

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area Executive Summary

State Fiscal Year 2023

Counties in the Early Childhood Iowa Area: Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac.

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Vision: “Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful”.

Mission: “To improve the quality of life for children and families by strongly supporting safe environment, lifelong learning and facilitating a coordinated system for community services”.

The programs we support are important to reaching our vision and mission and intricately linked to the State Early Childhood Iowa Result Areas.

- ✓ Healthy Children
- ✓ Children Ready to Succeed in School
- ✓ Secure & Nurturing Families
- ✓ Secure & Nurturing Early Learning Environments
- ✓ Safe & Supportive Communities.



BVCS Early Childhood - Local Story

In Fiscal Year 23 the Community Services Areas (CSA) were restructured into different services areas. Crawford County Community Health was awarded the contract which included services for the Child Care Nurse Consultant and I-Smile Oral Health programs. Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac Early Childhood Iowa area (BVCS ECI) provides funds to both programs and the transition from another service area was not without setbacks.

The Child Care Nurse Consultant and Oral Health Dental Education & Screenings fit into the Community Plan priorities for quality child care & preschool and accessible health services.

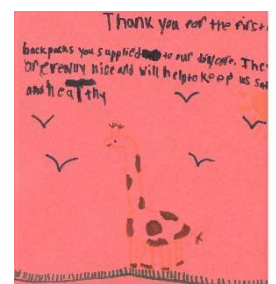
Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC) provides services to child care environments focusing on policy development & review, sanitation, health & safety trainings, nutrition & physical activity, special needs & care, and social/behavioral development. The transition for the CCNC position required a time in which she was serving the old service area and the new service area. Funding for the CCNC was based on a full year of service. Working with the BVCS ECI Board a revision to the contract allowed for the CCNC to work with child care centers to purchase items to support their individual needs related to health and safety for the children and/or center requirements. Thank you note from a child care center:

Thanks so much to you and BVCS ECI for all you guys did to make it possible for us to receive both awesome grants! We truly appreciate everything we got! It's so nice to have great support from others!

Oral Health provides education and screenings for children in the three counties. The contract was amended to meet the new CSA standard providing services to children zero – five years. Services in preschools and other opportunities allowed for services to be provided with BVCS ECI funds and Medicaid reimbursement for those that qualify.

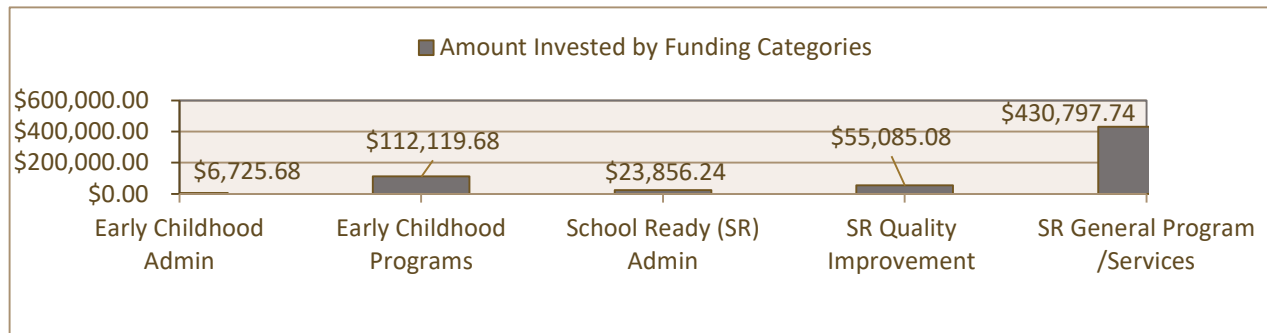
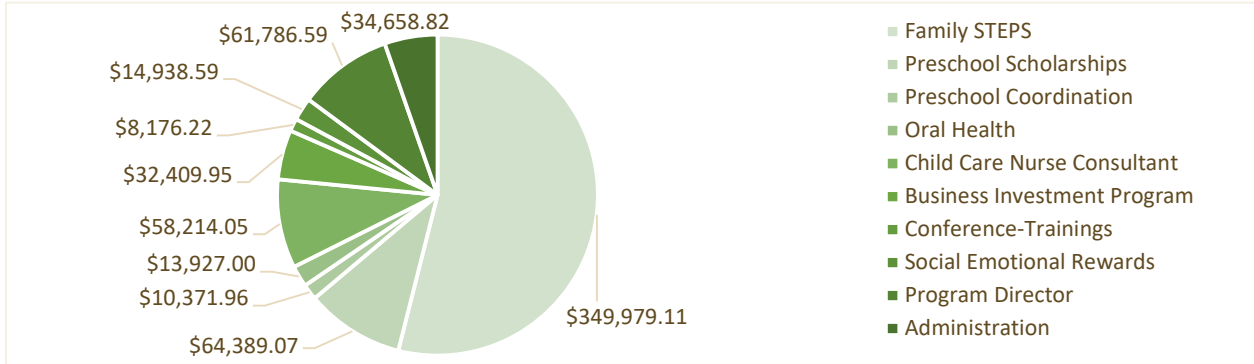
Community Plan Priorities

- Mental Health for a Young Child's Development
- Quality Child Care & Preschool
- Accessible Health Services
- Building, Connecting, and Educating about Community Services



BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area Tracking & Financial Highlights

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Funded Programs BVCS Early Childhood Supports

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 Tuition Assistance **99%** of students demonstrating age appropriate skills as assessed by the ASQ-3

Oral Health **77%** children screened are cavity free. **20%** children referred for dental treatment that went to a dentist.

Family STEPS **93%** of participants improved or maintained healthy family functioning problem solving & communication. **81%** increase or maintain social supports. **86%** are connected to additional concrete supports. **57%** improved nurturing & attachment between parent & child. **57%** increased knowledge about child development & parenting.

Child Care Nurse Consultant **94%** of children with special health needs has a needs plan in place.

Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC)

- Special health care needs
- Onsite assessments
- Trainings
- Quality Rating System

Business Investment Program (BIP)

- Registered/Licensed child care
- Start Up & Expansion
- Quality Initiatives

Early Care & Education

- Conference
- PBIS
- Iowa Early Learning Standards

Social Emotional

- Trainings
- Curriculum
- ASQ-3 & ASQ:SE

Business Investment Program **100%** businesses received at least on incentive and submitted reimbursement claim.

Early Care & Education Professional Development **120** attended **7** events.

Social Emotional **55%** that applied completed one or more components of the program. **34** attended **4** training events.