessments. The colors identify areas that had a commonality from the various sectors. The need is not listed in any specific order of preference.

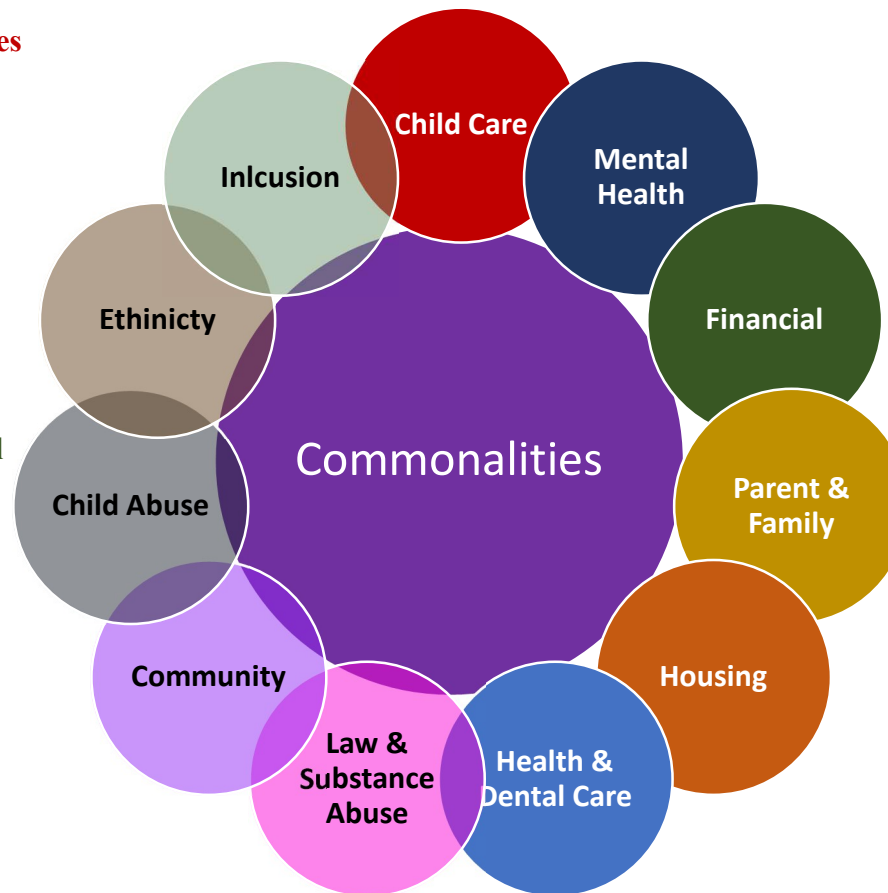
Commonalities from Analysis

Data

- Teen Age Pregnancies
- Cumulative birth risk
- Poverty
- High percentage of all parents in the workforce
- Reduction of Child Care Spaces
- Possible Suicide in Teens

Parents

- Child Care
- Before & After School Care
- Financial
- Work
- Transportation to preschool
- Preschool
- Food
- Funding (Federal, State, Local Government)
- Housing
- COVID-19
- Family Time
- Parent Involvement
- Parent Education
- Health –Urgent care
- Parks, Events, Activities
- Community
- Recreation Center
- Communication about what is available
- Cases of child abuse
- Ethnic & language
- Special Needs/Inclusion
- Mental Health



Service Providers

- Mental Health
- Connection to Social Supports
- Child Care
- Employment/work
- Transportation
- Financial Stress
- Literacy (non-English)
- Stigma Undocumented – Fear
- Language - Communication
- Community Resources
- Services for Substance Abuse
- Activities during cold weather months
- Technology (health)
- Dental Care (Medicaid)
- Housing

Community Assessments

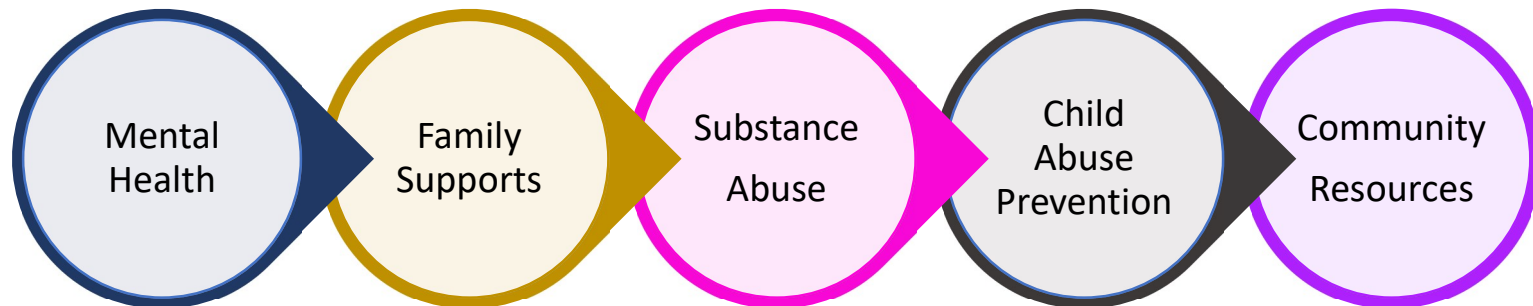
- Substance Abuse
- Drug Abuse Treatment
- Suicide
- Mental Health
- Child Care
- Housing
- Child Abuse
- Disabilities
- Nutrition physical activity/obesity
- Health Care
- Dental Care
- Parent Involvement

Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Early Childhood Iowa (BVCS ECI) Priorities

Additional information on the strategies to address the identified BVCS ECI priorities refer to the BVCS ECI Board Strategic Plan



Decategorization /Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (Decat/CPPC) Priorities



Section III: Community Collaborations

Collaborative and Networking Opportunities

Collaboration is obtained by partners engaging in a process through which they constructively build an interdependent system which includes a common mission, comprehensive communication and planning, pooled resources and shared risk and products.

Community Coalitions are organized/facilitated by the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa, Program Director and Decat/CPPC Program Coordinators. Community Coalitions also serves Pregnancy Prevention and Tobacco Prevention Councils.

The Community Coalitions are comprised of a wide variety of service providers/citizens,

- Area Education Agencies,
- Early Childhood Iowa Area,
- Child Care Resource & Referral,
- Child Abuse Prevention Councils,
- Community Action Agencies,
- Decat/CPPC,
- Department of Human Services,
- Head Start Programs,
- Juvenile Court Services,
- Parent Partners
- Public and Private School Administrators and Personnel,
- Substance Abuse Treatment Providers,
- and other local providers of services to the families and children of our area.

Agencies that serve the counties and community members of Buena Vista, Crawford and Sac Counties are invited to attend local Community Coalitions. The councils meet on a bi-monthly basis on regularly scheduled days. Buena Vista County is scheduled to meet on the second Thursday at 10:00 with the main location at Our Place in Storm Lake. Crawford County is scheduled to meet on the third Tuesday at 1:00 pm with the main location ISU Extension in Denison. Sac County is scheduled to meet on the second Monday at 9:00 am with the main location at Sac County Law Enforcement Center. Starting in March of 2019 the Community Coalition started to meet virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The members have found virtual participation to meet the needs of the Coalition and will review if a possible hybrid model would work in the future.

The Community Coalitions meetings are to promote communication between agencies with similar goals. Meetings can consist of a speaker that gives information about services or events happening in their County. Following the speaker, a planned meeting is held. The meetings consist of review of previous minutes, Council decisions, community sharing, and may include assistance with community assessments/surveys, recommendations for programming, problem identified in the community, brainstorming of resources available in the community.

Section IV: Fiscal Assessment - Early Childhood

Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Counties are fortunate to have a solid base of early childhood services funded from federal and state entities. Following is a breakdown according to types of early childhood services. Information was collected from agencies and schools in March of 2021. Most of the figures are federal or state fiscal years, 2019, 2020 and/or 2021. Information was collected by contacting agencies or state websites. Information was voluntarily provided and was not verified through any other means. “DNR” stands for “Did Not Report” information that could not be obtained.

Acronyms – Multiple Counties Served (*)

(BIP) Business Investment Program
 (BV) Buena Vista
 (BV Public Health) Buena Vista Public Health & Home Care
 (BVCS ECI) Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac Early Childhood Iowa – State Funds- FY20
 (CACFP) Child & Adult Food Program – Federal Funds
 (CCHHH&PH) Crawford County Home Health, Hospice & Public Health
 (CCR&R) Child Care Resource & Referral - * Serving 23 Counties including BV, Crawford, Sac- Federal
 (DHS) Department of Human Services
 (IDPH) Iowa Department of Public Health
 (ICAP) Iowa Child Abuse Prevention
 (New Opp.) New Opportunities, Inc – * Serving 7 Counties including Sac– 2019 Audit
 (UDMO) Upper Des Moines Opportunities, Inc. – * Serving 12 Counties including BV- Annual Report 2019
 Webster County Health Department – 1st Five - * Serving 9 Counties including BV & Sac
 Webster County Health Department – Maternal Child Health - * Serving 15 Counties including BV & Sac
 (WCCA) West Central Community Action – * Serving 10 Counties including Crawford-Annual Report 2019
 (YSS) Youth, Teen & Family Mental & Behavioral Health

Child Care			
Program	Name	Funding Source	Amount
CCR&R - Consultant	Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. *	DHS	158,005
CCR&R - BIP	Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.	BVCS ECI	53,555
CCR&R Provider Dev.	Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.	BVCS ECI	1,130
Child Care Nurse Consultants	CCHHH&PH	BVCS ECI	24,778
	Calhoun County Public Health		19,878
CACFP (Registered Child Development Home and Centers) 2019	UDMO *	Department of Education	306,196
	WCCA *		1,021,413
	New Opp. *		651,682

Family Support & Parent Education			
Program	Name	Funding Source	Amount
Early Head Start	UDMO *	Federal Funding	2,993,385
	WCCA *		1,954,099
FaDDS	UDMO *	State/Federal	299,446
	WCCA *		414,881
	YSS *		343,068
Family STEPS	BV Public Health	BVCS ECI	116,637
	CCHHH&PH	BVCS ECI & ICAP	157,492
	Sac County Health Services	BVCS ECI & ICAP	73,497
Baby Boutique	CCHHH&PH	ICAP	8,251
Buy. Eat. Live Healthy	BV County Extension & Outreach	SNAP-ED & County	31,500
Job Corp Parent Education	CCHHH&PH	ICAP	1,795
Parent Education FY20	Parent Cafe	BVCS ECI	500
Health, Human Services			
Program	Name	Funding Source	Amount
1 st Five	CCHHH&PH *	IDPH	120,245
	Webster County Health Dept. *		211,910
I-Smile	CCHHH&PH *	IDPH & BVCS ECI	9,899
	Webster County Health Dept. *		7,700
Immunization	BV Public Health		DNR
	CCHHH&PH		8,702
	Sac County Health Services		DNR
Maternal Child Health	Webster County Health Dept. *		126,857
	CCHHH&PH *		264,376
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)	UDMO *	Federal Funding	420,010
	WCCA *		355,881
	New Opp. *		310,943

State Wide Voluntary Preschool (SWVPP) Department of Education, Head Start, Other Preschools BVCS ECI Scholarship Program, Tuition					
Sources: FY21 Preschool Funding Iowa Department of Education (educateiowa.gov) & preschool programs					
Preschool	3 yr. old	4 yr. old	Funding Source	Amount	Scholarship
Albert City – Truesdale		4.5	SWVPP	31,716	No
Alta-Aurelia	X	25	SWVPP & Head Start	175,371	Yes
Upper Des Moines Opportunity		X	Head Start *	3,956,622	No
Newell-Fonda CSD		16.5	SWVPP	115,745	No
Saint Mary’s Catholic	12	35	SWVPP-Partner & Tuition	286,790	Yes
Sioux Central CSD	11	23	SWVPP	50,298	Yes
Storm Lake CSD		64.5	SWVPP, Head Start &	455,897	No
Upper Des Moines Opportunity			Shared Vision	74,303	
Trepson Preschool	X	X	Tuition Based		No
Ar-We-Va CSD		9.5	SWVPP	66,641	No
Charter Oak-Ute Elementary		7	SWVPP	49,104	No
Denison CSD Elementary		57.5	SWVPP	403,353	No
West Central Comm Action		32	Head Start *	3,715,943	No
Schleswig - Immanuel	X	8	SWVPP-Partner & Tuition	56,119	Yes
Saint Rose of Lima	8	20	SWVPP-Partner & Tuition	24,800	Yes
Zion Lutheran Preschool	16	17	Tuition Based	49,500	Yes
East Sac County CSD		21	SWVPP	147,311	No
New Opportunities, Inc.		X	Head Start *	3,444,095	No
Odebolt Arthur Battle Creek Ida Grove		22.5	SWVPP	157,834	Yes
Schaller-Crestland	X	19	SWVPP &	133,282	Yes
New Opportunities, Inc.			Head Start		
Preschool Scholarships	43	59	BVCS Early Childhood IA	96,114	

“Putting your students’ emotional needs first is important because without feeling safe and understood, no instructional strategy will be effective.” ~ Jasper Fox, Sr.

Section V: Summary

Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac Early Childhood Iowa and Decat/Community Partnerships for Protecting Children and the Child Abuse Prevention Councils would like to extend a note of appreciation for all who participated in the development of this Community Plan. Based on the data reviewed and feedback gathered at various stages during the assessment process, it was apparent that many organizations and parents identify similar needs and strengths.

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa, Decat /CCPC and Prevent Child Abuse Councils are not able to provide funds to meet all the needs that affect the families in the area, but the programs we fund are able to make small changes that can have big impacts. Working together allows communities to connect and be able to identify resources that are beneficial in working toward our visions.

The Community Plan 2022 – 2024 was used to develop the priorities identified in the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Boards Strategic Plan. The BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Board Strategic Plan expands on the desired results identified on page 24 of this document. Alliance of the local area (BVCS Early Childhood Iowa) to the State Early Childhood Iowa Result Areas, types of programs the local area plans to fund, program trend data for funded programs, Community Wide Indicators adopted by the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Board, and the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Boards Strategic Plan.

In evaluation of the plan there is a continued need to focus on each county’s demographic makeup to ensure that programs and services are meeting the needs of the children and families living in the geographical area. Many families qualify financially for free and/or reduced meals and many were identified having individual birth risks. The need to keep residents informed of resources and programs that can assist and relieve stress. There is a need to increase the availability, affordability and quality of early care and learning environments (child care). Risk factors related to Adverse Childhood Experiences can be found in each county, Buena Vista County has the highest indicators according to Prevent Child Abuse Iowa (page 20). Commonalities were identified by parents, providers, and other assessments. The importance for programs and/or service providers to continue collaboration efforts to serve the children and families in the communities of Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Counties is important to make changes and improve the outcomes for the future of our children.

Hopefully, you find the Community Plan to useful tool develop and expand upon services for children and youth.

“Every day, in 100 small ways, our children ask, ‘Do you hear me? Do you see me? Do I matter?’ Their behavior often reflects our response.” ~ L.R. Knost

Data Sources:

Chart 1: Population by County, US Census Bureau: Population Estimates Program 2019, Data for Decision Makers. Click the DDM heading at the top:
<https://indicators.extension.iastate.edu>

Chart 2: Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin, Data for Decision Makers <https://indicators.extension.iastate.edu/3/10/2021>

Chart 3: Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Eligibility 2014-2018, Child and Family Policy Center, KIDS Count Data Center, datacenter.kidscount.org, a project of the Annie E Casey Foundation

Chart 4: Free or Reduced School Lunch percentages by Community School District, 2018-19 Iowa Public School K-12 Students Eligible for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch by school, Source: Iowa Department of Education, Bureau of Information and Analysis, SRI Merged 2018-2019 Fall File.

Chart 5: 2018-19 Kindergarten Assessment by Early Childhood Iowa Area, provided by Early Childhood Iowa – Iowa Department of Education – Data represents FAST Assessment for Kindergarten-Early Literacy. Formative Assessment System for Teachers™ (FAST). Not all school utilize the FAST Assessment.

Chart 6: High School Graduation Rate, KIDS Count Data Center/Iowa Department of Education. [KIDS COUNT Data Center from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.](#)

Chart 7: Birthing Information by County, and Teen pregnancy-births to mothers under 20 *Iowa Department of Public Health* - [Live Births and Deaths \(iowa.gov\)](#)

Chart 8: Individual Birth Risks that Relate to School Readiness & Chart 9: Cumulative Birth Risks

Early Childhood Iowa Needs Assessment - Iowa State University, Department of Human Development & Family Studies, Integrated Data System, [Early Childhood Iowa](#)

Chart 10: Child Care Spaces 2012-2020, Data Source Child Care Resource & Referral <https://iowaccrr.org/data>

Chart 11: Preschool Experiences 2017 Early Childhood Iowa Needs Assessment - Iowa State University, Department of Human Development & Family Studies, Integrated Data System. <https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/>

Chart 12: Buean Vista County Juvenile Uniform Crime Reporting Program, Data Source, Iowa Department of Public Safety. Arrest offense categories include the offense types for which agencies arrested individuals, but they are not necessarily the same offenses initially reported in the incidents. This table does not include duplicate data for arrestees who were reported to have been involved in more than one incident and, therefore, had arrestee reports submitted with multiple incident reports. For this table, a juvenile is an offender who is 17 or younger., 12/17/2020

Chart 13: Iowa Youth Survey, <https://iowayouthsurvey.idph.iowa.gov>. IYS Question B63

Chart 14: Risk Indicators Correlated with Maltreatment, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, pcaiowa.org