

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area Executive Summary

State Fiscal Year 2020

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.



A partner in the Statewide Early Childhood Iowa Initiative

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: Mental Health for a Young Child’s Development, Quality Child Care and Preschools, Accessible Health Services, and Building Connecting and Educating about Community Services. For more information about the programs served by BVCS ECI visit our website at <http://bvcsearlychildhoodiowa.org/>.

Fiscal Year 20 & COVID-19

COVID-19 affected many of the programs the last quarter of Fiscal Year 20. The BVCS Early Childhood Iowa 3-County Board made some decisions based on identified needs to assist preschool programs, child care, and families.

Preschool Scholarships funds continued to support preschools. Most of the preschool reported the teachers were providing virtual classrooms, weekly activity packets, and continued communication with families.

The six hour BVCS Child Care Conference was cancelled and changed to a two hour webinar. The topics remained the same and books on children resiliency skills were mailed to attendees.

The BVCS ECI Board approved funds that had been allocated for the conference to be used for the extension of reimbursable items within the Business Investment Program. To allow grantees (child care home/centers) to purchase items that could assist with unexpected expenses related to COVID-19.

The Family STEPS in home visitation programs changed their in home visits to virtual visits to continue to serve families.

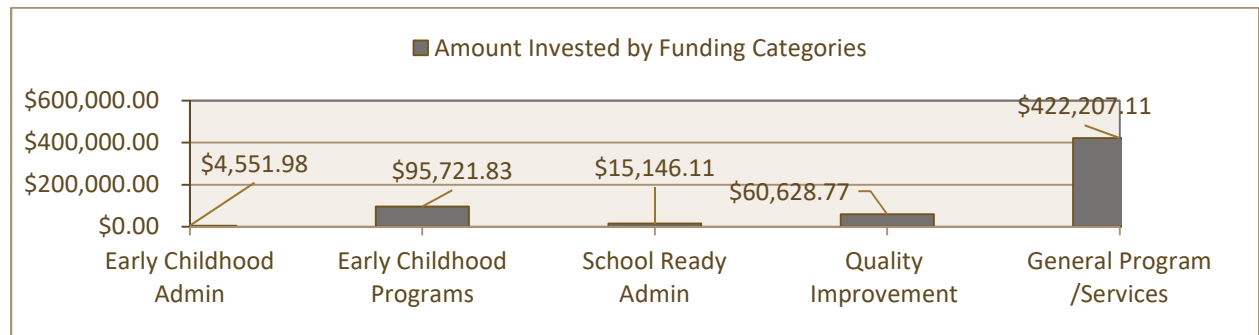
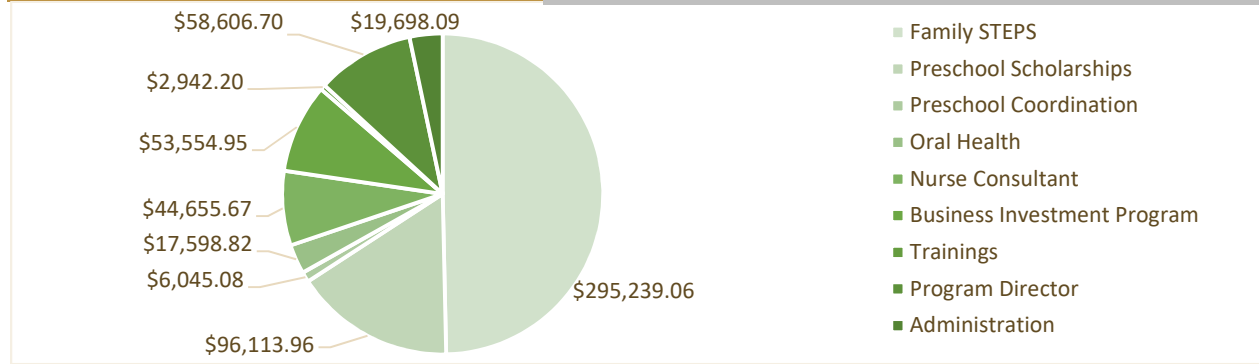
Oral Health had finished most of their screenings completed prior to COVID-19. *I-Smile* Coordinators continued to assist families to find dental treatment for children needing additional services/treatment. This became difficult when the dental offices closed.

Common Sense Parenting – Toddler and Preschool class was canceled.

Community Coalition Meetings and 3-County Board Meetings changed to ZOOM meetings.

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area Financial Highlights & Outcomes

State Fiscal Year 20 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 – 93% of children demonstrating age appropriate skills. 6% referred on for additional services.

Oral Health – 59% percent screened for dental decay. 12% referred for additional services or treatment.

- 95% families that improve or maintain healthy family functioning, problem solving & communication.
- 95% families that increase or maintain social supports.
- 91% families that are connected to additional concrete supports.
- 64% families that improve nurturing and attachment between parent(s) and children.
- 77% 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
- Start Up & Expansion
- Quality Initiatives

Trainings

- PALS
- Children's Literacy
- Read for Resilience
- Helping You & Your Child with Staying Calm

Child Care Nurse Consultant –94% of programs receiving onsite assessment and Consultation improved health & safety conditions. 47% working with the CCNC have a QRS rating of three or above.

Business Investment Program – 35% of businesses increased or maintained the highest level in Iowa’s Quality Rating System (QRS)

Trainings Held– Physical Activity Learning Session (PALS), Children’s Literacy, Read for Resilience, Parent Café Helping You & Your Child with Staying Calm