



BVCS FY 23 Early Childhood Iowa Annual Report Data

Funding Stream	Program Information	Required Data July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDS:	<p>Business Investment Program Indirect Service</p> <p>This program <u>supports continuous quality improvement activities in child care businesses</u>. Child care businesses apply for grant funding to invest in their programs. Once awarded a grant, the money can be used to start a new child care, expand an existing child care, meet minimum health and safety needs, and participate in continuous quality improvement as defined by the Iowa Quality Rating System.</p> <p>Serving: Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Counties</p> <p>Link to Community Plan: Quality Child Care & Preschool</p>	<p>Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. (contractor) Child Care Resource & Referral</p> <p>\$32,409.95 Expended 16 Businesses that applied.</p> <p>By category: 2-Child Care Home and/or Non-Registered 0-non-Registered that became HHS Registered 7-Child Development Homes – HHS Registered 7-HHS Licensed Centers</p> <p>Start-Up 2-Child Care Homes – non-Registered 1-Child Development Home 2-HHS Licensed Center</p> <p>Quality Improvement Activities 6-Child Development Homes 5-HHS Licensed Centers</p> <p>Businesses awarded a grant by category: 2-Child Care Home and/or Non-Registered 7-Child Development Homes – HHS Registered 7-HHS Licensed Centers</p> <p>Applications Awarded a Grant 100% Businesses that Received at Least One Incentive 100%</p> <p>Outcome: Businesses that submitted a reimbursement claim by category (unduplicated) Child Care Home and/or Non-Registered 100% non-Registered that became HHS Registered 0% Child Development Homes – HHS Registered 100% HHS Licensed Centers 100%</p>



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<p>Child Care Nurse Consultant Indirect Service</p> <p>Provide health and safety to child care settings in order to assure nurturing early care environments.</p> <p>Serving: Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Counties</p> <p>Link to Community Plan: Quality Child Care & Preschool</p>	<p>Webster County Health Department Crawford County Community Health</p> <p>\$58,214.07 BVCS ECI expended. \$20.39 Funds from another source expended. \$58,234.46 Total funds supporting CCNC Cost per program for the service: \$1,354.29</p> <p>114 visits by a CCNC</p> <p>43 Programs receiving services by category (unduplicated) 4 - Child Care Home (non-registered) 15 - Child Development Home (registered) 24 - Child Care Centers and Preschool (licensed) 0 - DE license exempt programs</p> <p>Businesses participating in each level of either QRS or IQ4K 13/43 30.23%</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>QRS Level 1: 2</td> <td>IQ4K Level 1: 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>QRS Level 2: 1</td> <td>IQ4K Level 2: 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>QRS Level 3: 1</td> <td>IQ4K Level 3: 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>QRS Level 4: 8</td> <td>IQ4K Level 4: 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>QRS Level 5: 0</td> <td>IQ4K Level 5: 0</td> </tr> </table> <p>Special Health Care Needs (Output Measure) Total number of special health care needs in each category: Asthma: 3 Allergies (including anaphylaxis): 13 Diabetes: 1 IEP/IFSP: 11 Seizures: 3 Other: 3 (tube feedings, Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome, Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis) 30/34 or 88.24% special health care needs with a special needs care plan in place.</p> <p>97 technical assistance contacts.</p> <p>Outcome: 36/43 or 83.72% programs that improved health & safety conditions. 4 HCCI HHS-approved training provided. 18/18 or 100% participants attending HCCI HHS-approved trainings increased knowledge as a result of HCCI Trainings.</p>	QRS Level 1: 2	IQ4K Level 1: 3	QRS Level 2: 1	IQ4K Level 2: 0	QRS Level 3: 1	IQ4K Level 3: 1	QRS Level 4: 8	IQ4K Level 4: 0	QRS Level 5: 0	IQ4K Level 5: 0
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<p>Provider Development Indirect Service</p> <p>Link to Community Plan: Quality Child Care & Preschool</p> <p>1 Conference Nurtured Heart Approach</p> <p>6 Trainings: Milestones Matter; It's Not the Child but the Environment; Art before Pinterest; All Children Belong; Bullies Need Friends Too; Ages and Stages: SE</p> <p>Serving: Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Counties</p>	<p>Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. (contractor) Child Care Resource & Referral</p> <p>\$8,176.72 Expended</p> <p>120 participants</p> <p>7 conference/trainings</p> <p>7 or 100% funded in the Early Learning category.</p>
<p>Social Emotional Program Indirect Service</p> <p>Link to Community Plan: Mental Health for a Young Child's Development</p> <p>Coordinate services to early care and education environments to attend training/s, implement curriculum or assessment and award accomplishments. In addition to Professional Development the program encouraged the use of the Ages and Stages Assessments & Sesame Street Brave-Strong-Resilient curriculum.</p> <p>Serving: Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Counties</p>	<p>Buena Vista County in partnership with the Child Care Nurse Consultant Kid's World, Inc. Wee Wildcat Child Care Children's Imagination Station Four Child Care Development Homes</p> <p>\$13,318.94 Expended Early Childcare Program \$1,619.65 Expended Early Childhood Admin. \$14,938.59 Total Expended Cost Per Training \$3,734.65</p> <p>4 Trainings in the Health, Mental Health & Nutrition category.</p> <p>BVCS Early Childhood Specific Training collected. 26 potential participation child care centers & child development homes. 11 applied 55% that applied completed one or more components.</p>



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<p>SCHOOL READY FUNDS</p>	<p>Dental Direct Service</p> <p>Link to Community Plan: Accessible Health Services</p> <p>Provide oral health screenings, fluoride varnish, oral hygiene instruction and care coordination to children 0-5 years of age.</p> <p>Serving: Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Counties</p>	<p>Webster County Health Department Crawford County Community Health</p> <p>\$7,207.77 Expended School Ready Quality \$6,718.23 Expended School Ready General \$9,229.88 Expended Funds from another source \$23,156.88 Total Funds Expended</p> <p>Children served by age (as of September 15): 34 - Children 0-1 Year 47 - Children 1 to 2 Years 0 - Children 2 to 3 Years 378 - Children 3 to 4 Years 448 - Children 4 to 5 Years 120 - Children 5 to 6 Years 1027 Total</p> <p>579 children screened for caries 56.38% 133 children screened, referred for follow up services/treatment 22.97% \$ 23,156.88 Cost Per Child for the services \$22.55 Cost per Child</p> <p>Outcome: 20.30% of children referred for dental treatment that went to a dentist.</p> <p>76.86% of children are cavity free.</p>
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<p>Preschool Scholarship Direct Service</p> <p>Link to Community Plan: Quality Child Care and Preschool</p> <p>Financial support to assist parents with preschool costs.</p> <p>Serving: Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Counties</p>	<p>Buena Vista County – BVCS ECI</p> <p>Agreements with: Little Cyclones – Alta Community School (3 classroom teachers) Immanuel Lutheran Preschool (1 classroom teacher) Saint Mary’s Preschool (3 classroom teachers) Saint Rose of Lima (2 classroom teachers) Schaller-Crestland (1 classroom teacher) Sioux Central Community School (3 classroom teachers) Zion Lutheran Preschool (1 classroom teacher)</p> <p>\$64,389.07 Expended</p> <p>Age of children served (as of September 15) 26 - Children 3 to 4 years 52 – Children 4 to 5 years 5 – Children 5 to 6 years 83 - Total Children</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Marital Status</td> <td>Household size</td> </tr> <tr> <td>46 Married</td> <td>11 with 2 in household</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21 Single</td> <td>14 with 3 in household</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Partnered</td> <td>19 with 4 in household</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 Separated</td> <td>21 with 5 in household</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9 Divorced</td> <td>10 with 6 in household</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>8 with 7 + in household</td> </tr> </table> <p>19 at or below 125% of Federal Poverty Level 39 between 126%-185% of Federal Poverty Level 9 between 186%-200% 16 between 201%-300%</p> <p>Education Level of Primary Caregiver 2 Middle School or Lower, 7 Some High School, 37 GED or High School Diploma, 5 Trade/Vocational Training, 0 Some College, 11 Two-Year Degree, 18 four-Year Degree, 3 Masters Degree or Higher</p> <p>Race of Child: 80 White, 1 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, 2 Multi-Racial 37 - Hispanic</p> <p>Outcome: 95% of children screened for delays using the ASQ-3 1% referred for follow-up services/treatment. \$775.77 Cost per child 99% of children demonstrate age-appropriate skills. 57% of programs with a Rating of 3 or higher in the QRS System or an IQ4K rating.</p>	Marital Status	Household size	46 Married	11 with 2 in household	21 Single	14 with 3 in household	3 Partnered	19 with 4 in household	4 Separated	21 with 5 in household	9 Divorced	10 with 6 in household		8 with 7 + in household
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<p>Low Income Preschool Support – Coordination</p> <p>Indirect Service</p> <p>Link to Community Plan: Quality Child Care and Preschool</p> <p>Serving: Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Counties</p>	<p>Buena Vista County</p> <p>\$10,3741.96 Expended School Ready/General</p> <p>116 Scholarships Processed 83 Scholarships Awarded</p> <p>7 Preschool Programs</p> <p>Education Level of Lead Teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 with AA in related filed3 with BA/BS in Early Childhood or Child Development5 with Post Graduate Degree <p>Teacher License Endorsements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 with 100 Endorsement2 with 103 Endorsement <p>Total Number of Children in Classrooms = 206</p> <p>40% of students in classrooms on Scholarships</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>71.55% of scholarships were awarded.</p> <p>5 on waitlist</p> <p>12 approved, however, decided not to attend.</p> <p>17 over income</p> <p>On Iowa Grants 33 achieved 116 possible 28.45% ? sent email to ask about.</p>
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<p>Family STEPS Long-term, intensive home visitation program.</p> <p>Link to Community Plan: Accessible Health Services and Mental Health for a Young Child’s Development</p> <p>Provide a support system to strengthen families through an in-home visitation program. Promising Practice, Iowa Family Support Credential Program.</p> <p>Serving: Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Counties</p>	<p>Buena Vista Public Health & Home Care Crawford County Community Health Sac County Health Services</p> <p>\$349,318.48 BVCS ECI Funds Expended \$35,000.00 Prevent Child Abuse Funds Expended \$384,318,48 Total Funds Expended (this is not adding up correctly on Iowa Grants)</p> <p>139 Children Served 96 Families Served 1069 Home Visits</p> <p>Primary Parent Demographics Average Age at Enrollment 26 years 49% Prenatal at time of Enrollment 76% White, 16% Asian, 6% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 2% Black or African American 32% Hispanic</p> <p>68% of families at or below 125% of federal poverty level</p> <p>25% Married, 49% Partnered, 26% Single Primary Language Spoken at Home: 51% English, 27% Spanish, 13% Karen, 1% Arabic, 8% Other</p> <p>18% Elementary, Middle or lower Education 17% Some High School 46% High School Diploma/GED 2% Trade/Vocational Training 16% Some College 2% 2-Year College Degree</p> <p>74% of Mothers Screened using Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale. 8% Screened Positive. 11% Referred.</p> <p>Outcomes 93% of families improve/maintain healthy family functioning. 81% of families increase/maintain social support. 86% of families are connected to additional concrete support. 57% of families increase knowledge of child development & parenting. 57% of families improve nurturing/attachment between parent and child.</p>
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Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Early Childhood Iowa Area

FY 23 YEAR-END SUMMARY: ECI – SCHOOL READY BUDGET	
REVENUE	
Carry over from FY 22	\$ 97,476.59
FY 23 Allocation	\$ 483,730.00
Interest FY 23	\$ 5,033.05
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 586,239.64

EXPENSE		
Fiscal Agent Fees	Buena Vista County	\$ 7,588.80
Liability Insurance Fees	Colburn Insurance, ICAP	\$ 2,199.45
Audit Fees	Winther Stave & Co. LLP	\$ 251.10
Board Operations	Buena Vista County	\$ 3,650.99
Program Director Admin	Buena Vista County	\$ 9,583.76
Program Director Quality	Buena Vista County	\$ 47,873.39
Association	ECI Assoc., Co Membership	\$ 582.14
Family STEPS	Public Health Agencies	\$ 349,318.48
Scholarship Assistance	Qualified Preschools	\$ 64,389.07
Scholarship Coordination	BVCS ECI	\$ 10,371.96
Oral Health	Webster County Health & Crawford County Community	\$ 13,927.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 509,736.14
Carry-Over Percentage	16%	
CARRY-OVER TO FY24		\$ 76,503.50

Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Early Childhood Iowa Area

FY 23 YEAR-END SUMMARY: ECI – Early Childhood BUDGET	
REVENUE	
Carry over from FY 22	\$ 23,092.82
FY 23 Allocation	\$ 116,491.00
Interest FY 23	\$ 1,283.79
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 140,867.61

EXPENSE		
Fiscal Agent Fees	Buena Vista County	\$ 571.20
Liability Insurance Fees	Colburn Insurance, ICAP	\$ 165.55
Audit Fees	Winther Stave & Co. LLP	\$ 18.90
Board Operations	Buena Vista County	\$ -
Program Director Admin	Buena Vista County	\$ 4,329.52
Association	ECI Assoc., Co Membership	\$ 20.86
Social Emotional Supports		\$ 14,938.59
Business Investment Program	Mid-Sioux Opportunities, Inc.	\$ 32,409.95
Provider Development	Mid-Sioux Opportunities, Inc. Webster County Health &	\$ 8,176.72
Child Care Nurse Consultant	Crawford County Community	\$ 58,214.07
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 118,845.36
Carry-Over Percentage	19%	
CARRY-OVER TO FY24		\$ 22,022.25
FY 22 Amount over 20% into FY 23		\$ 402.22
		\$ 21,620.03

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area Executive Summary

State Fiscal Year 2023

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

Contact for Area: Annette Koster, Program Director

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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.

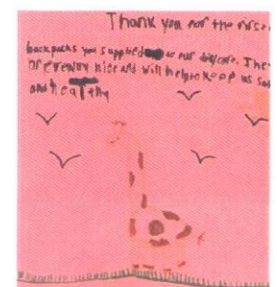
Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC) provides services to child care environments focusing on policy development & review, sanitation, health & safety trainings, nutrition & physical activity, special needs & care, and social/behavioral development. The transition for the CCNC position required a time 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.

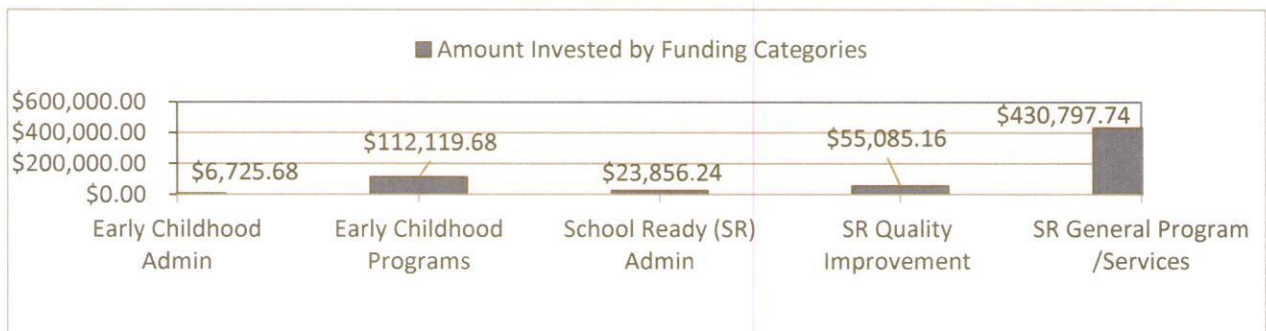
Community Plan Priorities

- 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

State Fiscal Year 23 Executive Summary



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.

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.

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

Community Plan Updates in SFY'2023

Name of Early Childhood Area: BVCS Early Childhood Iowa (Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac)

Iowa Code chapter 256I requires that local ECIA boards report progress toward and achievement of desired results identified in the Community Plan.

Provide a narrative of the ECIA's progress in the last year towards the priorities and strategies identified in the most recent Community Plan. Success and/or challenges to meeting the ECIA goals may also be included.

The BVCS ECI Area Board utilized the current community plan to make progress toward desired results.

BVCS ECI Area Board Operations

The BVCS ECI Area Board implemented the following steps to meet priorities:

- Utilized a request for renewal process for all programs for FY23. Contract in place to start July 1, 2023.
- Approve FY 22 Annual Report and review carry forward amounts.
- Seeking to fill Board vacancy.
- Conducted program monitoring site visits of funded programs.
- Conducted fiscal reviews of all funded programs.
- Contracted programs submit quarterly reports based on performance measures.
- Reviewed items in the community plan which included but not limited to indicator data and trendline data. Voted to change data definitions in BVCS ECI Community Wide indicators to match the Statewide Indicators.
- Review and update the Board's policies and procedure manual and by-laws.
- Utilized social media such as the BVCS ECI website and Facebook.
- Election of officer for upcoming Fiscal Year.

Priority - Quality child care & preschool

- Preschool Scholarship program 83 students were awarded tuition assistance, 70% of families were at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. Families are living at or above the state poverty level.
Community Wide Indicator Percentage of children aged 0-17 who live below the poverty level during the year.
Data Source: Kids County Data Center/Child & Family Policy Center.
Baseline 2016: Buena Vista County 17.3% | Crawford 16.9% | Sac 16.5% | State 14.6%.
2020: Buena Vista County 12.0% | Crawford 14.4% | Sac 14.8% | State 12.0%.
Goal: Provide financial support to families in need.
- Business Improvement Program, 16 child care environments participated. 100% of the applicants that applied for start-up and quality improvement received at least one incentive and submitted a reimbursement claim.
- Provider Development Program, 7 child care training opportunities were provided with 120 early childhood educators attending one conference (22 participants) and six trainings (98 participants).
- The Child Care Nurse Consultants in the BVCS ECI area provided onsite consultation and assessment to improve health and safety conditions in 43 early learning environments.
Community Wide Indicator: child care spaces. Data source: Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R).
Baseline July 2018: Buena Vista County 120 | Crawford 120 | Sac 40
July 2022: Buena Vista County 92 | Crawford 72 | Sac 52
Community Wide Indicator: spaces available in HHS Licensed Centers/Preschools. Data source: CCR&R.
Baseline: July 2018: Buena Vista County 435 | Crawford 384 | Sac 171
July 2022: Buena Vista County 582 | Crawford 418 | Sac 202
Goal: Increase slots in quality child care environments to cover the need in the area.
- Community Wide Indicator: literacy by counties in Early Childhood Iowa Area percent of students proficient 4th grade services. Data Source: Child Wellbeing Indicators & Data KIDS Count Data Center.
Baseline: 2016: Buena Vista County 71% | Crawford 78% | Sac 77% | State 76%
2020: Buena Vista County 67% | Crawford 74% | Sac 72% | State 73%
Goal: Provide young children with positive environments to improve future learning.

Priority – Accessible health services

- Oral Health, 1027 children 0 through age 5 received dental screenings and 23% were referred on for additional treatment, 20% referred went to a dentist, 77% were cavity free.

Community Wide Indicator: dental treatment age 0-5 preventative dental services (Medicaid) Data source: Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal.

Baseline 2019: Buena Vista County 48.51% | Crawford 16.09% | Sac 50.82% | State 45.68%

2021: Buena Vista County 31.94% | Crawford 39.27% | Sac 33.08% | State 35.44%

Goal: Provide oral health education, screenings, and care coordination to assist health concerns.

Priority – Mental health for a young child’s development

- Family STEPS Home Visitation Program - Three family support programs provided services in the three-county area. They are considered a promising practice model and are in the process for the Iowa Family Support Re-Credential. The family support and parent education programs served 139 children, 96 families, and provided 1069 home visits. 46% were first time mothers, the average age of mom was 26.2 and 49% of the families served had a primary language other than English. There were 129 children screened for developmental delays, 26% screened positive for potential delays and 92% were either referred to or already enrolled in a service. 93.% improve or maintain health family functioning problem solving and communication. 81% increase of maintaining social support. 86% are connected to additional concrete support. 57% improve nurturing & attachment between parent and child. 57% increase knowledge of child development and parenting.

Community Wide Indicator: Immunizations 2-year-old coverage of individual vaccines and selected vaccination series (up to date 4-3-13-1-4)

Baseline 2019: Buena Vista County 74.0% | Crawford 63.1% | Sac 69.6% | State 65.7%

2022: Buena Vista County 81.3% | Crawford 80.9% | Sac 69.3% | State 70.9%

Community Wide Indicator: Low birth weight singleton full term births. Source: IDPH Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal

Baseline 2019: Buena Vista County 2.75% | Crawford suppressed | Sac suppressed | State 1.86%

2021: Buena Vista County 2.26% | Crawford suppressed | Sac suppressed | State 1.92%

Community Wide Indicator: Confirmed or founded abuse reports of children 5 or younger. Data Source: Department of Human Services.

Baseline CY 2017: Buena Vista County 45.3% | Crawford 57.7% | Sac 26.5% | State 47.4%

CY 2021: Buena Vista County 4.50% | Crawford 40.4% | Sac 43.3% | State 47.3%

Community Wide Indicator: Teen Moms, Birth rate for Mothers under age 20 and younger, rate is per 1,000 population. Data Source: IDPH Tracking Portal

Baseline 2017: Buena Vista County 10.3 | Crawford 8.8 | Sac suppressed | State 7.7

2021: Buena Vista County 7.7 | Crawford 16.5 | Sac suppressed | State 6.3

Goal: Offer a support system to parent/guardians caring for young children.

- Social Emotional Supports Program supported four training courses related to early learning with a mental health focus. In addition, understanding the scoring of the Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) along with having the program implement the ASQ-3 and ASQ: Social Emotional Questionnaires in their environments to be used during communication/conferences with parents. The program also promoted using Sesame Street in Communities materials, focusing on Brave-Strong-Resilience curriculum.

Goal: Provide education and materials to assist early care and education environments focusing on their need and the needs of the children in their care.

Priority - Building, connecting, and educating about community services.

Coordination of early childhood services continues through the Program Director position. In addition to overseeing the day-to-day work of the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa area the position requires co-facilitation of Community Coalitions the Purpose of the Meetings: *Community Coalitions are meant to bring agencies and community members together to be able to share information and assist in gathering information about the community. In the event an agency needs assistance for a project, to meet a grant need, they can: present to the group, and or draw upon attendees to form workgroups.* A total of 227 community members are on the distribution list. Meetings are held using the hybrid approach with notes maintained for those not able to attend. Coalitions also serve as the Child Abuse Prevention Councils.

The Program Director participates in Early Childhood Stakeholder Alliance and local community collaborative meetings in the three-county area.

The Program Director is part of a committee to maintain the Community Resource Directories for Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Counties. The directories are stored on the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa website <https://bvcsearlychildhoodiowa.org>.

Successes

- Transition of the Community Service Area was completed with a slight delay in services. The same service providers now provide the Child Care Nurse Consultant and I-Smile programs.
- Resource Directories have been updated to support the new Community Service Area.
- Family STEPS has been approved to proceed in the Iowa Family Support Credential (re-credential).
- Child Care Centers appreciated extra support through the Child Care Nurse Consultant. The Child Care Nurse Consultant served two service areas at the start of the year, during the transition. The conflict was that this resulted in more funding remaining in the BVCS ECI contract. The Board voted that the funds could be used to support child care environments with their health and safety needs/equipment. Guidance for purchases was provided from the CCNC.

Challenges

- Early Childhood Iowa has been unable to restore funding to the 2008 levels.
- Reduced funding to the local area keeps program at status quo or reduced funding.
- Impacting policy change at the state level and engaging policy makers continues to be an ongoing challenge.
- Public/Private partnerships in Storm Lake for a child care facility.

Describe how the board aligns their community plan with the [“We are ECI” Strategic Plan 2023-2026](#). Goals identified in the state plan include:

- **Infrastructure:** Promote a coordinated infrastructure to advance the early childhood system.
- **Communication:** Build public will for investing in young children and their families.
- **Workforce:** Transform the early childhood workforce through formal education, greater professionalism, increased skills and competence, and new approaches to implementing best practices.
- **Equitable Access:** Ensure that young children and families receive the services they need when they need them.
- **Quality:** Improve the quality of early childhood services for young children and their families across early care and education; health, mental health, and nutrition; and family support services.

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.

Early Childhood Iowa vision statement

“Every child beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful”

BVCS Early Childhood Area Board vision statement

“Every child beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful”

Result Areas Alignment

The BVCS Early Childhood Area Board aligns with the Early Childhood Iowa Boards’ result areas that will improve the quality of life with young children and their families.

Early Childhood Iowa is committed to:

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

BVCS Early Childhood Area Board is committed to:

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

Guiding Principles Alignment

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- Children and families are our North Star.
- Diverse partnerships
- Brain science
- Equity
- Data is a valuable resource.
- Accountability

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- Provide opportunities that are innovative and creative.
- Develop partnerships to improve communication, cooperation, and collaboration.
- Be culturally sensitive.
- Be future oriented.
- Utilize best practices to enhance quality.

Goals and Strategies Alignment

“We Are ECI” Strategic Plan 2023-2026 - Infrastructure & Communication

BVCS ECI - Building, Connecting, and Educating about Community Services - Programs/Services Funded: Program Director | Community Coalitions | Collaborations within Communities | Oversight to contract programs | Family STEPS referrals to community resources.

Rationale: Networking and collaboration efforts are needed to identify strengths, needs, and gaps in services in the community served. Through the identification of the community’s gaps in services, agencies can work together to provide tools and resources to meet the needs of children and families.

“We Are ECI” Strategic Plan 2023-2026 - Equitable Access & Quality

BVCS ECI - Accessible Health Services - Programs/Services Funded: Oral Health Education, Screenings, Fluoride Varnish | Family STEPS, long term home visitation.

Rationale: Care Coordination along with providing referrals to programs, caregivers may need but may not be aware of. Applying for services can be overwhelming. Providing coordination and/or added support will provide access to quality services.

“We Are ECI” Strategic Plan 2023-2026 - Workforce & Equitable Access

BVCS ECI - Quality Child Care & Preschool - Programs/Services Funded: Business Investment Program | Provider Development for Early Care & Education programs | Preschool Scholarships | Child Nurse Care Consultants.

Rationale: Families/Caregivers need quality, accessible, and affordable services so their children are educated and well cared for while in someone else’s care.

“We Are ECI” Strategic Plan 2023-2026 - Quality

BVCS ECI - Mental Health for a Young Child’s Development - Programs/Services funded: Family STEPS, long term home visitation | Child Care Nurse Consultants.

Rationale: Mental health for a young child’s development can have a multitude of different meanings for parents, families, child care providers and teachers/caregivers. Caregivers that are better informed about milestones of normal health child development can identify the warning signs that indicate assistance is necessary.

Early Childhood Iowa Local Board Composition

Name of Early Childhood Area:	Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Early Childhood Iowa		State Fiscal Year:	23
Number/Range of Board Members Required in Bylaws:	11	Total Number of Board Members that served during the year: 11		
Number of Board Members (board size) on June 30 th of fiscal year:	10	Total # of hours board members spent at board meetings: 67		

Instructions: List all members of the ECI board during the fiscal year. List all current board members at the top of the table, followed by members that vacated board positions. If additional rows are needed, add above the "Total # Members possible for the meeting" row.

Name/Office	Gender (M/F)	County	Employer	Representation (throughout the fiscal year)	Term Information		Board Vacancies	Meeting Attendance (place an 1 in the box if the member was present)										
					Date member joined the board	Term #		Date Term Ends	11/30/2023 -Cancelled	1/25/2023	2/22/2023	3/29/2023	4/26/2023	5/31/2023	6/28/2023			
Rhonda Ringgenberg	F	Buena Vista	Paxton Jewelry	Elected official BV	6/25/2008	5	FY 23		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Chris Cleveland	M	Buena Vista	ICCC	Required education	4/28/2020	2	FY 25	3/30/2023	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Denise Grettenger	F	Buena Vista	UDMO Head Start	Required education	5/31/2023	1	FY 25		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Ranell Drake	M	Sac	Farmer	Required business	1/30/2013	4	FY 24		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Jean Heiden (Chair)	F	Crawford	County Supervisor	Elected Official Crawford	1/27/2021	1	FY 23		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Mike Bunde (Co-Chair)	M	Crawford	Retired Principal	Early childhood	2/27/2013	4	FY 24		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Heather Aldag	F	Crawford	Life Connections	Required consumer	5/25/2022	1	FY 25		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Vacant																		
Rev. David K Viggers	M	Sac	Reverend	Required faith	11/28/2019	2	FY 24		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Melissa Drey	F	Sac	Plains Area Mental Health	Required health	6/29/2022	1	FY 25	6/26/2023	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Mollie Scott (Fiscal Officer)	F	Craw & Sac	Decat/CPPC	Required human service	2/28/2018	3	FY 24		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Amanda Collins	F	All	Juvenile Court	Law enforcement	11/29/2017	3	FY 24		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Total # Members possible for the meeting																		
Total # Members attending meeting																		
% Members attending meeting																		
Quorum Met - Enter Y (yes) or N (no)																		

SCHOOL READY FUNDS UNDER EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA		FY22	FY23
Early Childhood Iowa Area:		<i>This column must match the final FY22 financial statement submitted by the ECIA.</i>	
Revenues			
Current allocation for Administration (not to exceed 3% of total award) for Reporting Year		\$24,642.00	\$24,012.00
Quality Improvement Funds		\$57,004.00	\$56,794.00
Other Programs/Services		\$411,194.00	\$402,924.00
Subtotal current award		\$492,840.00	\$483,730.00
Carry-forward from Previous Years: Available for Current Reporting Year			
Brought Forward - Administration		\$542.55	\$2,600.86
Brought Forward - Quality Improvement Funds		\$1,173.56	\$4,670.98
Brought Forward - Other Programs/Services (includes interest applied)		\$74,021.11	\$90,204.75
Subtotal Carry-forward funds		\$75,737.22	\$97,476.59
Total Available funds		\$568,577.22	\$581,206.59
Total Available Funds for Reporting Year			
Administration (not to exceed 3% of total award)		\$25,184.55	\$26,612.86
Quality Improvement Funds		\$58,177.56	\$61,464.98
Other Programs/Services		\$485,215.11	\$493,128.75
Interest Accrued in Current Fiscal Year (Must be used in Program and not Administration)			\$5,033.05
Grand Total Budget for Reporting Year		\$568,577.22	\$586,239.64
Expenditures (Reporting Year)			
Administration Expenditures (not to exceed 3% of total award)			
Fiscal Agent fees		\$7,670.40	\$7,588.80
Liability Insurance fees		\$1,781.30	\$2,199.45
Financial Audit fees		\$253.80	\$251.10
Board Expenses		\$3,096.27	\$3,650.99
Association fees		\$510.14	\$582.14
Administrative Staff (ECIA director, support staff, etc.)		\$9,271.78	\$9,583.76
Other		\$0.00	\$0.00
Quality Improvement Funds		\$53,506.58	\$55,082.16
Other Programs/Services includes Interest Applied		\$395,010.36	\$430,797.74
Grand Total Expenditures for Reporting Year		\$471,100.63	\$509,736.14

Unexpended Balance of Funds for Reporting Year (Becomes Carry-forward in 1st succeeding year)		
Administration (not to exceed 3% of total award)	\$2,600.86	\$2,756.62
Quality Improvement Funds	\$4,670.98	\$6,382.82
Other Programs/Services includes Interest Applied	\$90,204.75	\$67,364.06
Unexpended Balance of Funds (Reporting Year)	\$97,476.59	\$76,503.50
Carryforward Percentage		16%
FY'21 Amount over 20% into FY'22		\$0.00
FY'22 Amount over 20% into FY'23		\$76,503.50
Amount subject to 20% for FY'22 and FY'23 Carry- forward	\$97,476.59	
Maximum Allowable Carry-forward to next year (20% of total current award)	\$98,568.00	\$96,746.00
Overage (Reduced from second succeeding year payments)	\$0.00	\$0.00

I hereby verify that the information contained in this financial statement is true and reflects the ending balance at the close of fiscal year.

 Fiscal Agent Signature
 On behalf of:

 Name of Early Childhood Iowa Area Represented: Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Early Childhood

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	EARLY CHILDHOOD STATE FUNDS UNDER EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA		FY22	FY23
	Early Childhood Iowa Area:		<i>This column must match the final FY22 financial statement submitted by the ECIA.</i>	
	Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Early Childhood Iowa (BVCS Early Childhood Iowa)			
	Revenues			
	Current allocation for Admin. (not to exceed 5% of total award) for Reporting Year		\$5,672.65	\$5,824.55
	Program/Service Funds		\$107,780.35	\$110,666.45
	Subtotal current award		\$113,453.00	\$116,491.00
	Carry-forward from Previous Years available for current reporting year			
	Brought Forward-Administration		\$1,877.79	\$2,471.65
	Brought Forward -- Program/Service Funds		\$14,782.09	\$20,621.17
	Interest (Must be used in Program and not Administration)			
	Subtotal carryover funds		\$16,659.88	\$23,092.82
	Total Available funds		\$130,112.88	\$139,583.82
	Current Year Available Funds (Current Allocation plus Carry-forward) by Category			
	Administration (not to exceed 5% of total award)		\$7,550.44	\$8,296.20
	Program/Service Funds includes Carry-forward Interest		\$122,562.44	\$131,287.62
	Interest Earned During Current Fiscal Year		\$128.88	\$1,283.79
	Total Available funds by category including Interest Earned in Reporting Year		\$130,241.76	\$140,867.61
	Expenditures (Reporting Year)			
	Administrative Expenditures (not to exceed 5% of total award)			
	Fiscal Agent fees		\$489.60	\$571.20
	Liability Insurance fees		\$113.70	\$165.55
	Financial Audit fees		\$16.20	\$18.90
	Board Expenses		\$96.14	\$0.00
	Association fees		\$32.56	\$20.86
	Administrative Staff (ECIA director, support staff, etc.)		\$4,330.59	\$4,329.52
	Other (Administrative used for Program/Services)		\$0.00	\$1,619.65
	Program/Service Expenditures		\$102,070.15	\$112,119.68
	Total Expenditures Reporting Year		\$107,148.94	\$118,845.36

<i>Unexpended Balance of Funds (Reporting Year)</i>	
Administration	\$1,570.52
Program/Service Funds	\$20,451.73
Unexpended Balance of Funds (Reporting Year)	\$22,022.25
Carry-Forward Percentage	19%
FY'21 Amount over 20% into FY'22	
FY'22 Amount over 20% into FY'23	\$ 402.22
Amount subject to 20% for FY'22 and FY'23 Carry-forward	\$23,092.82
Maximum Allowable Carry-forward to next year (20% of total current award)	\$22,690.60
Overage (Reduced from second succeeding year payments)	\$402.22
	\$23,298.20
	\$0.00

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