

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area Executive Summary

State Fiscal Year 2021

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Overview

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 and 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. 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.* For more information about the programs served by BVCS ECI visit our website at <http://bvcsearlychildhoodiowa.org/>.

Community Plan

Work started in State Fiscal Year 2021 to update the Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac Early Childhood Iowa (BVCS ECI) Community Plan and the Boards Strategic Plan. The plan utilizes input gained from data, assessments, conversations, surveys, and collaboration. BVCS Early Childhood Iowa recognizes that many agencies serve families and in society today that can be complex. Our plan identified many commonalities for children, youth, and adults. The information provided can be used when developing or making the case for expanding a current program and/or partnering with BVCS Early Childhood Iowa.

The assessment highlighted both strengths and challenges for the communities of Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Counties. The BVCS ECI 3-County Board has identified priorities to guide their work related to young children and their families they include:

Child Care - Mental Health - Dental Prevention - Financial Support - Community Services

Early Childhood Iowa, *We Are ECI Strategic Plan 2019-2022* BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area Alignment

<p>Goal 1: Promote a coordinated infrastructure to advance the early childhood system.</p> <p>Goal 2: Build public will for investing in young children and their families.</p> <p>Goal 3: Transform the early childhood workforce...</p> <p>Goal 4: ensure that young children and families receive the services they need when they need them.</p> <p>Goal 5: Improve the quality of early childhood services...</p>	<p>Communication with local and state leaders, and collaboration with local agencies.</p> <p>Investing in young children, partnerships in community projects.</p> <p>Investments into early childhood programs</p> <p>Offering equitable access to programs, expanding, and offering high quality child care.</p> <p>Promoting evidence-based and high-quality programs.</p>
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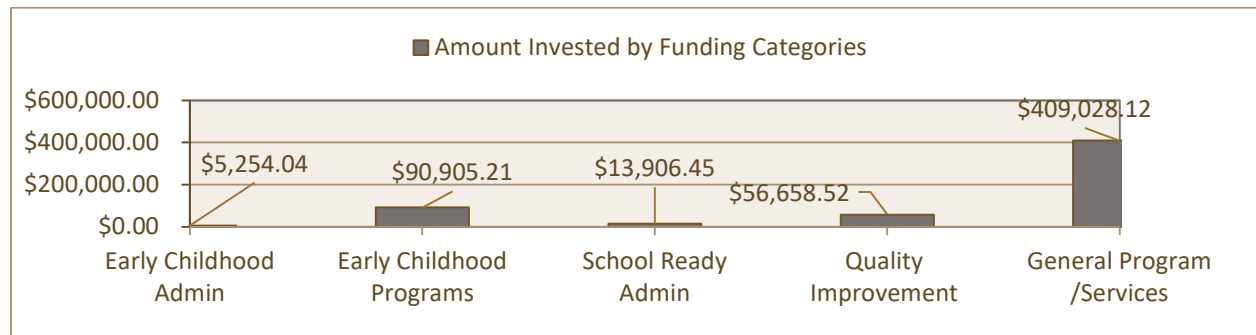
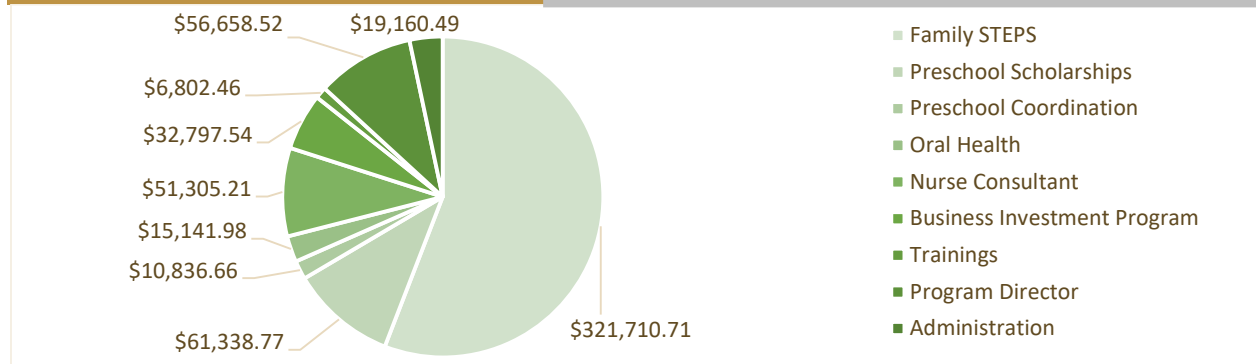
Complete plans are available on the state or local area websites.

<https://earlychildhoodiowa.gov>

<http://bvcsearlychildhoodiowa.org>

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area Financial Highlights & Outcomes

State Fiscal Year 21 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 –91% of children demonstrating age-appropriate skills. 9% referred on for additional services.

Oral Health –52% of children who need dental treatment went to a dentist. 89% of children who are cavity free.

- 95% families that improve or maintain healthy family functioning, problem solving & communication.
- 97% 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.
- 87% 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

Early Care & Education Training

Child Care Nurse Consultant –100% of programs receiving onsite assessment and Consultation improved health & safety conditions. 90% of children with special needs care plan in place at the child care facility.

Business Investment Program –31% of businesses increased or maintained the highest level in Iowa’s Quality Rating System (QRS)

Early Care & Education Training – One conference was held, 19 participants attended.

