

# BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area Board

*"Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful."*



A partner in the Early Childhood Iowa  
Statewide Initiative

## Who We Are

The Board consists of up to 11 volunteer members who live or work in Buena Vista, Crawford, or Sac, County and are interested in helping our youngest Iowan's become successful.

## What We Do

Provide funding to human service agencies to promote school readiness so children have the necessary tools to be prepared to start school.

## Who We Serve

Families, guardians with and/or children aged prenatal through age 5 who live in Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Counties.

## How We Support Families & Children

Preschools	Oral Health	Family Support	Child Care
Low Income Preschool Scholarships provide opportunities for children to have a quality preschool experience to prepare them for school and their future.	Education to develop healthy habits & care coordination for dental intervention services. Tooth decay remains one of the most common chronic diseases which can cause pain, infection, loss of school days, and even death if untreated.	Parent education is designed to strengthen protective factors, including parenting skills, increase parental knowledge of child development, and increase family functioning and problem-solving skills. Provided in the family's home or a safe environment.	Professional development and business investments to increase quality child care, so children have a safe learning environment that allow parents to work and build on a child's cognitive and social skills.

## Investing in Early Childhood Services Makes Sense

Children who enter school at higher levels of readiness have higher earnings throughout their lives. They are also healthier and less likely to become involved with the criminal justice system.	There is supporting evidence that early childhood education prepares children for school which in turn produces productive adults. <b><i>For every \$1 invested in early childhood programming there is a return of \$8.</i></b>	The impact of the lack of affordable, accessible high-quality child care on employers is written in the bottom line: adjusted for inflation, U.S. <b><i>businesses lose approximately \$4.4 billion</i></b> annually due to employee absenteeism as the result of child care breakdowns.
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