

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.



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 Thursday 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 712-673-4610.

Additional information and resources available at <http://bvcsearlychildhoodiowa.org/>

Public Libraries

Call to check on children's services and or story hours offered at the library.

Alta Community Library 712-200-1250

Albert City Public Library 712-843-2012

Ida Grove Public Library 712-364-2306

Linn Grove Public Library 712-296-3919

Marathon Public Library 712-289-2200

Newell Public Library 712-272-4334

Odebolt Public Library 712-668-2718

Schaller Library 712-275-4741

Sioux Rapids Memorial Lib. 712-283-2064

Storm Lake Public Library 712-732-8026

What can
Buena Vista County
offer
your child
From birth to 5 years of age?

**BVCS Early
Childhood**



BVCS Early Childhood Iowa

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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 indicators such as ChildNet and the Iowa's Quality Rating System (IQ4K) Child Care Consultants provide onsite consultation to all preschools, centers, homes and before and after school programs. CCR&R also provides professional development to child care professionals and data to community leaders.

800-859-2025 or 712-786-2001

<http://www.iwaccrr.org>

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

Non-registered Home Providers can care for five or fewer children at one time (including their own). The Iowa Department of Human Services has Minimum Health and Safety Requirements.

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. There are three categories of registration, based on size of house, education, and years of experience.

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 in compliance with standards set forth by their respective departments.

Ready-Set-Grow

321 Main St Alta 712-200-4150
Serving children infants – school age

Sioux Rapids Child Care

505 Elm St Sioux Rapids Infant: 712-283-2395
106 2nd St Sioux Rapids 2 years & up: 712-283-2945

Newell Children's Center

212 S School St Newell 712-272-4147
Serving Children 6 weeks to 12 years.

Preschool

Albert City - Truesdale

300 Orchard St Albert City 712-843-5416

Alta Community School

321 Main St Alta 712-200-1400

Grace Lutheran

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

Newell-Fonda Community School District

205 South Clark Newell 712-272-3324

Sioux Central Community School District

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

Storm Lake Community School District

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

Saint Mary's Catholic School

312 Seneca St Storm Lake 712-732-4166

Head Start & Early Head Start

Upper Des Moines Opportunities: Head Start/Early Head Start 712-732-1358

Provides center based preschool services for income eligible families with children 3-5 years old in addition to a center-based program for children 0-2 years old. 712-732-1358

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

Preschool Scholarships

BVCS ECI offers Preschool Tuition Assistance at participating area preschools. 712-673-4610

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Early Childhood Services

Buena Vista Public Health & Home Care - Family

STEPS: A home visitation program for families with children prenatal to 5. Buena Vista Public Health & Home Care 712-749-2549

Early Childhood Services

NW 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. 800-377-8115 or 712-263-4625

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

Department of Human Services located at 311 E 5th Street, Storm Lake, IA on-line applications (OASIS): Child Care Subsidy, Food Assistance, hawk-I, Family Investment Program etc. <http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/>

Lutheran Services in Iowa located at 1614 West 5th St, Storm Lake. Family Communication and Support & Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS). In-home skill building services for children with chronic mental health issues. 712-291-1066.

<http://lsiowa.org/>

New Opportunities, Inc. - WIC Program 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. 712-830-1329. <https://www.newopo.org>

New Opportunities, Inc. - 1st Five Coordinator 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. Children and their families are then linked with community resources for guidance and support. 712-792-9266

Mid-Sioux Opportunity - FaDSS is a state-sponsored program to help families who are receiving FIP work to become self-sufficient, through home visits and work with a Family Development Specialist. Eligibility: adult member of household must receive FIP. Phone: 712-786-2001.

Upper Des Moines Opportunity Services for income eligible households. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) 712-732-1757 620 Michigan St., Storm Lake, IA 50588