

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area Executive Summary

State Fiscal Year 2019

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Overview

Early Childhood Iowa Vision: *“Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful”*.

Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Early Childhood Iowa (BVCS ECI) is one out of 38 Early Childhood Iowa Areas identified across the State of Iowa representing all 99 counties. Early Childhood Iowa Areas use identified results to develop the capacity and commitment for achieving the results of: Healthy Children; Children Ready to Succeed in School; Safe and Supportive Communities; Secure and Nurturing Families; Secure and Nurturing Early Learning Environments.



The BVCS ECI mission guides the actions of the organization, provides a path, and guides decision-making. BVCS ECI Mission Statement: *to improve the quality of life for children and families by strongly supporting safe environments, lifelong learning and facilitating a coordinated system for community services*. Stemming from the mission the BVCS ECI 3-County Board has developed priorities to guide them they are: Parent Education, Quality Preschool Programs, Nurturing Child Care, Health Prevention Measures, Early Literacy, and Coordination of Services. For more information about the programs served by BVCS ECI visit our website at <http://bvcsearlychildhoodiowa.org/>.

Community Data/Analysis

Child care deserts are a pervasive problem across the nation. A report detailing the breakdown of child care deserts in Iowa available on the Child care Resource and Referral webpage. *Child Care Desert Data by City, Analysis of communities that are lacking child care options and comparing number of children birth – 11 with all known child care spaces* (<https://iowaccrr.org/data/>). The report identifies that the Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Early Childhood Iowa (BVCS ECI) is a part of the child care desert. When reviewing the cities in the BVCS ECI Area 68% fell into the desert definition (13 cities). Desert meaning there are more than 50 children in the community and there are more than three children per slot. While the remaining cities did not fall into the desert definition some were identified as cities with some child care but less slots than children (11 cities). Seven (7) cities did not meet the criteria of a child care desert for various reasons one of these being they did not have at least 50 children (birth – 11 years). The child population for these seven cities ranged between 9 to 34 children. These cities had children but no child care. One city in the BVCS ECI Area did not have any children birth - 11 years of age.

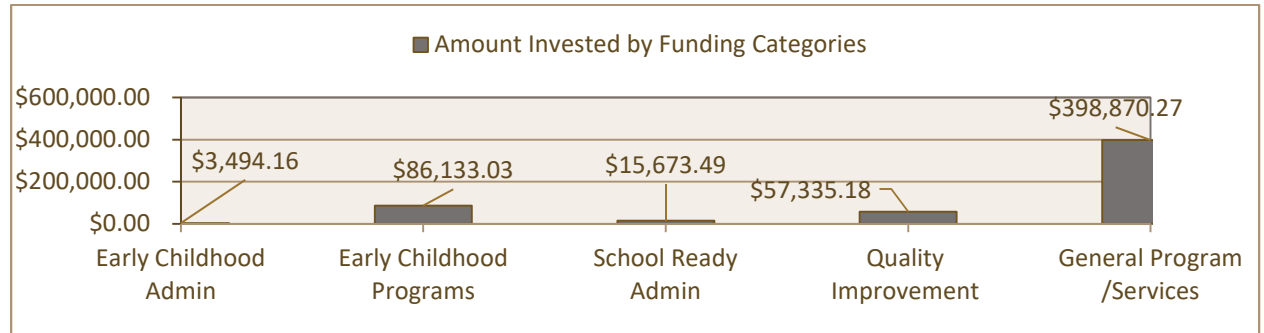
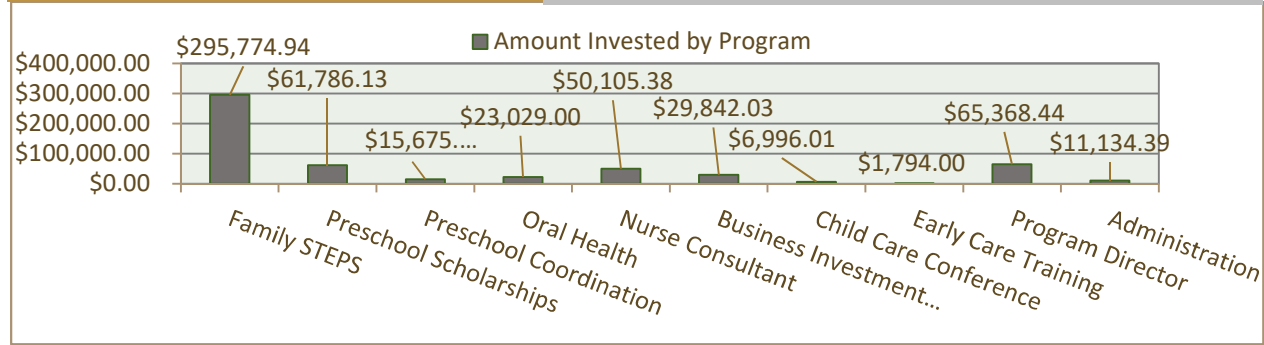
In Fiscal Year 19 the BVCS ECI 3-County Board allocated funds to the Business Investment Program offered through Child Care Resource and Referral to invest in start-up cost for homes/centers, break down barriers, and improvements needed for higher quality care. The funds assisted with three start up businesses and one expansion project.

Storm Lake in Buena Vista County and the Manning/Manilla in Carroll/Crawford County participated with the Iowa Women’s Foundation to identify, educate, and work toward child care solutions in their communities. Storm Lake has identified a need for additional child care. Currently one center is expanding and another is looking to open both these centers received a grant from BVCS ECI and Tyson. Work is still in the process for and/or investments from businesses. Manilla is in the process of opening a child care center in their community. Before and after school care is also a priority.



BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area Financial Highlights & Outcomes

State Fiscal Year 19 funding summary



Funded Program Outcomes

Family Support

- Healthy family functioning
- Social supports
- Concrete supports
- Child development
- Nurturing & attachment

Preschool Scholarships

- Age appropriate skills
- Child Attendance
- Quality Preschool Programs

Oral Health

- Education
- Screenings
- Detection
- Care Coordination

Preschool Support – 95% of children demonstrating age appropriate skills. 5% referred on for additional services.

Oral Health – 13% percent of children screened were referred for additional services. 72% referred went to a dentist for treatment.

97% families that improve or maintain healthy family functioning, problem solving & communication.

98% families that increase or maintain social supports.

91% families that are connected to additional concrete supports.

67% families that improve nurturing and attachment between parent(s) and children.

82% families that increase knowledge about child development and parenting.

Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC)

- Special health care needs
- Onsite assessments
- Trainings
- Quality Rating System (QRS)

Business Investment Program (BIP)

- Registered/Licensed child care

Trainings

- Conference
- NAPSACC
- Iowa Early Learning Standards

Child Care Nurse Consultant –86% of programs receiving onsite assessment and Consultation improved health & safety conditions. 43% working with the CCNC have a QRS rating of three or above.

Business Investment Program – 50% of businesses increased or maintained the highest level in Iowa’s Quality Rating System (QRS)

Trainings – Held one Early Childhood Conference, one NAPSACC and two Iowa Early Learning Standards classes.