

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Young children are the foundations of our community. Buena Vista County is fortunate to have a variety of quality programs available to families for the care and education of their young children.

The intent of this brochure is to provide residents of Buena Vista County with a list of resources when looking for child care, preschool, or early childhood services.

Iowa's early childhood mission is:

Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful.



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What can
Buena Vista County
Offer
Your child
From birth - 5 years of age?

Buena Vista County Early Care and Education Services

Buena Vista County Coalition:

Meets on a bi-monthly basis to share information and discuss the needs of the community. In an effort to be able to identify current services and plan for the future.

Meetings are set for the second Monday of the month at 10:00 am. Meeting months: February, April, June, August, October, and December. For more information please contact BVCS Early Childhood Iowa at 712-830-6775.

Additional information and resources
available at [Early Childhood Iowa](#)

<https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov>

Child Care

Child Care Resource & Referral

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) provides resources education and advocacy to support quality child care. They assist families in finding child care that meets their needs and talk to parents about quality child care indicators. **Child Care Consultants** provide onsite consultation to preschools, centers, homes and before and after school programs. CCR&R also provides professional development to child care professionals and data to community leaders **877-216-8481** <https://iowaccrr.org/>

Referrals – Parent Educator: 855-244-5301

Child Care Hotline: 844-786-1296 report an issue with a child care program.

Iowa law limits the number of children child care homes may care for.

Registered Child Development Homes may care for six or more children at one time and agree to meet minimum requirements in all areas of child development home operation. The Iowa DHS has three categories for registration, based on size of house, education, and years of experience.

Child Care Home Providers can care for five or fewer children at one time (including their own). The Iowa DHS has a process in place for providers who want to receive Child Care Assistance payments.

Child Care Centers and Preschools are either licensed by the Iowa Department of Human Services or regulated by the Iowa Department of Education. These programs must be following standards set forth by their respective departments.

Mustang Child Care

225 East 2nd St, Newell, IA 712-272-4147

Serving children infants – school age

QRS Rating – currently not rated Nov. 2020

Ready, Set, GROW Learning Center

PO Box 3, Alta, IA 712-200-4250

QRS Rating - 4 Star

Sioux Central Child Care

505 Elm St, Sioux Rapids, IA–Infant–712-283-2395

106 2nd St, Sioux Rapids, IA–Above 2–712-283-2945

QRS Rating – currently not rated Nov. 2020

Trepson Foundation Preschool & Learning

Center & CPR Training Center

800 Oneida St #1, Storm Lake, IA <https://trepson.org/>

Serving ages 0-6 years of age – 712-314-5002

QRS Rating – currently not rated Nov. 2020 in process

Preschools

Albert City-Truesdale CSD

300 Orchard St Albert City 712-843-5416

QRS Rating – 4

Alta Little Cyclone (CSD)

101 West 5th Alta 712-200-1400

QRS Rating – currently not rated Nov. 2020

Grace Lutheran

1407 West 5th St Storm Lake 712-732-5005

QRS Rating – currently not rated Nov. 2020

Newell- Fonda CSD

205 South Clark Newell 712-272-3324

QRS Rating – currently not rated Nov. 2020

Sioux Central CSD

4440 U.S. Highway 71 Sioux Rapids 712-283-2571

QRS Rating – currently not rated Nov. 2020

National NAEYC Accreditation

Storm Lake CSD

930 E. 5th St Storm Lake 712-732-8076

QRS Rating – currently not rated Nov. 2020

Saint Mary's School

321 Seneca St Storm Lake 712-732-4166

QRS Rating – 4 Star Rating

Trepson Montessori Preschool

1215 W 5th St Storm Lake 712-208-0469

QRS Rating – currently not rated Nov. 2020

CSD – Community School District

Head Start & Early Head Start

Upper Des Moines Head Start & Early Head Start provides center based preschool services plus family support home visitation to income eligible families. Serve children: Early Head Start 0-3 years old Head Start 4-5.

Classrooms located in Storm Lake 712-732-1358 and Alta 712-200-1331

<http://www.udmo.com/HeadStartLocations>

Preschool Scholarships

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa: offers Preschool

Tuition Assistance at participating area preschools.

712-662-3880 <http://bvcsearlychildhoodiowa.org/>

Child Care Nurse Consultant – Webster County

Health Services - provides health & safety

issues/trainings in early care and education environments.

515-573-4107.

<https://www.webstercountyia.gov/departments/>

(Health – WIC/Maternal & Child Health)

Early Childhood Services

Department of Human Services (DHS) located at 311 E. 5th St. in Storm Lake 712-749-2536. On-line applications (OASIS): Child Care Subsidy, Food Assistance, hawk-I, Family Investment Program etc. <https://dhs.iowa.gov>

Family STEPS Support To Experience Parenting Success A home visitation program for families with children prenatal to 5. Buena Vista Public Health & Home Care <http://bvcountviowa.com/>

1st Five; Webster County Health Department

Physician referred care coordination services for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Participants have demonstrated a developmental concern or have experienced family stress, depression, or lack of resources. 515-573-4107 or 888-289-3318.

<https://idph.iowa.gov/1stfive>

Buy.Eat.Live Healthy Program increases knowledge in budgeting, meal planning, healthy food choices, food safety and physical activity. ISU Extension & Outreach 712-732-5056 <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/buenavista>

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Prairie Lakes AEA/Early ACCESS: Iowa's interagency system of early intervention services for children with or at risk of developmental delays. It is a central point of entry for families to obtain information and services that will be beneficial for their child's development. 712-335-3588 or 712-732-2257

<http://www.aea8.k12.ia.us>

Upper Des Moines Opportunities (UDMO):

Services for income eligible households. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP), Emergency Food Pantry, Clothing/Furniture shop, and more. 712-732-1757 <http://www.udmo.com>

WIC Women Infant and Children: Offers monthly financial allotments that enable pregnant, postpartum or breastfeeding women or parent of infants or children age 5 and under to purchase healthy foods. 1-800-245-6151 or 712-859-3885

Watch Me Grow: Program provides a fun way to track weight gain & growth in the first year of life. Buena Vista Regional Medical Center 712-213-8662. <https://www.bvrmc.org>