

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa - Community Plan 2025 -2028

Communities Identified:
Buena Vista, Crawford, & Sac Counties



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Community Plan Fiscal Years 2025-2028

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Mission: To improve the quality of life for children & families by strongly supporting safe environments, lifelong learning, and facilitating a coordinated system for community services.			
Guiding Principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide opportunities that are innovative and creative,• Utilize best practices to enhance quality.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop partnerships to improve communication, cooperation, and collaboration,• De culturally sensitive,• Be future oriented.	

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CPPC Mission: To create community partnerships that support children and empower families in our diversified county.			
Guiding Principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prevention, family centered, and community based• Protecting children from harm is everyone’s business		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural competence• Coordination of system resources• Youth are safe, healthy, and prepared for adulthood	
Decat Mission: to utilize the cooperative and collaborative planning efforts of communities, parents, courts, and providers to improve the child welfare system. To implement innovative, prevention-oriented programs that support families, children and community safety, stability, self-sufficiency, and permanency at the earliest point meeting the needs of children and families.			

Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac, Child Abuse Prevention Councils	
Mission: To promote positive and safe environments for the children in our community through public awareness, education, and services designed to prevent abuse and neglect.	
Guiding Principles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess community needs of prevention services • Assist with the development and funding of services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate and increase awareness in the prevention of child abuse 	

Early Childhood Iowa (ECI)

Early Childhood Iowa has a long and rich history of investing in young children, birth through age five, and their families. Early childhood experiences have an impact on the health, success in school, success in work, and in life overall.

Paired with research on the importance of the first three years of life, in 1998, the Iowa Legislature created the Iowa Community Empowerment. This provided funding for early childhood services with the establishment of state and local partnerships. In 2010, the Iowa Legislature passed additional legislation transitioning Community Empowerment to Early Childhood Iowa and designating ECI as an umbrella for the local area boards and partnership of ECI Stakeholders Alliance. (Iowa Code 2561). The Stakeholders Alliance coordinates with the State Board and also serves as the State Advisory Council.

Local Early Childhood Iowa Areas are provided throughout the State of Iowa and are partners in the Early Childhood Iowa Initiative. Local ECI Areas are geopolitically self-defined within state-legislated parameters. Use community planning to drive local decision making. This Community Plan is a guide for the process to coordinate local planning and purchasing/contracting for services. Each local area is overseen by a board and Early Childhood Iowa Team who reports to the State Board. Oversight includes approved budgets, technical assistance, monthly meetings, mid-year reports, annual reports for statewide performance measures and funding, along with a designation process to determine the areas are meeting the requirements.

The ECI Stakeholders Alliance is a public-private group focused on early childhood system development with a steering committee and six component groups to guide the system. Most recently Implementation Teams were established. They will guide the work taking a focus on identified strategies in the We Are ECI Strategic Plan. Anyone with an interest in early childhood can participate.

Current focus:

- Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation,
- Child Care Workforce – Professional Development,
- Resource Networks/Hubs for Families,
- Data as the Infrastructure – ECI Results Accountability

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa current priorities identified in this Community Plan include Parents Supports, Quality Early Learning, Dental Prevention, Behavioral Mental Health Supports, Preschool Attendance, Supports for Child Care. Refer to page 40 -43 for more information.

OUR VISION FOR IOWA'S CHILDREN:



Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC)



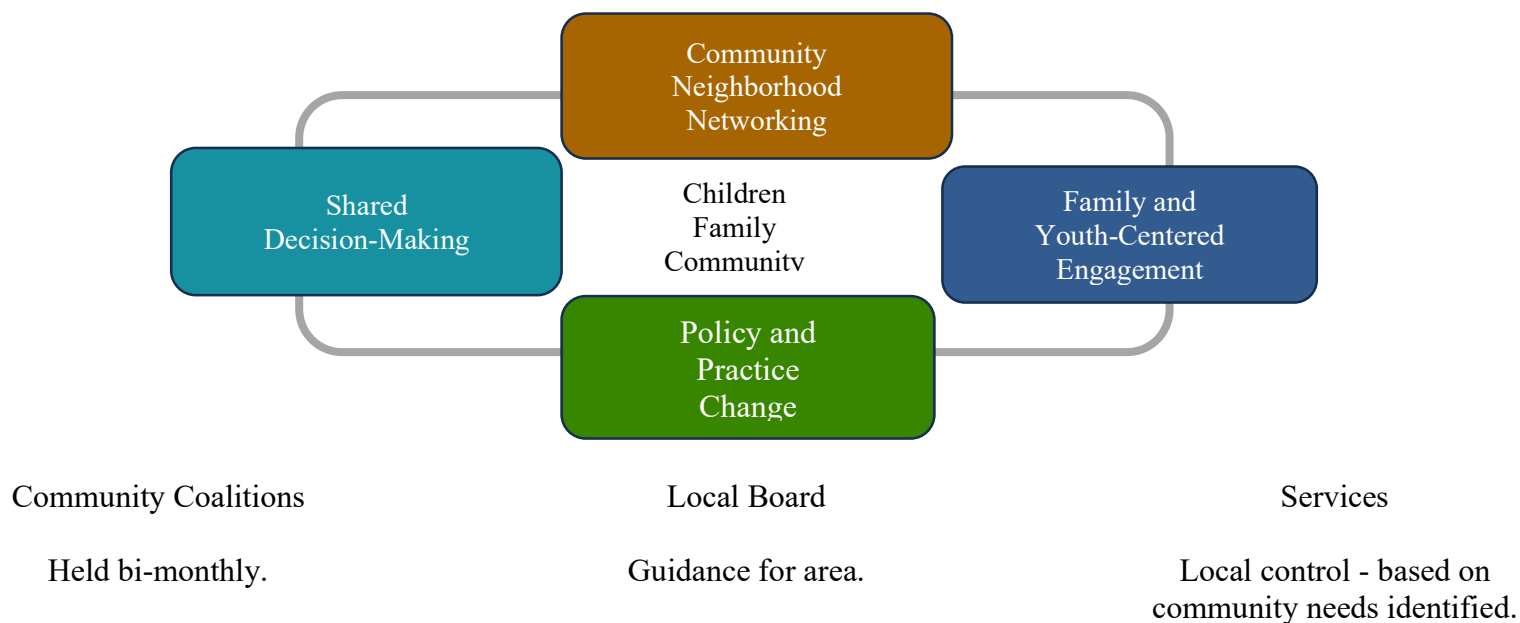
Community Partnerships are founded on the principle of shared responsibility for the safety of children.

Strategies:

- ◆ Shared Decision Making
- ◆ Community Neighborhood Networking
- ◆ Family and Youth-Centered Engagement
- ◆ Policy and Practice Change
- ◆ Long Term Collective Impact of Community Partnerships

Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC)

Works with communities to prevent child abuse, neglect, re-abuse, safely decrease the number of out-of-home placements, and promote timely reunification when children are placed in foster care. Communities develop partnerships across collaborative networks to implement prevention strategies, provide early interventions, and share responsibility for the well-being and success of all children and families. The Community Partnership approach involves four key strategies which are implemented together to achieve desired results.



Section I: GENERAL INFORMATION – Approved 2/28/2024

Use of the Community Plan

We recognize that many agencies serve families and in society today can be complex. The BVCS Early Childhood Iowa (BVCS ECI) 3-County Board serving Buena Vista, Crawford and Sac Counties has assembled a Community Plan centered on families and young children. Research from various websites and surveys assisted in the compilation of the materials. The Community Plan is organized in five sections designed to provide a quick guide for your use.

Section 1 emphasis is on identifying the area served, community partners, purpose and geographical/demographics for the three-county area centered around the zero to eighteen population in Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Counties.

The profile assists the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area and/or readers to understand and make decisions in relationship to the three counties. Utilize the geographical/demographics data to study, capture, and analyze subsets within a given population.

Section 2 examines the community needs assessment completed for the three counties, development of our strategic plan, priorities and community wide indicators used to track programs. Use this information when you are developing or making the case for expanding a current program and/or partnering with BVCS ECI.

Section 3 focus is on collaboration, defined as: *partners engaging in a process through which they constructively build an interdependent system which includes a common mission, comprehensive communication and planning, pooled resources, and shared risks and products.* Look at how we can build a sturdy foundation for the children and their families in our communities. This section can be used as a springboard to goal setting and planning for community partners.

Section 4 information gathered around public and private funding sources for early childhood services including federal, state, local and private funding sources available in the Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac Counties.

Section 5 information for BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Community-wide indicators and trend line data for funded programs.

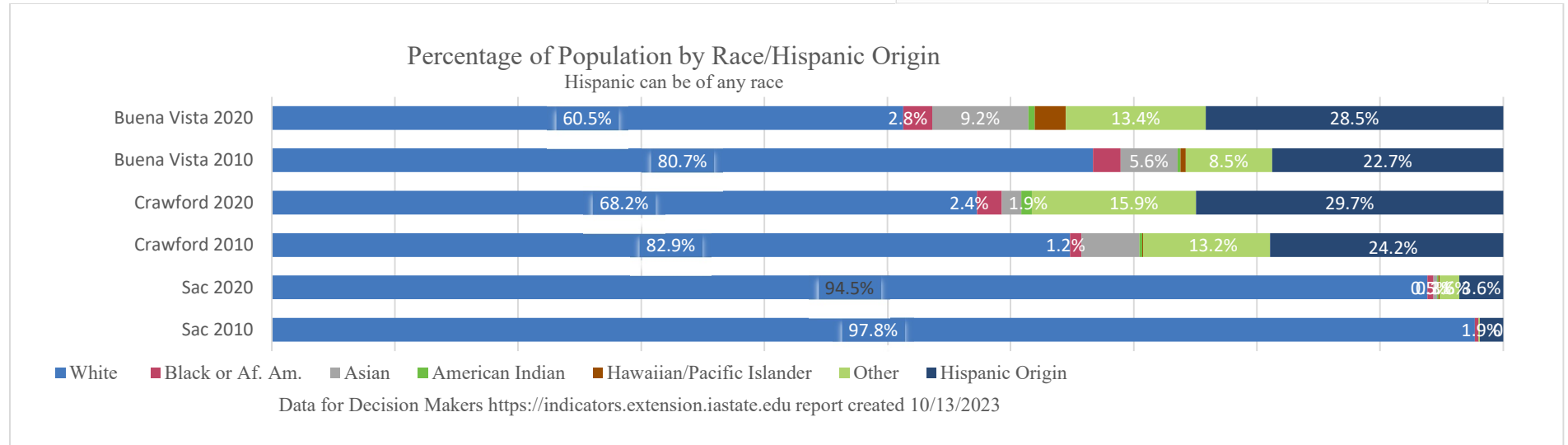
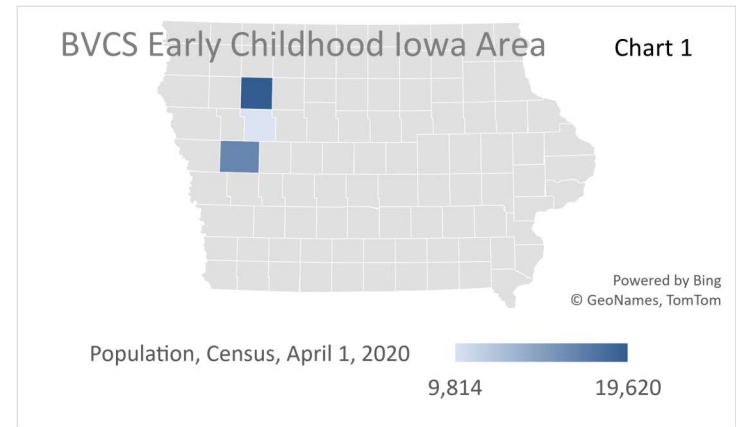
Section 6 provides an acknowledgement to those who participated and a summary of the plan. Identifies the resources used throughout the plan.

Geographical /Demographic Profile Composition

Located in West-North-Central Iowa, the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa encompasses the counties of Buena Vista, Sac and Crawford.

Buena Vista and Crawford Counties have a high diversity in race.

Percentage of Population in Buena Vista, Crawford, & Sac Counties by Race/Hispanic Origin

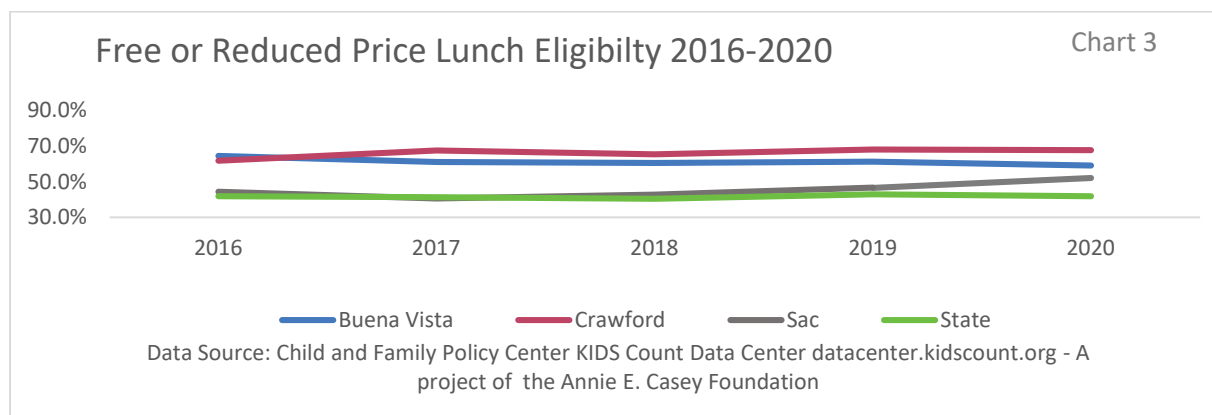


In reviewing data from the Iowa Department of Education, Education Statistics – PK-12, 2022-2023 it is estimated that Buena Vista County school's enrollment was 41% white, with the Storm Lake School District reporting 14% white. Buena Vista County Schools include Albert City-Truesdale, Alta-Aurelia, Newell-Fonda, Sioux Central, and Storm Lake. Crawford County was 40% white, with the Denison School District reporting 29% white. Crawford County Schools include Ar-We-Va, Charter Oak-Ute, IKM-Manning, Denison, and Schleswig. Sac County reporting 90% white, with the Schaller-Crestland Community School District reporting 74% white. Sac County Schools include East Sac County, Odebolt Arthur Battle Creek Ida Grove, and Schaller-Crestland. <https://educateiowa.gov/>

Economic deprivation in our area is evidenced by the fact that the counties *Estimates for Median Household Income (in 2021 dollars)*, *U.S. Census Bureau, Quick Facts, 2017-2021*, [U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: United States](#) The Counties of Buena Vista, Crawford and Sac are less than the median household income in the State of Iowa and United States of America.

Buena Vista County \$53,645 (10.8% in poverty). Crawford County \$55,552. (11.4% in poverty). Sac County \$61,040. (10.0% in poverty). State of Iowa \$65,429. (11.0% in poverty). United States \$69,021 (11.5% in poverty). *

Economic deprivation is also demonstrated by *Iowa Public School K-12 Student Eligible for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch 2016-2020 percentages*: 2020: Buena Vista County 60.5%, Crawford 65.4%, Sac 42.7%, versus the State 40.5%. [Free or reduced-price lunch eligibility | KIDS COUNT Data Center](#) Why this indicator matters? Eligibility for free or reduced-price lunches has increased 53 percent since 2000. Increases have been noted in every Iowa County with some more than doubling their rate during this time. In 2018 Buena Vista County was at 61%, Crawford County 65% and Sac County 43% all above the state percentage of 41% The chart below shows the Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Eligibility from 2014 to 2018.



2022-23 Iowa Public School K-12 Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch percentages by District:						Chart 4
Albert City-Truesdale	52.94%	Ar-We-VA CSD	40.63%	East Sac County CSD	42.15%	
Alta-Aurelia CSD	40.81%	Charter Oak-Ute CSD	59.64%	Odebolt-Arthur-Battle Creek- Ida Grove (OABCIG)	45.05%	
Newell-Fonda CSD	45.3%	Denison CSD	64.68%			
Sioux Central	31.9%	IKM-Manning CSD	38.17%	Schaller-Crestland CSD	50%	
Storm Lake CSD	68.59%	Schleswig CSD	43.9%	https://educateiowa.gov/		

Information on the Counties - Buena Vista County

Buena Vista County is a micropolitan county in Northwest Iowa. It is composed of ten incorporated communities and their surrounding rural areas. From 2010 to 2020, Buena Vista County's population increased by 2.78% percent while the state's population increased by 4.73% percent.



City/Town Populations:				County Seat: Storm Lake				Other Information
City	2000 ¹	2010 ²	2020 ³	City	2000 ¹	2010 ²	2020 ³	Hospital Buena Vista Regional Medical Center - Birthing Facility
Albert City	709	699	677	Alta	1865	1883	2087	DHS Office: Storm Lake (full-time office) 311 E. 5 th Street
Lakeside	484	596	700	Linn Grove	211	154	163	<p>Interesting Fact: Buena Vista County was created on January 15, 1851. The county is named for the final victory field of General Zachary Taylor in the Mexican American War.</p> <p>Buena Vista, which is Spanish for "Beautiful View" or "Good View", was the name of a battle in the Mexican War in which General Zachary Taylor defeated General Santa Ana.</p>
Marathon	302	237	230	Newell	887	876	906	
Rembrandt	228	203	209	Sioux Rapids	720	775	748	
Storm Lake	10,076	10,600	11,269	Truesdale	91	81	69	
County	20,411	20,260	20,823	State	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369	
<p>Buena Vista County Data for Decision Makers - report created 10/13/2023</p> <p>¹ U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Census 2000, Summary File 1</p> <p>² U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Census 2010, Summary File 1</p> <p>³ U.S. Census Bureau; Population Estimates Program 2020</p>								

Population, Census April 1, 2010	20,260	Population, Census April 1, 2020	20,823
*Population Estimates, July 2022 (v2022)	20,600	*Population Estimates base, April 1, 2020 (v2022)	20,830
https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/		Families and Living Arrangement 2017-2021	
*Age and Sex https://www.census.gov/	County	State	Households,
Persons under 5 years, percent	7.1%	5.8%	Persons per household
Persons under 18 years, percent	26.4%	22.6%	Living in the same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+,
Person 65 years and over, percent	17%	18.3%	Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years +

Female person, percent	49.8%	48.6%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2017-2021	20.6%	5.5%

*Race and Hispanic Origin https://www.census.gov/	County	State	Housing https://www.census.gov/	County	State
White Alone, percent	79.8%	89.8%	Housing units, July 1, 2022 (V2022)	8,267	1,438,565
Black or African American alone, percent (a)	4.2%	4.4%	Owner-occupies housing unit rate, 2017-2021	68.7%	71.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	0.7%	0.6%	Median value or owner-occupied housing units, 2017-2021	126,300	160,700
Asian alone, percent (a)	10.7%	2.8%	Median selected monthly owner costs-with a mortgage, 2017-2021	1,137	1,348
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	3.0%	0.2%	Median selected monthly owner costs-without a mortgage 2017-2021	\$458	\$524
Two or More Races, percent	1.6%	2.2%	Median gross rent	\$737	\$845
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	27.9%	6.9%	Building permits	82	12,711
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	54.0%	83.7%			
Health https://www.census.gov/	County	State			
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2017-2021	5.7%	8.1%			
*Person without health insurance, under age 65, percent	11.5%	5.4%			

Name of School	Serving Grades	High School Graduation Rate 2021-22		Drop Out Rate 2021-22	Licensed Child Care Centers	** Licensed Capacity
Albert City-Truesdale Elementary (Sioux Central)	PK – 6				Mustang Child Care	56
Alta-Aurelia Community School District	PK – 12	41/46	89.1	1.59	Sioux Central Child Care	50
Newell-Fonda Community School District	PK – 12	37/43	86.0	3.19	Ready, Set, GROW! Learning Center	157
Sioux Central Community School District	PK – 12	47/50	94.0	1.66	Licensed Preschool/Centers	
Saint Mary’s Catholic School	PK – 12	Not Available			Albert City After School Club	47
Storm Lake High School	PK – 12	98/190	51.6	3.22	Grace Lutheran Preschool	24
Storm Lake/IA Cntrl/Buena Vista Early College HS					Saint Mary’s Preschool	48
					Early Childhood Center (Head Start)	200
https://educateiowa.gov/data-reporting/education-statistics-pk-12/graduation-rates-and-dropout-rates					Child Care Resource & Referral Data Specialist	
Colleges:	Buena Vista University		Iowa Central Community College			
United State Census Bureau Quick Facts (for complete facts about dataset used visit https://www.census.gov/)						
*Estimates are not comparable to other geographic levels due to methodology differences that may exist between different data sources.						
(a)Includes persons reporting only one race						
(b)Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories						
QuickFacts data are derived from: Population Estimates, American Community Survey, Census of Population and Housing, Current Population Survey, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, State and County Housing Unit Estimates, County Business Patterns, Non-employer Statistics, Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Building Permits.						
** Licensed capacity is based on the number the center/preschool is licensed for; it may not reflect how many the center is caring for. Many locations have closed rooms or are running below total capacity due to lack of staff.						

Information on the Counties - Crawford County

Crawford County is a nonmetropolitan county in West Central Iowa. It is composed of thirteen incorporated communities and their surrounding rural areas. From 2010 to 20120, Crawford County's population decreased by 3.34% percent while the state's population increased by 4.73% percent.



Population:				County Seat: Denison				Other Information:
City	2000 ¹	2010 ²	2020 ³	City	2000 ¹	2010 ²	2020 ³	Hospital Crawford County Memorial Community Hospital Birthing Facility DHS Office: Carroll Iowa Interesting Facts: Crawford County was created on January 1, 1851. Crawford County is named for William Harris Crawford, United States senator from Georgia and United States Secretary of the Treasury. Denison is the hometown of actress Donna Reed and the Donna Reed Museum.
Arion	136	108	97	Aspinwall	58	40	33	
Buck Grove	49	43	34	Charter Oak	530	502	535	
Deloit	228	264	250	Denison	7,339	8,298	8,373	
Dow City	503	210	485	Kiron	273	279	267	
Manilla	839	776	755	Ricketts	144	145	109	
Schleswig	833	882	830	Vail	452	436	396	
Westside	327	299	285					
County	16,942	17,096	16,525	State	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369	
Crawford County Data for Decision Makers - report created 10/13/2023 ¹ U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Census 2000, Summary File 1 ² U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Census 2010, Summary File 1 ³ U.S. Census Bureau; Population Estimates Program 2020								

Population, Census April 1, 2010	17,096	Population, Census April 1, 2020	16,525
Population Estimates, 2022 (v2022)	16,123	Population Estimates base, April 1, 2022 (v2022)	16,526
https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/		Families and Living Arrangement 2017-2021	
Age and Sex https://www.census.gov/	County	State	Households, 6,159
Persons under 5 years, percent	6.5%	5.8%	Persons per household 2.60
Persons under 18 years, percent	24.8%	22.6%	Living in the same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 83.3%
Person 65 years and over, percent	18.4%	18.3%	Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years + 31.5%
Female person, percent	48.2%	48.6%	
Foreign born persons, percent, 2017-2021	62.4%	5.5%	

Race and Hispanic Origin https://www.census.gov/	County	State	Housing https://www.census.gov/	County	State
White Alone, percent	90.4%	89.8%	Housing units, July 1, 2022 (V2022)	6,850	1,438,565
Black or African American alone, percent	3.6%	4.4%	Owner-occupies housing unit rate, 2017-2021	70.4%	71.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent	1.9%	0.6%	Median value or owner-occupied housing units, 2017-2021	\$101,200	160,700
Asian alone, percent	2.7%	2.8%	Median selected monthly owner costs-with a mortgage, 2017-2021	\$1,068	1,348
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent	0.4%	0.2%	Median selected monthly owner costs-without a mortgage 2017-2021	\$445	\$524
Two or More Races, percent	1.0%	2.2%	Median gross rent	\$690	\$845
Hispanic or Latino, percent	30.6%	6.9%	Building permits	18	12,711
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	62.4%	83.7%			
Health https://www.census.gov/	County	State			
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2017-2021	10.2%	8.1%			
Person without health insurance, under age 65, percent	11.5%	5.4%			

Name of School	Serving Grades	High School Graduation Rate 2021-22	Drop Out Rate 2021-22	Licensed Child Care Centers	** Licensed Capacity
Ar-We-Va	PK – 12	16/16	100.0 0.00	Children Imagination Station	146
Charter Oak-Ute (Maple Valley-Anthon Oto)	PK – 8			Little Hawks Daycare Center	150
Maple Valley-Anthon Oto High School		48/52	92.3 3.47	Under the Sun Child Care Center	48
Denison High School	PK – 12	174/189	92.1 2.45	Early Head Start (WCCA)	
Denison Alternative High School				Licensed Preschool/Centers	
Schleswig (Denison)	PK – 8			Unity Ridge Lutheran Preschool	30
Saint Rose of Lima	PK – 5			St. Rose of Lima 3-Year-Old Preschool	16
Zion Lutheran/Unity Ridge	PK – 8			Immanuel Lutheran Preschool	20
				Head Start (WCCA)	

<https://educateiowa.gov/data-reporting/education-statistics-pk-12/graduation-rates-and-dropout-rates>

Colleges:	Iowa Western Community College	Job Corp	West Central Community Action (WCCA)
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United State Census Bureau Quick Facts (for complete facts about dataset used visit <https://www.census.gov/>)

*Estimates are not comparable to other geographic levels due to methodology differences that may exist between different data sources.

(a)Includes persons reporting only one race

(b)Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories

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Information on the Counties - Sac County

Sac County is a nonmetropolitan county in West Central Iowa. It is composed of nine incorporated communities and their surrounding rural areas. From 2010 to 2020, Sac County's population decreased by 5.18% while the state's population increased by 4.73



Population:				County Seat: Sac City				Other Information
City	2000 ¹	2010 ²	2020 ³	City	2000 ¹	2010 ²	2020 ³	Hospital: Loring Hospital Non-Birthing Facility
Auburn	296	322	265	Early	605	557	587	DHS Office: Carroll Iowa
Lake View	1,278	1,142	1,113	Lytton	305	315	282	Interesting Facts: Sac County was established as an independent County in 1856. Named for the Sac Indian tribe, which was prominent in the area. The name means either “People of the Yellow Earth” or “Red Bank”.
Nemaha	102	85	66	Odebolt	1,153	1,013	994	
Sac City	2,368	2,220	2,063	Schaller	779	772	729	
Wall Lake	841	819	755					Sac City is home to the world’s largest popcorn ball. The unofficial weight is 9,370 pounds.
County	11,529	10,350	9,814	State	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369	
Sac County Data for Decision Makers - report created: 10/13/2023								
¹ U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Census 2000, Summary File 1								
² U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Census 2010, Summary File 1								
³ U.S. Census Bureau; Population Estimates Program 2020								

Population, Census April 1, 2010	10,350	Population, Census April 1, 2020	9,814
Population Estimates, 2022 (v2022)	9,673	Population Estimates base, April 1, 2022 (v2022)	9,817
https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/			Families and Living Arrangement 2017-2021
Age and Sex https://www.census.gov/	County	State	Households, 4,196
Persons under 5 years, percent	5.6%	5.8%	Persons per household 2.30
Persons under 18 years, percent	22.4%	22.6%	Living in the same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 90.8%
Person 65 years and over, percent	24.2%	18.3%	Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years + 4.8%
Female person, percent	50.1%	48.6%	
Foreign born persons, percent, 2017-2021	1.7%	5.5%	

Race and Hispanic Origin https://www.census.gov/	County	State	Housing https://www.census.gov/	County	State
White Alone, percent	96.8%	89.8%	Housing units, July 1, 2022 (V2022)	5,117	1,438,565
Black or African American alone, percent	0.6%	4.4%	Owner-occupies housing unit rate, 2017-2021	80.1%	71.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent	0.2%	0.6%	Median value or owner-occupied housing units, 2017-2021	\$104,100	160,700
Asian alone, percent	0.6%	2.8%	Median selected monthly owner costs-with a mortgage, 2017-2021	\$994	1,348
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent	0.6%	0.2%	Median selected monthly owner costs-without a mortgage 2017-2021	\$417	\$524
Two or More Races, percent	1.1%	2.2%	Median gross rent	\$625	\$845
Hispanic or Latino, percent	4.3%	6.9%	Building permits	19	12,711
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	93.1%	83.7%			
Health https://www.census.gov/	County	State			
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2017-2021	6.8%	8.1%			
Person without health insurance, under age 65, percent	6.3%	5.54%			

Name of School	Serving Grades	High School Graduation Rate 2021-22	Drop Out Rate 2021-22	Licensed Child Care Centers	**Licensed Capacity
Odebolt (OABCIG)	PK – 8			Kids World, Inc.	97
Odebolt, Arthur, Battle Creek, Ida Grove	PK-12	71/73	97.3	Wee Wildcat Daycare	65
Schaller-Crestland (Galva-Holstien CSD)	PK - 8			Licensed Preschools	
Galva-Holstein Comm School District	09 – 12	55/58	94.8	New Opportunity Head Start	20
East Sac County Community School District	PK – 12	61/62	98.4	Schaller-Crestland Preschool	20
https://educateiowa.gov/data-reporting/education-statistics-pk-12/graduation-rates-and-dropout-rates					

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(a)Includes persons reporting only one race

(b)Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories

QuickFacts data are derived from: Population Estimates, American Community Survey, Census of Population and Housing, Current Population Survey, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, State and County Housing Unit Estimates, County Business Patterns, Non-employer Statistics, Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Building Permits.

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Iowa's Integrated Data System for Decision-Making (i2d2)

During Early Childhood Iowa's (ECI) [Statewide Needs Assessment](#) and [Strategic Planning](#) process of 2019, stakeholders from across the system continually expressed a need for more local data. While Early Childhood Iowa has historically relied on a set of State Board-approved indicators to inform state-level work, access to these was challenging for Local Area Boards as data were drawn from multiple sources.

IA Data Drive was designed to bring all these sources into one location to focus attention on the sets of indicators that are most relevant for early childhood strategic planning.

After meeting with a variety of stakeholder groups throughout 2020 using static reports of local indicators the I2D2 team compiled lists of the most commonly used indicators and prioritized their inclusion in IA Data Drive. Starting with the [ECI State Board-approved indicators](#), we anticipate the addition of future data elements to continue to meet the needs of more diverse community and statewide planning efforts.

I2D2's interactive "IA Data Drive" dashboard is here to empower decision-makers with accessible data in an easy-to-use format. What in the past may have been visits to 15 different websites is now just a click away – early childhood trends, local vs. state data comparisons, and more. IA Data Drive provides an assortment of indicators aligned with [the most recent statewide annual report from ECI](#). Access the data drive at the IA Data Drive Login link below.

You need to make decisions quickly, but you want to make them in an informed way. I2D2's unique dashboard will let you do both and drive forward with confidence (i2d2 website).

The data on the following charts and graphs pages 14-25 were obtained from Iowa's Integrated Data System for Decision-Making (I2D2) utilizing the Iowa data Drive. The information is provided for each county served in the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa including Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Counties. Data Descriptors/Calculations can be found on pages 63-66 for the Early Childhood Iowa Indicators.

A full Annual Report for the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area is located on the IA Data Drive: Select Geography – ECI Area, Select Location – BVCS Early Childhood Iowa, Select Report Year for the report <https://i2d2.iastate.edu/>

EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA INDICATOR

SAFE & NURTURING FAMILIES ~ SECURE & NURTURING FAMILIES ~ CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The overall rate of child abuse over the last five years (Child Abuse incidence rate per 1,000 for children 5 years and under).

Buena Vista County trending upward from 2018– 2020 with a slight decline from 2020 - 2021. Calendar Year 2022 ~35 out of 90 or 38.9%

Crawford County trending downward from 2018 – 2020 with an increase from 2020 – 2021. Calendar Year 2022 ~ 35 out of 76 or 42.7%

Sac County trending upward from 2018– 2019, downward in 2020 and upward in 2021. Calendar Year 2022 ~ 6 out of 27 or 22.2%.

Data Source: State of Iowa Department of Health & Human Services <https://hhs.iowa.gov/reports/child-abuse-statistics>

59% across the state and 69% in our area, are due to majority of child abuse cases are due to Denial of Critical Care (Neglect).

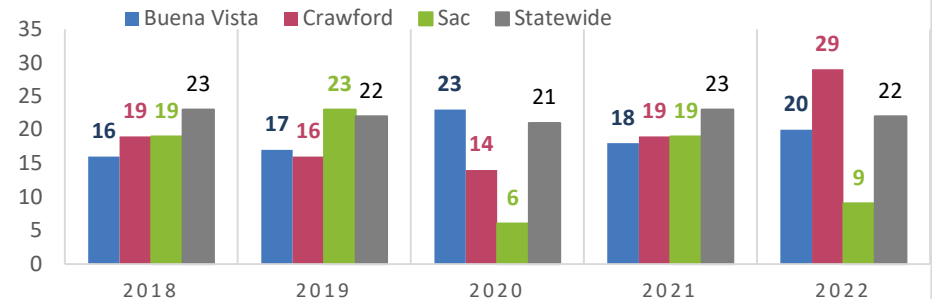
To address this, we are implementing strategies to provide family support and parent education programming, be active members in the local child abuse prevention councils and provide support to increase the quality in child care programs.

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa continues to facilitate local coalition/child abuse prevention councils to strengthen the connections between agencies for collaboration, referrals, and education/networking opportunities among service agencies.



Data: Iowa Department of Health & Human Services (IHHS), Child Abuse Statistics.
Source: IHHS Data.
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INCIDENCE OF CHILD ABUSE 2018-2022



76

Number of unique children with confirmed with confirmed or founded abuse or neglect reports in 2022 that were age 5 years or younger.

35 in Buena Vista
35 in Crawford,
6 in Sac

227

Number of confirmed or founded allegations of neglect and abuse. Each child may be confirmed or multiple types of abuse on a single report and may have multiple reports. 184 Total Family Assessment 115 in Buena Vista

39 in Crawford, 30 in Sac

21 in 1,000 children

under age 6 have been abused or neglected in the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area compared to the statewide rate of 22.1. BVCS ECI Area was ranked 23rd among all 38 ECI areas in 2022.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA INDICATOR

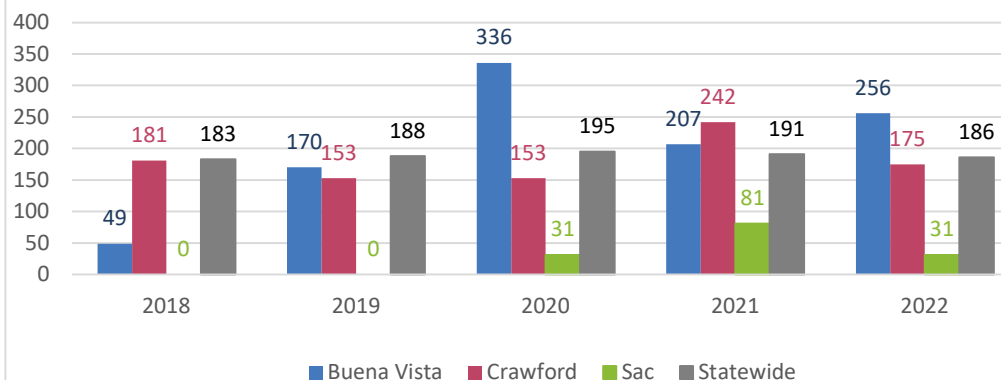
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 2022 ~ SECURE & NURTURING FAMILIES ~ CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Domestic violence is a pattern of behaviors used to maintain power and control over an intimate partner. It can happen to anyone, regardless of their race, age, relationship status, sexual orientation, religion, or gender. Information obtained from the Family Crisis Centers webpage: <https://www.familycrisiscenters.org/>

Domestic Violence 2022



Domestic Violence 2018-2022



Family Crisis Centers (FCC)
Provides crisis services to victims of domestic violence.

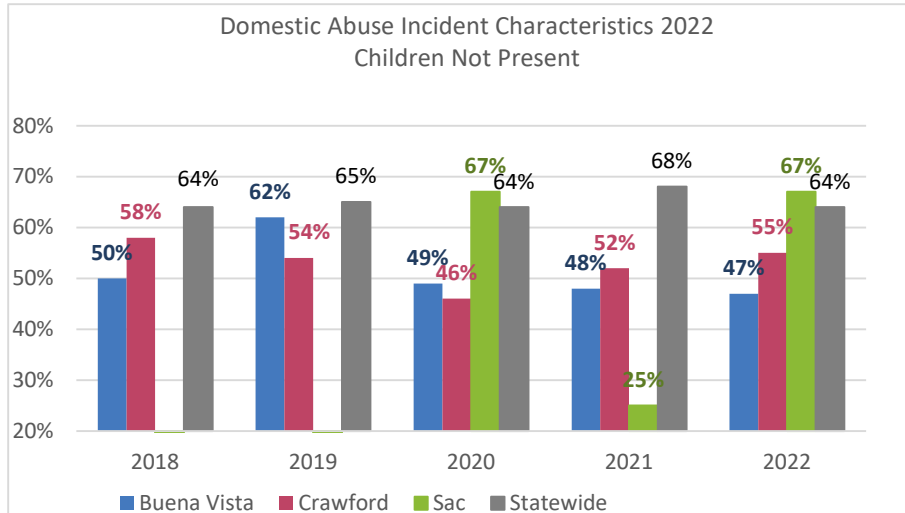
- Buena Vista County upward trend in 2020 reaching 336. Declining in 2021 to 207 and increasing in 2022 to 256.
- Crawford County remained at 153 in 2019 and 2020 with an upward trend in 2021 to 242, decreases in 2022 to 175.
- Sac county upward trend in 2021 to 81 decreases in 2022 to 31.

180
per 100,000 population were a victim of domestic abuse in BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area compared to the statewide rate of 185.7. BVCS ECI Area was ranked 19th among all 38 ECI areas in 2022.

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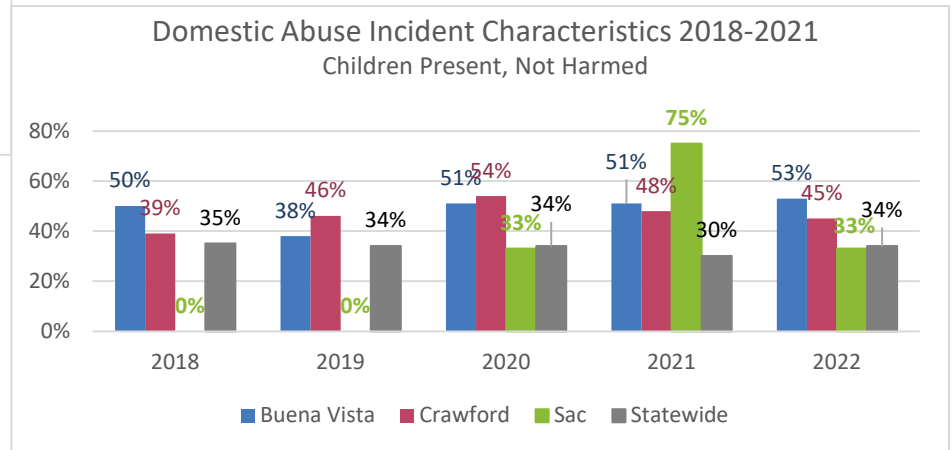
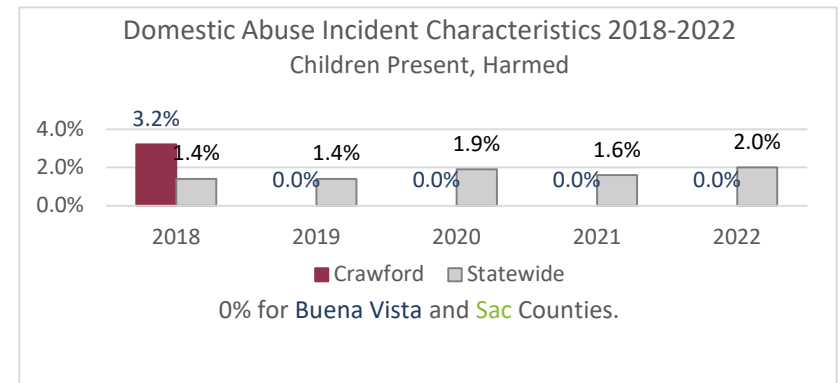
EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA INDICATORS

DOMESTIC ABUSE ~ SECURE AND NURTURING FAMILIES ~ CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Domestic violence can take on numerous forms, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse, and emotional abuse. Each form possesses on commonality: the intent to gain or maintain power and control over another person. Often, the person choosing to do harm will use a combination of these types of abuse to maintain control. Information obtained from the Family Crisis Centers webpage:

<https://www.familycrisiscenters.org/>



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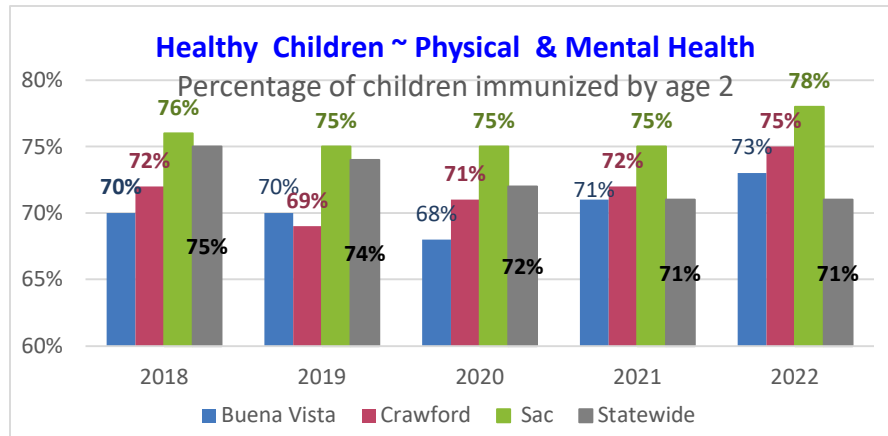
Centers Against Abuse & Sexual Assault (CAASA)
Provides crisis services to victims of sexual violence.

Domestic Abuse
Most cases of domestic abuse children were either not present or if present they were not harmed.

In 2022 children were present in 49.4% of domestic violence incidents in the BVCS ECI Area compared to the statewide values of 36.3%. BVCS ECI Area was ranked 4th among all 38 ECI Areas in 2022.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA INDICATORS



Teen Births

Buena Vista County teen births remain a concern, with a decrease in 2021.

Crawford County significant rise in the number of teen births.

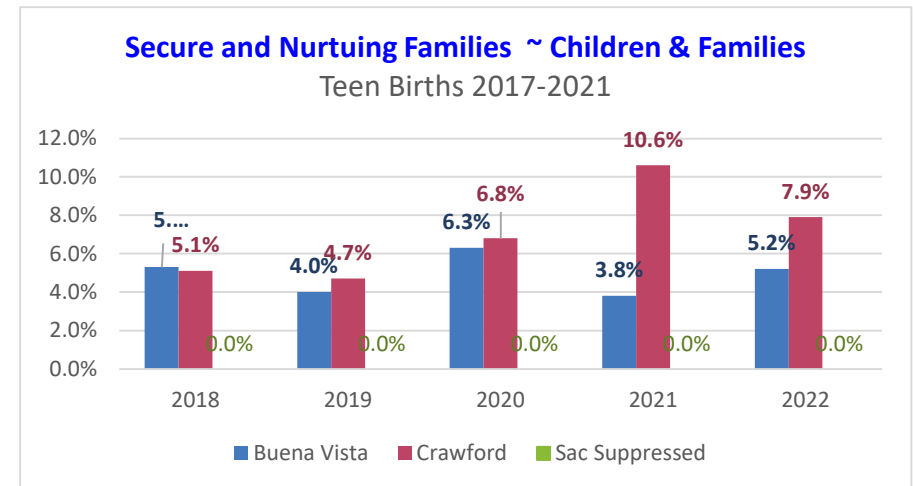
Sac County values based on counts of five or less are suppressed to protect confidentiality.

Immunized

Buena Vista County trend increasing from 2020 68% to 73%. 2022 above state percentage.

Crawford County consistently above the state average. Increased in 2022 to 75%.

Sac County consistently above the state average 2022 78%.



74.6% of children were fully immunized by age 2 in the BVCS ECI Area compared to the statewide value of 70.9%.

BVCS ECI Area was ranked 8th among all 38 ECI areas in 2022.

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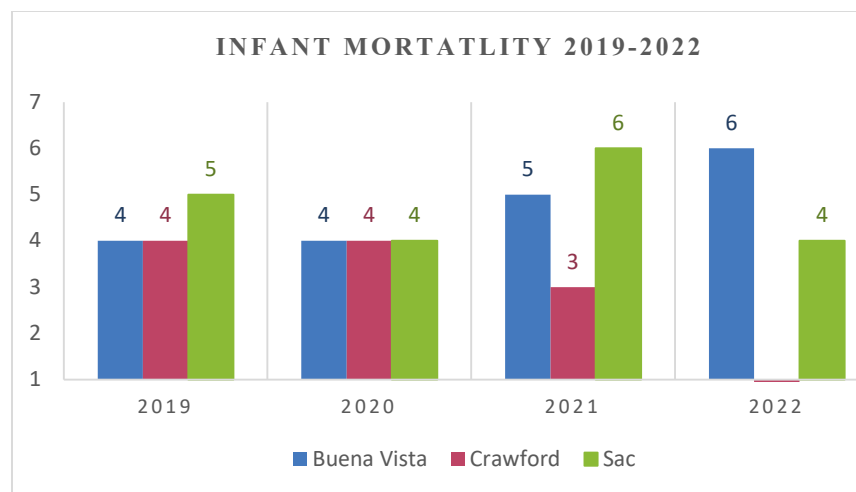
Public Health & Health Providers offer
← Immunization clinic/options in communities.

Lutheran Services in Iowa
Community Adolescent Pregnancy
Prevention Program (CAPP) →

Teen Births
5.8% of children were born of teenage mothers (at birth) in BVCSECI Area compared to the statewide value of 3.8%. BVCS ECI Area was ranked 4th among all 38 ECI areas in 2022.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA INDICATORS ~ HEALTHY CHILDREN ~ PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH



Infant Mortality 2021

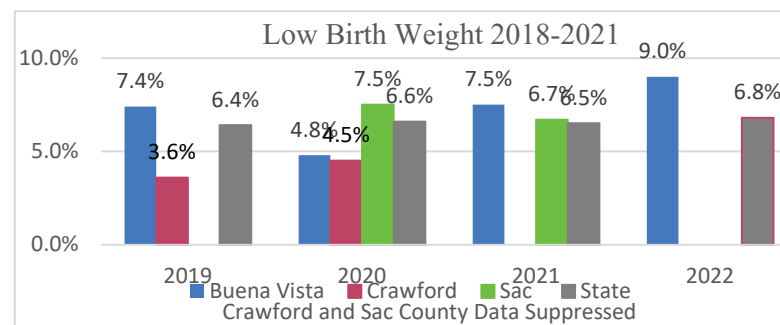
- Buena Vista County rate of infant mortality 5 in 2021 concern higher than the State of Iowa rate of 5.
- Crawford County rate of infant mortality 3 in 2021 slightly lower than the State of Iowa rate of 5.
- Sac County rate of infant mortality 6 in 2021 concern higher than the State of Iowa rate of 5.

Infant Mortality: Refers to any death of a child before the age of 1 year. Mortality data are calculated using the period linked approach, where all infant deaths occurring in a given data year are linked to their corresponding birth certificates, whether the birth occurred in that year or the previous year. <https://hhs.iowa.gov/public-health/data/people/birth>

Low Birth Weight

Buena Vista County data continues to be higher than the state percentage. Percentage of babies born who weigh under 2,500 grams.

Crawford and Sac County values based on counts of five or less area suppressed to protect confidentiality.



Infant Mortality in 2017-2021

5 infants younger than 1 year of age have died per 1,000 live births in The BVCS ECI Area compared to the statewide rate of 4.65.

Rate of infant mortality per 1,000 births.

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Infant Mortality 2018-2022

(per 1,000 live births)

State of Iowa Ethnicity
Hispanic 8.85 - Non-Hispanic 4.38

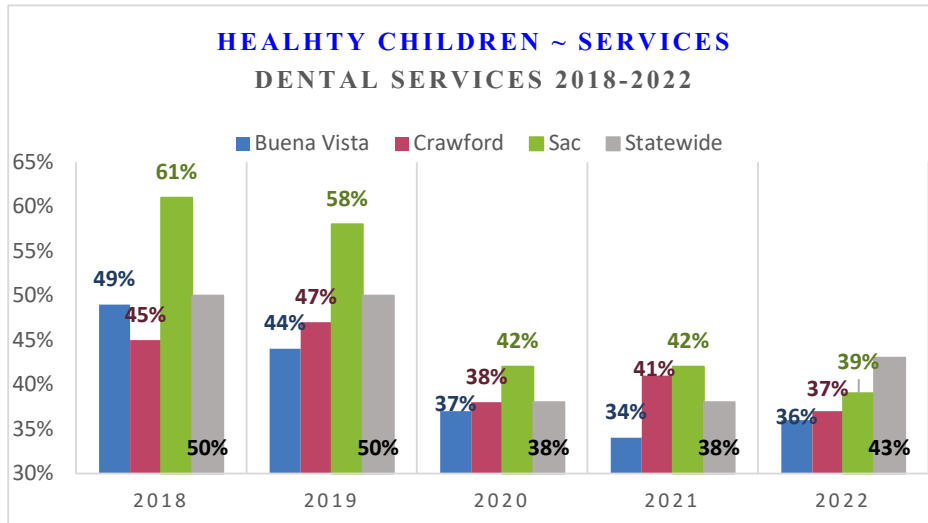
State of Iowa by Race (non-Hispanic)
Black 3.83 - White 4.55 - Other 4.38

Low Birth Weight

In 2022, 6.5% of children were born with low birth weight in BVCS ECI Area compared to the statewide value of 6.8%

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EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA INDICATORS ~ Services ~ Dental



Percentage of Medicaid-enrolled children All counties have seen a decrease of Medicaid-enrolled children under age 6 who have received dental services.

Transportation can be a deterrent when the referral to a dentist is in another county and/or across the state.

Dentist accepting Medicaid are currently not accepting new patients.

Medicaid Reimbursement low reimbursement.

Impact on Foster Care Families.

To address this issues, I-Smile provides education, oral health screening and care coordination for children 0-5 years old. Coordinators report lack of dentist accepting Medicaid reimbursement has decreased over the years.

Dental

Lack of Dentist accepting Medicaid reimbursement in the three counties.

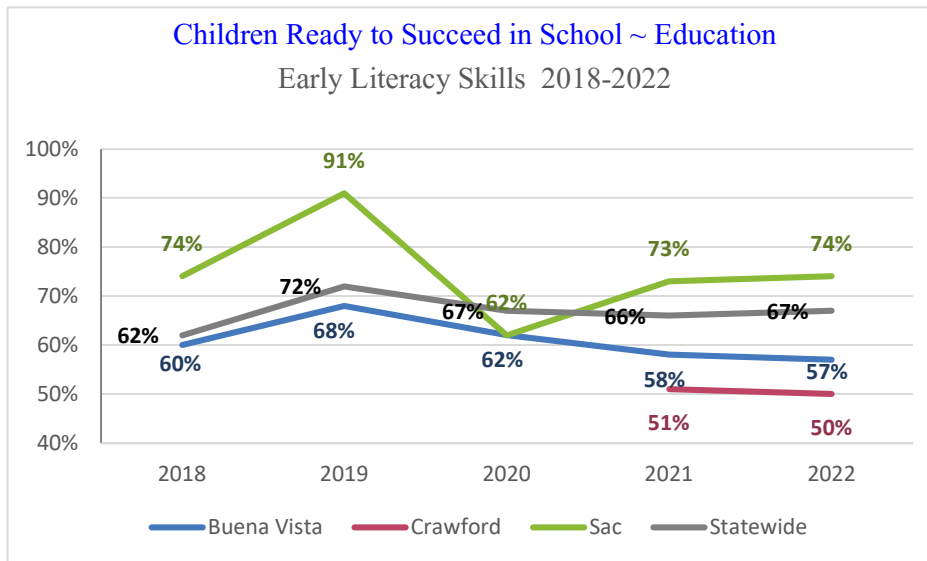
36.9%

of Medicaid-enrolled children under age 6 received dental services in BVCS ECI Area compared to the statewide value of 42.9%.

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BVCS ECI Area was ranked 34th among all 38 ECI Areas.

EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA INDICATORS ~ Children Ready to Succeed ~ Education.



Early Literacy Skills

Buena Vista County lower than state percentage.

Crawford County data suppressed 2018-2020. Lower than state percentage in 2021-2022.

Sac County above state percentage with one exception under the state percentage in 2020.

Public Libraries offer story activity times.

Reading to children encouraged in early learning environments and family support programs.

Little libraries in various communities.

Early Literacy Skills

57.1% of kindergarteners met the fall benchmark for the early literacy universal screening measure requirements in the BVCS ECI Area compared to the statewide value of 65.8%.

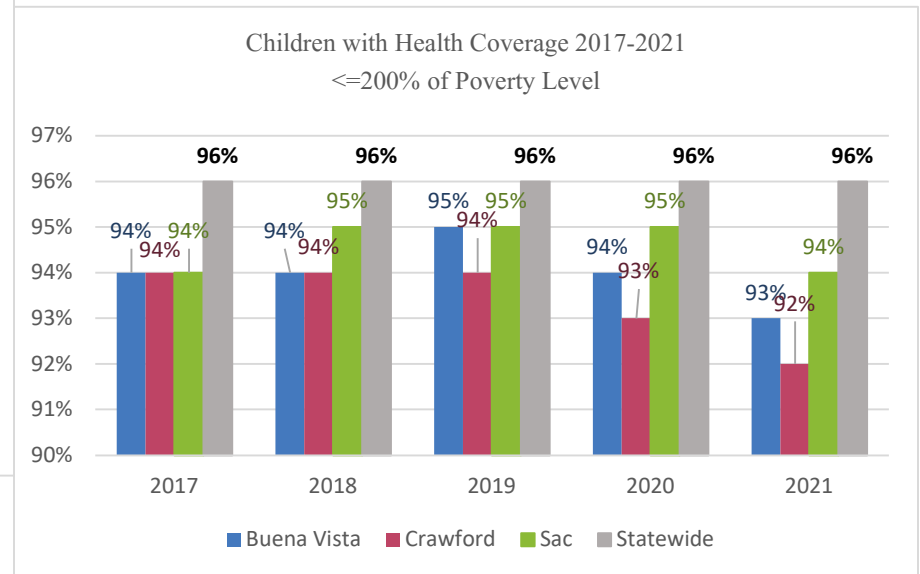
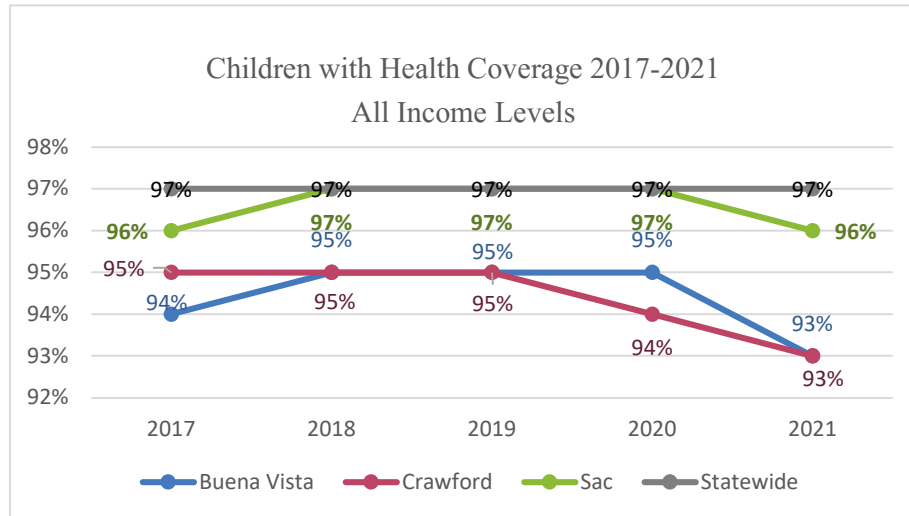
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BVCS ECI Area was ranked 33rd among all 38 ECI Areas in 2021-2022.

Note regarding suppressed data.

Data for districts with less than 30 students is suppressed in the reports, therefore those school districts are not taken into account when computing county or statewide values.

EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA INDICATORS ~ SAFE & SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITITES ~ SERVICES



Health Coverage All Income Levels

All Counties above 93%.

Health Coverage 200% of Poverty Level

All Counties above 92%.

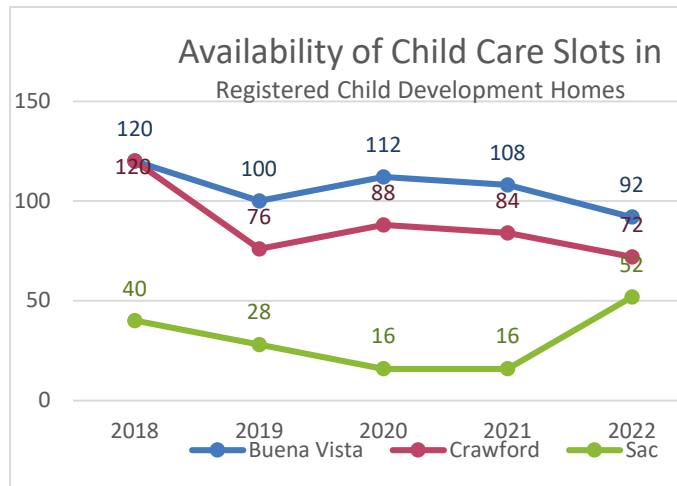
92.6%

of minors living in low-income (at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level) families had health coverage in BVCS ECI Area compared to the statewide value of 95.6%. BVCS ECI Area was ranked 38th among all 38 ECI Areas in 2020.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA INDICATORS

CHILD CARE ~ SECURE & NURTURING EARLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS ~ SERVICES



216 slots

were potentially available for children in HHS registered child development homes in the BVCS ECI Area. BVCS ECI Area was ranked 35th among all 38 ECI Area in 2022.

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1,202 slots

were potentially available for children in HHS licensed centers and preschools in the BVCS ECI Area. BVCS ECI Area was ranked 25th among all 38 ECI Areas in 2022

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Child Care

Lack of youth in High School understanding the need to enter this field. The schools have taken away the class for them to experience child care. Getting the schools on board with promoting the need.

Low wages and lack of benefits in this profession. Staff to work at child care centers. State pilot program workers in child care full time qualify for Child Care Assistance.

Private public partnerships local one or more business' provide supports to off set partnerships for slots goods so monthly payment might get a discount. Each community can decide the partnerships to offset cost.

Licensed capacity is based on the number the center/preschool is licensed for; it may not reflect how many the center is caring for. Many locations have closed rooms or are running below total capacity due to lack of staff.

Lacking concrete supports for families. Access to child care services that address the family's needs/hours working.

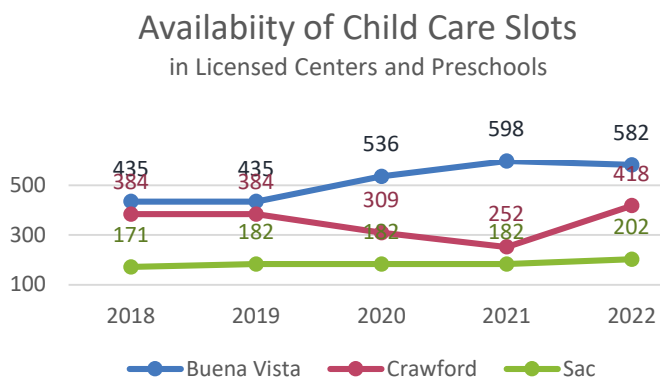
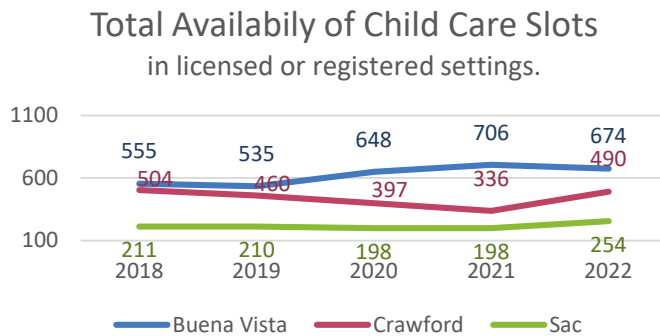
IAEYC offers WAGE\$ (salary supplement program) - T.E.A.C.H. (comprehensive scholarship program, Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential ®.

<https://iowaaeyc.org/>

2023 Iowa Child Care Workforce Study <https://i2d2.iastate.edu/>

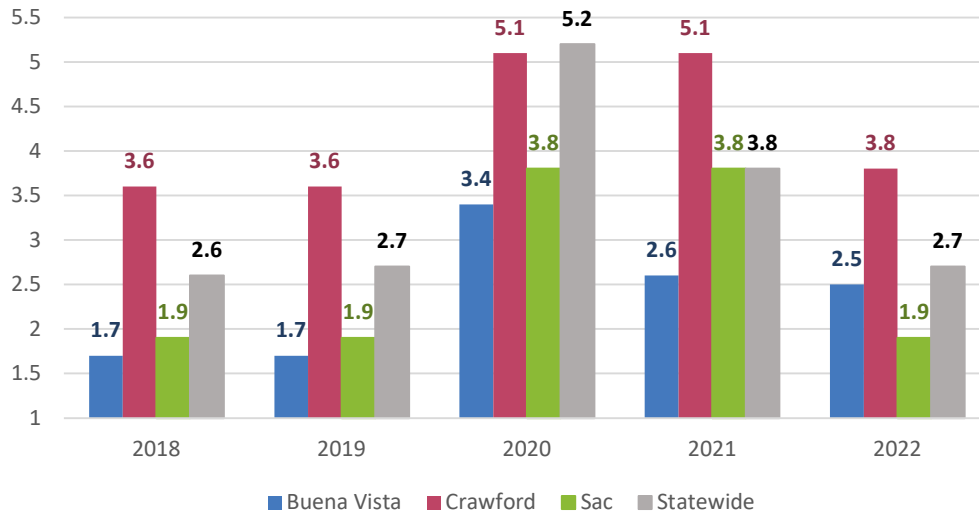
Child Care Resource & Referral, an entry point to the child care field, applications, Provider Trainings, IQ4K, Child Care Consultants, Child Care Collaborative, Parent Referrals, Community Data <https://iowaccrr.org/>

Healthy Child Care Iowa, Child Care Nurse Consultants – addressing health and safety needs in early learning programs. <https://hhs.iowa.gov/>



EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA INDICATORS - UNEMPLOYMENT AND WORKING PARENTS

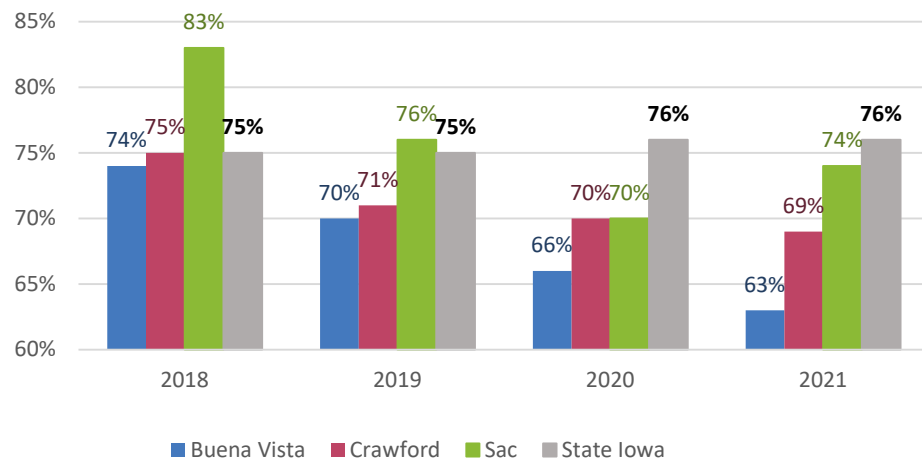
Unemployment 2018-2022



2.8%
of people were unemployed in the BVCS ECI Area compared to the statewide value of 2.7% BVCS ECI ranked 16th among all 38 ECI Areas in 2022..

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Percentage of children under 6 with all parents in the labor force

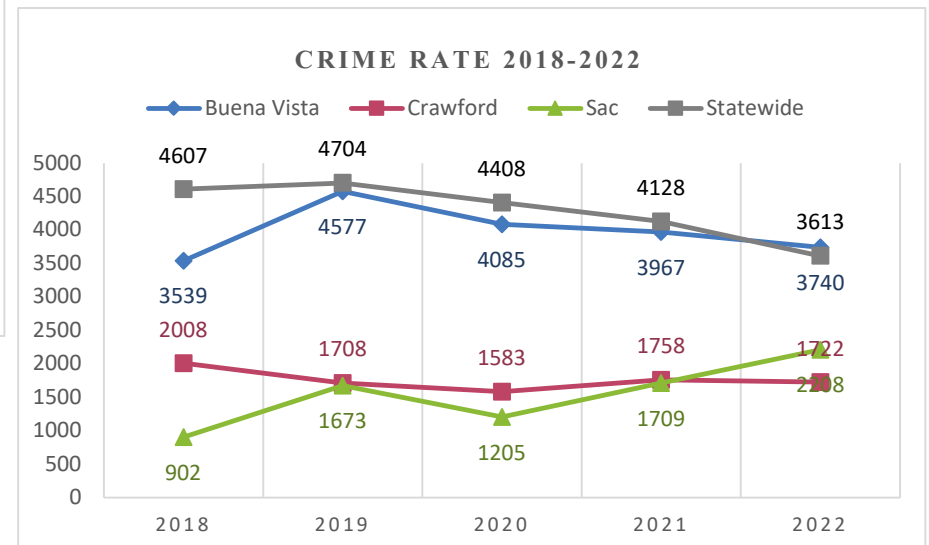
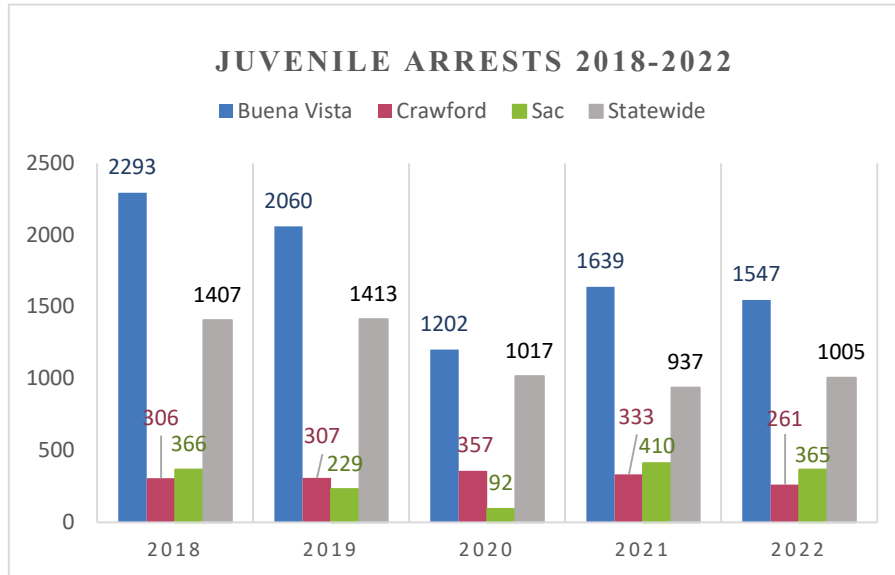


- Decrease in labor force. Support Needed
- Promote our communities to have professionals come live in our communities.
 - Affordable housing.
 - Livable wages.
 - Quality child care options

67.%
of children under age 6 lived in families with all parents working in the BVCS ECI Area compared to the statewide value of 75.9%. Ranked 36th among all 38 ECI Ares in 2022.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA INDICATORS
COMMUNITY JUVENILE ARRESTS ~ CRIME RATE
SAFE & SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES ~ COMMUNITY



Support for the Juveniles.

LSI ~ CAPP curriculums available to be offered in Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, County schools.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) Community Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (CAPP) Curriculums.
Love Notes; Draw the Line/Respect the Line; FLASH; Making Proud Choices; Rights, Respect, Responsibility (3R's); Power Through Choices; TOP (Teen Outreach Program)
<https://lsiowa.org/capp/>

IOWA YOUTH SURVEY (IYS) RESULTS RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH - 2021

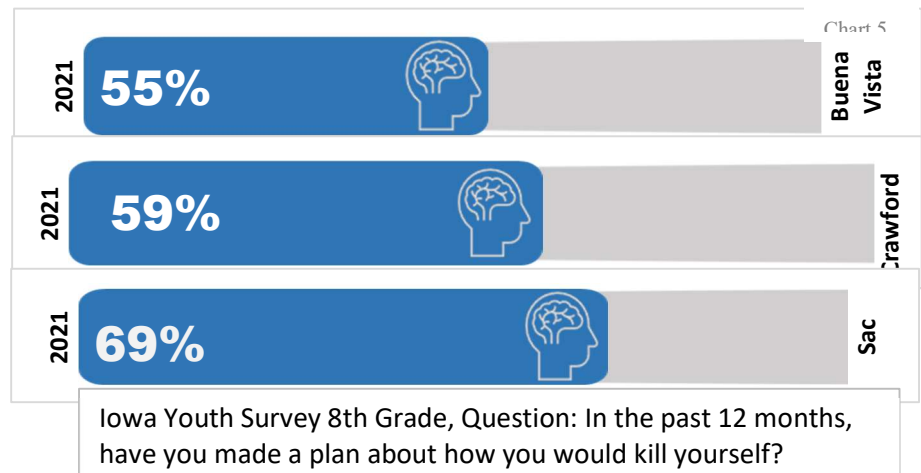
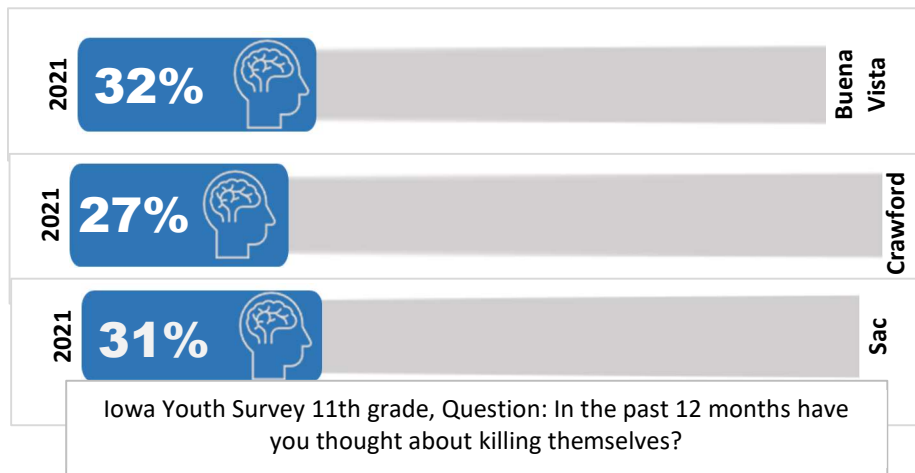
The IYS is a periodic survey of Iowa youth in grades 6th, 8th, and 11th grades. Data collected from September 27, 2021 – November 19, 2021.

Complete report available at <https://iowayouthsurvey.idph.iowa.gov>

Buena Vista County Community School Districts included in the report: Albert City-Truesdale, Cherokee, Newell-Fonda, Pocahontas Area, Schaller-Crestland, Storm Lake Public and Private schools.

Crawford County Community School Districts included in the report: Boyer Valley, Carroll, Charter-Oak-Ute, Denison, IKM-Manning, Maple Vally-Anthon Oto, Schleswig.

Sac County Community School Districts included in the report: Albert City-Truesdale, Carroll, East Sac County, Galva-Holstien, Newell-Fonda, Schaller-Crestland, South Central Calhoun, Storm Lake Public and Private Schools.



Date Source: Iowa Department of Public Health – Division of Behavioral Health and Iowa Department of Human Rights – Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning. Iowa Youth Survey Prepared by Iowa Consortium for Substance Abuse Research and Evaluation – University of Iowa. <https://iowayouthsurvey.idph.iowa.gov/>

Community Supports Available:

- *ASSIST* training to train public on how to deal with suicide.
 - *Youth Mental Health & Teen Mental Health First Aid*: training is available for school staff and community.
 - Groups are an option for peer-to-peer support.
- <https://plainsareamentalhealth.org/>
<https://seasonscenter.org/>
- School Based Mental Health staff in schools.

ISU Extension & Outreach: classes & resources available

- *The Mindful Teen* or visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/> (human services | focus | mental health and wellbeing).

Crisis Phone Numbers

Teen Line 800-443-8336

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline call or text 988 chat 988lifeline.org

CHILD WELFARE – Health and Human Services – Data Warehouse

Iowa Department of Human Services - Placement Summary Cases by Service Area					Chart 6
Report Fiscal Years 2022-2023	DHS	% DHS	JCS	% JCS	Total Cases
Buena Vista	77	82.8%	16	17.20%	93
Crawford	46	80.70%	11	19.30%	57
Sac	14	70.00%	6	30.00%	20
Western Service Area	1,881	89.49%	221	10.51%	2,102
https://hhs.iowa.gov/ Data from FACS-Data last updated 11/3/2023 https://hhs.iowa.gov/dashboard_welcome Accessed 11/29/2023					

Iowa Department of Human Services – Number of Intakes by Service Area					Chart 7
Report Fiscal Years 2022-2023	% Accepted	% Rejected	# of Intakes	% Statewide Intakes	
Buena Vista	64.85%	31.15%	751	3.23%	
Crawford	64.92%	35.08%	553	2.38%	
Sac	68.52%	31.48%	305	1.31%	
Western Service Area	68.26%	31.74%%	23,243	100.00%	
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Iowa Department of Human Services – Family Investment Program (FIP)					Chart 8
Report Fiscal Years 2022	Recipients	Cases	Benefits	Cases Benefits	
Buena Vista	78	29	\$9,634	\$328	
Crawford	35	16	\$5,079	\$313	
Sac	9	4	\$1,288	\$309	
https://hhs.iowa.gov/ Report Fiscal Year 2022, Data Last Updated 10/31/2023. Accessed 11/29/2023					

Iowa Department of Human Services – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)					Chart 9
Report Fiscal Years 2022	Recipients	Households	Benefits	Household Benefits	
Buena Vista	1,666	696	\$335,122	\$481	
Crawford	1,307	598	\$267,399	\$447	
Sac	554	274	\$114,182	\$417	
https://hhs.iowa.gov/ Report Fiscal Year 2022, Data Last Updated 10/31/2023. Accessed 11/29/2023					

Additional Supports Available.

Foster Care:

There is a great need for foster parents in our area. Currently there are not enough homes for the children needing placement.

<http://www.iowafostercareandadoption.org/>

Youth Supports:

Increased need for mental health counselors in schools.

Community Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention curriculums provided for youth to gain confidence. <https://lsiowa.org/capp/>

Youth Cannabis/THC Use: Evidence Based curriculum: Prime for Life 420™ Rosecrance® Jackson Center.

Parent Support:

Behavioral Health Intervention Supports (BHIS)

<https://lsiowa.org/bhis/>

Family STEPS – Family Support for 0-5 age children.

<https://www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org/families/>

Early ACCESS <https://www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org/>

Area Education Agencies (AEA) <https://iowaaea.org/>

Food Insecurity:

Increase in residents accessing food banks/distribution sites.

Community/Neighborhood:

Training education to identify when someone needs help and the steps to take and/or dealing with situations.

Plains Area Mental Health: Mobile Crisis Services, Turning Point, <https://plainsareamentalhealth.org/>

Problem Gambling: New Opportunities, Inc. & Rosecrance® Jackson Center. <https://rosecrancejackson.org/>

Service Navigator Program – University of Iowa in cooperation with the local SALUD multicultural health Coalition located at Storm Lake Library email: servicenavigatorsfbv@gmail.com

Policy Changes:

Tobacco Prevention – Tobacco Free Nicotine Policy work.

<https://www.newopp.org/>

Integrated Provider Network (IPN) Substance Misuse Prevention.

<https://rosecrancejackson.org/>

Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE)

ALICE places a spotlight on a large population of hardworking residents who work at low-paying jobs, have little or no savings, and are one emergency away from falling into poverty.

The United Way ALICE Report is the most comprehensive depiction of financial needs in the state to date, using data from a variety of sources, including the US Census. Data is available on the state, county, and municipal level. The report unveils new measures, based on present-day income levels and expenses that show how many Iowa workers are struggling financially, and why.

ALICE represents a growing number of individuals and families who are working but are unable to afford the basic necessities of housing, food, childcare, health care and transportation. Although ALICE is earning income, pays taxes and contributes to Iowa's economy, the household income is not enough to meet a basic survival budget in these categories. Information taken from the United Ways ALICE Report for Iowa <https://www.uwiowa.org/united-way-alice-report-iowa>.

Buena Vista County - ALICE

2021 Point-in-Time- Data

Population: 20,723 Number of Households: 7,506 (0% change form 2019)

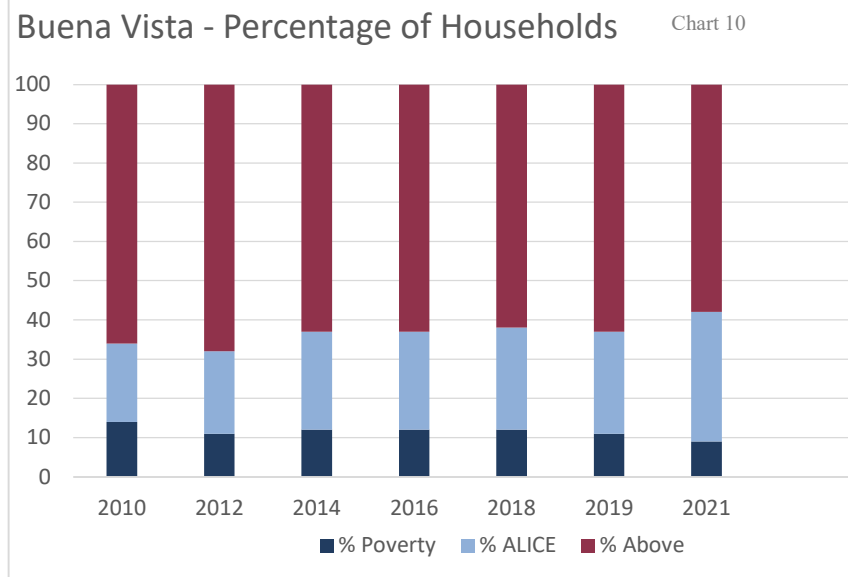
Median Household Income: \$53,645 (state average: \$65,600)

Labor Force Participation Rate: 69% (state average: 66%)

ALICE Households: 33% (state average 24%)

Households in Poverty: 9% (state average 11%).

<https://www.uwiowa.org/united-way-alice-report-iowa>



Crawford County - ALICE

2021 Point-in-Time- Data

Population: 16,555 Number of Households: 6,159 (-4% change from 2019)

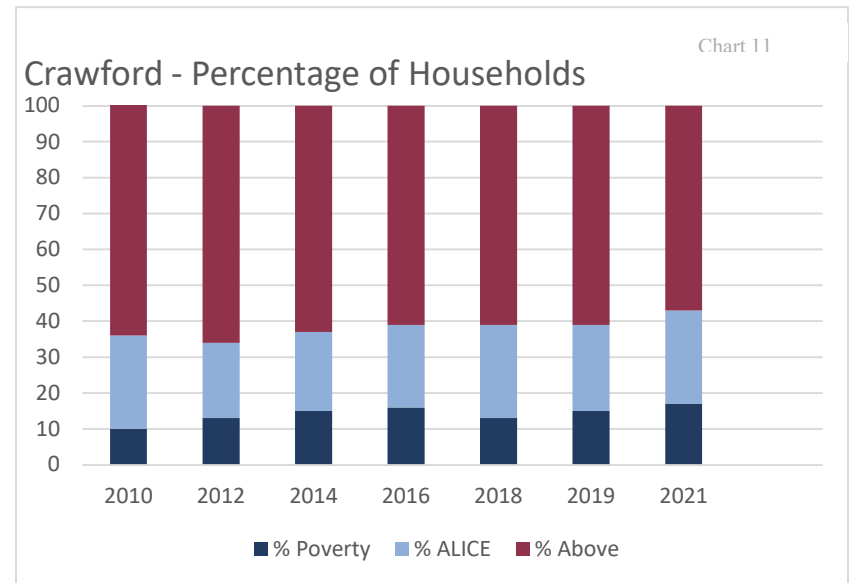
Median Household Income: \$55,550 (state average: \$65,600)

Labor Force Participation Rate: 64% (state average: 66%)

ALICE Households: 26% (state average 24%)

Households in Poverty: 17% (state average 11%).

<https://www.uwiowa.org/united-way-alice-report-iowa>



Sac County - ALICE

2021 Point-in-Time- Data

Population: 9,829 Number of Households: 4,196 (-3% change from 2019)

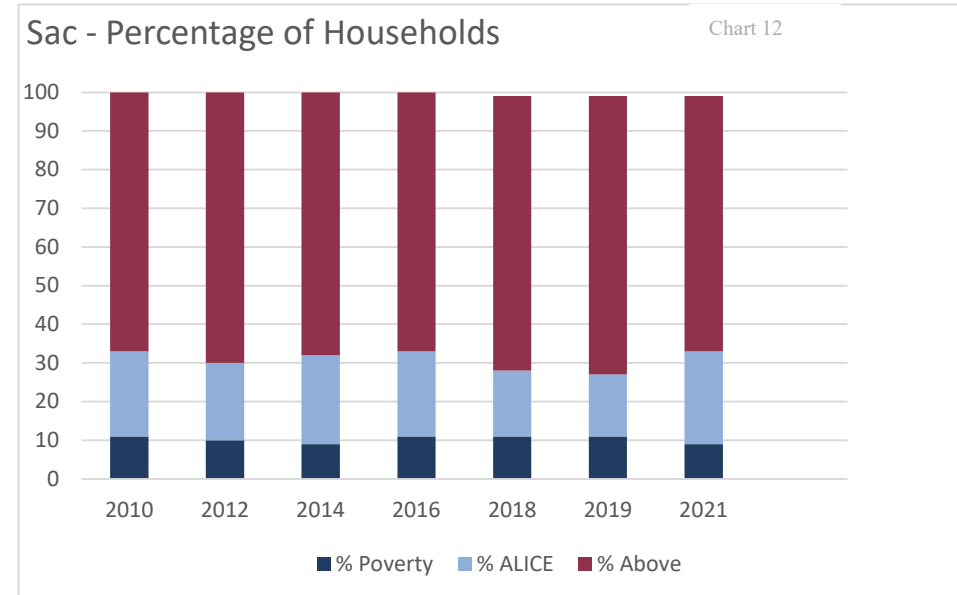
Median Household Income: \$61,040 (state average: \$65,600)

Labor Force Participation Rate: 65% (state average: 66%)

ALICE Households: 24% (state average 24%)

Households in Poverty: 9% (state average 11%).

<https://www.uwiowa.org/united-way-alice-report-iowa>



Section II: Community Needs Assessment – Approved 2/28/2024.

Development of the Community Needs Assessment

The BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area utilized a combination of methods to determine and prioritize the needs for the children aged 0-5 and youth 6-18. We have researched the data and statistics from sources on the internet and compiled internet data from various sites identified in Section 1 of this Community Plan.

Data Gathered, State and County:

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| • Iowa's Integrated Data System for Decision Making (I2D2) | • US Census Bureau |
| • Child Care Resource & Referral | • Workforce Development |
| • Iowa Department of Health & Human Services | • Kids Count |
| • Iowa Department of Education | • Iowa Youth Survey |
| • Iowa Department of Public Health | • Juvenile Delinquency |
| • Iowa Department of Public Safety | |

Reviewed other community assessments including hospitals, community action agencies and the United Way ALICE report. We continually gather information about local needs at local Community Coalition meetings, which have representation from various community partners.

Community Coalition Members (local services providers) provided the top needs they observe during their work with children and families.

Early childhood agencies participated in a strategic planning session during a scheduled meeting. The meeting consisted of reviewing data and gaining input from the workers in the field.

Locally we surveyed parents using an electronic survey and paper copies. Parent Surveys consisted of open-ended questions, and check boxes for utilized community services. The surveys were distributed to preschool parents and the family support programs in Buena Vista, Crawford and Sac Counties. 19 responses were received from the parent surveys.

Community Assessments Review

Community Action Agencies (Head Start/Early Head Start) three Community Action Agencies provide services Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc (Buena Vista County) West Central Community Action (Crawford County) and New Opportunities, Inc. (Sac County).

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. (UDMO) Head Start serving Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alta, Pocahontas. Early Head Start serving Buena Vista, Clay, Emmet.

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. 2022 October 2021 to September 2022 Annual Report

- <https://www.udmo.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/UDMO-2022-Annual-Report.pdf>

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. Community Needs Assessment 2021-2024

- <https://www.udmo.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/FY21.24-Community-Needs-Assessment-Update-Reduced.pdf>

Top identified needs in the UDMO's service area are:

- Employment
- Food/Nutrition/Basic Needs
- Housing
- Parent support/Child Care/Youth Enrichment
- Transportation

Interesting Data:

- The percentage of population with No High School Diploma Iowa 7.91%. UDMO report area 9.1%. Buena Vista County 21.55%.
- Free or reduced-price lunches are served to qualifying students in families with income between under 185% (reduced price) or under 130% (free lunch) of the US federal poverty threshold as a part of the federal National School Lunch Program (NSLP). UDMO report area 49.7%. Buena Vista County 61.6%

West Central Community Action (WCCA) Head Start serving Cass, **Crawford**, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, Shelby. Early Head Start Center Based serving Crawford, Montgomery, Pottawattamie, Shelby. Early Head Start Home - Based serving Cass, Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, Page.

West Central Community Action Report Covers Fiscal Year 2022 October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

- https://www.westcentralca.org/files/ugd/92ae7d_3c1c906926f2438b89d21be421dd6b56.pdf

West Central Community Action Comprehensive Needs Assessment Executive Summary January 2023

- https://www.westcentralca.org/files/ugd/92ae7d_92cfe8e233964a02a268363f6c526390.pdf

Points from the Summary of Findings.

Main Conditions of Poverty (need):

Basic needs not being met.

- Food/Clothing
- Affordable/Safe Housing
- Mental Health/Substance Abuse

Main Causes of Poverty (why the need exists):

- Lack of higher education
- Lack of employment opportunities with living wage
- Lack of dependable transportation
- Lack of affordable and safe housing
- Lack of access to Mental Health/ Substance abuse treatment options

Interesting Data:

- 9.7% of people over the age of 25 do not have a high school diploma or HiSET in WCCA's service Area. The state average is 7.53% and the united State is 11.47%. Crawford County had the highest rate at 18.19%.
- The percentage lacking adult literacy skills for Iowa is 14.9% and 17.3% of WCCA's service area. Crawford County has the highest rate at 30.5%.

New Opportunities, Inc. serving Audubon, Calhoun, Carroll, Greene, Guthrie, **Sac**, Counties

Complete Community Needs Assessment Update 2022, link to report New Opportunities, Inc. Head Start and Early Head Start Community Needs Assessment 2021

- https://www.newopp.org/media/cms/2021_New_Opportunities_Inc_HS_Community_Needs_Assessment_2021.pdf

2022 Head Start Community Needs Assessment (CAN) Update.

- https://www.newopp.org/media/cms/2022_CAN_Update_A744EC76E510B.pdf

Head Start Focus Areas

Significantly Underserved: Calhoun, Dallas

Underserved; Audubon, Guthrie, Sac

Parent Needs - Greatest Stressors

- Money
- Child behaviors

Interesting data

- 50% of children are enrolled in a preschool program, would indicate that more than 50% of children entered Kindergarten unprepared for the educational experience.

Loring Hospital, Sac County, Iowa 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment <https://www.loringhospital.org/>

Loring Hospital set realistic goals and determined needs we can make a difference with by choosing the following health needs:

- 1) Obesity, Nutrition
- 2) Mental Health
- 3) Substance Abuse

Goals of Loring Hospital

- Better understand health care needs in the community.
- Collaborate with community health leaders.
- Develop an action plan with realistic goals based on available resources.
- Improve the health of the communities we serve.

Programs include public events, promoting locally existing programs, expanding services, participating with local schools and/or community outreach centers/services, developing programs (diabetes, weight management), website focal point (nutrition, health & wellness services available). Visit <https://www.loringhospital.org/> for the complete implementation plan.

May provide support to parents with children 0-5 years of age, however no focus directed toward the younger population.

Crawford County Memorial Hospital 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment <https://www.ccmhia.com>

Prioritized Needs:

- 1) Access to Health Care
- 2) Obesity Prevention
- 3) Mental Health

Identified Needs:

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| • Access to Healthcare | • Food Security |
| • Addiction Counseling & Services | • Health Insurance |
| • Affordable/Quality Housing | • Obesity Prevention/Healthy Eating |
| • Affordable Child Care/Daycare | • Respite care |
| • Behavioral & Mental Healthier Services | • STD Prevention & Education |
| • Cultural Competence | • Transportation |
| • Diabetes/Chronic Disease Management | • Urgent Care |

Community Coalition are held in each county with the purpose to bring agencies and community members together to be able to share information and assist in gathering information about the community. In October 2023 each Coalition was asked to identify the top needs of children – youth – adults. The results are listed by county.

Buena Vista County

- Mental health for children is related to behavioral needs and concerns connected to available resources.
- Dental Services dentists that accept Medicaid. Issues for children however, more impossible for pregnant women.
- High rise in teen pregnancy. Resources in general.
- Child care - lack of child care providers/slots.

Crawford County

- Stable housing
- Child visitation and exchange center
- Child care centers available times. Centers open early in the am but for 2nd shift workers they close to early.
- Quality child care
- Food Insecurities
- Place for youth to gather, currently sitting in parking lots, not able to afford other options.
- Suicide concerns

Sac County

- Child care struggles
- Mental health struggles, resources, and lack of funding
- Food pantry (food insecurities)
- Out of town transportation to appointments

Surveys

Parents

79% of those responding had children in the 0 – 5 years age range.

21% responding had youth in the 6 –12 years age range.

5% had adolescents aged 13 – 18 years of age.

Strengths: What are the community's primary strengths and resources, particularly for families and children?	Needs: What do you see as the community's most glaring gaps or weaknesses?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The gatherings they do at Washington Park. • Community Resources offer different resources. • Good for baby. • Financial help like WIC or SNAP. Baby Boutique helps a lot. • Sports for toddlers, clubs, parks, food in summer. • Library, aquatic center, small parks, Baby Boutique. • Library & Baby Boutique. • Baby Boutique. • Good information at Baby Boutique. • Free lunches at school. • Free food. • Baby Boutique, Family STEPS, Soccer leagues, Early Spending. • Library Accessibility & Parks. • Our community values and care for our young ones and provide a great quality education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meth • Plains Area • Mental problems • They see we don't have a YMCA and money is being raised for that. • Needing more interpreters in some offices/communities. • Some need transportation and its hard to get around. • Not enough winter programs. • Took away the biggest playground equipment in town. • Lack of time. • Another day care for the kids. • Another day care. • There is really not much help for the middle-class. I have to be on food stamps and have Medicaid in order for my child to be allowed to go tot gingerbread and apparently, we make too much to apply for food stamps but we/re barely getting by. • Child Care and preschool. • Transportation in general and transportation to appointments. • We need more baby/youth child care. There are parents out there that want to work but either can't afford childcare or all of their checks would go there anyway. • Lack of baby-age child care with quality properly trained and background checked workers. • Affordable child care because some people might have a hardship in terms of financial.

What are the main sources of stress for families that may interfere with the best care and nurture of their children?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing • When some family members don't play as a team on behavior things with kids. • Child Care for single Mom when working. • Money. • Not many day care options • Lack of time. • Food, work, safety. • No extra money after bills. I would say financial.

Early Care Educators - 5 responses

Age Groups Served:

0 through 3 years of age - 1 (20%)

0-5 years of age -3 (60%)

6-12 years of age – 1 (20%)

Child Care only – 1 (20%)

Preschool only – 1 (20%)

Combination of child care and preschool – 2 b(40%)

Strengths: How is your community doing in terms of caring for children (0-5) and youth (6-18). What are the communities' primary strengths and resources?	Needs: What do you see as the community's needs – most glaring gaps or weaknesses?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We lease the space from the school district. • Contract for lunch services with the school for a discounted price. • The community is doing good caring for both age groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of community support for annual expenses/employee benefits; lack of trust with our community. • More events/activities – especially in summer. • Availability. • We need a behavioral coach that is easy to access for ideas. • Not enough of it, need more doctors & dentist that take Medicare. • Lack of programming and space.
What is the main source of stress, in your program, that may interfere with offering the best care for children?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student attendance, students not coming equipped with skills like being potty trained. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location (the building), lack of experienced staff, and lack of preschool programming. • Not being able to have a lot of funds to pay higher wages and continue to update classrooms. • Space financial aid. • Need a behavioral coach. 		
What support services have you used in your program?		
Child & Adult Food Program - 2 (40%)	Child Care Assistance – 3 (60%)	Child Care Collaborative – 0 (0%)
Child Care Consultant (HHS) - 1 (20%)	Child Care Nurse Consultant – 2 (40%)	Child Care Resource & Referral – 3 (60%)
Child Care Consultant (CCR&R) – 3 (60%)	Child Care Ready (CCR&R) - 0 0%	Business Investment Program - 2 (40%)
Trainings (CCR&R) – 3 (60%)	Child Care Conference (Wall Lake) – 0 (0%)	IQ4K/QRS – 1 (20%)
Child Care WAGES - 0 (0%)	T.E.A.C.H – 0 (0%)	Iowa Quality Preschool Program – 3 (60%)
Early Childhood - Positive Behavior Intervention Support – 0 (0%)		
What type of programming would benefit your early care and education business?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-year-old preschool programming • Events • Behavior specialist that is easy to access for ideas and help. Behaviors (defiance) are worse than ever and some parents think we should just be able to fix it. 		

Analysis of Data

In analysis of the surveys, data collection, and input gathered at Community Coalition meetings, early care and education meeting and other community assessments the board identified community strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to set priorities. BVCS Early Childhood Iowa does not have the funding to address all the community needs identified by the community analysis but will continue to coordinate and collaborate to bring about change for children and families.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care coverage • Immunizations • Sac County low teen births • Have consultants (Child Care Consultants and Child Care Nurse Consultants) • Parks • Education to young parents • Financial assistance (WIC, SNAP, school lunches). • Caring Communities. • Libraries • Public Private partnerships exist for child care in some communities (IPERS, discounted lunches). • Food banks and distribution sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infant Mortality • Child Care: availability in homes and centers, affordability, Low staff pay & no benefits, staffing, policy enforcement, registration/licensing requirement - renovations and repairs that may hinder the process to open. • Dental providers accepting new Medicaid patients. • Food – Low Income • Mental Health; accessibility for therapy, behavioral coaching in early care and education environments. • Younger children are not socially ready for kindergarten. • Child behaviors. • Adults are not able to self-regulate. • Drugs • Transportation • Assistance for middle class (ALICE) • Interpreters • Preschool (3-year-old) • Lack of community support for child care to be financially sustainable.
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Workforce Study 2023 information. • All Out Kin, Child Care Resource & Referral training, build relationships and support. • Education on Child Care Assistance for child care providers and parents. • Retaining staff, statewide WAGE\$ and T.E.A.C.H. • Increase IQ4K ratings in early care and education settings. • Additional activities (YMCA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults are not able to self-regulate and are working in child care settings. • WAGE\$ - T.E.A.C.H. supplement income connected to IQ4K rating. • Changes from Health & Human Services Alignment.

Assessment Overview & Identified Priorities

Result Areas & Local Focus

Healthy Children:

- Dental – Mental Health – Nutrition.
- Concern: Infant Mortality (research cause, prevention opportunities)

Children Ready to Success in School:

- Increase preschool attendance/preschools three and four year and wrap around programs.
- Home Visitation/Family Support to provide family education/assistance and child development knowledge.
- Head Start enrollment – Library story hours.

Secure and Nurturing Families:

- Home visitation program.
- Scholarship/tuition assistance for preschool.
- Family Crisis Centers – Domestic Violence – Community Action Agencies
- Parent Participation, engaging families.

Secure and Nurturing Early Learning Environments:

- Mental Health Supports - Early Childhood Positive Behavior Support (EC-PBIS).

Safe and Supportive Communities:

- Focus on data.
- Needs assessments (families have a voice).
- Referrals to agencies providing services.

Additional Thoughts:

- Mobile dental units.
- Pay child care more to have quality care that parents want to access.
- Play is important in a young child's development.
- Transportation

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Priorities:

- Parent Supports
- Quality Early Learning
- Dental Prevention
- Behavioral Mental Health Supports
- Preschool Attendance
- Support for child care

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Funding Options Priorities & Funding Opportunities.

Parent Supports

- Family support/home visitation, parent education.

Quality Early Learning

- Participation in initiatives that support quality environments, education opportunities.

Dental Prevention

- Oral health prevention (children/parent of children 0-5 years of age).

Behavioral Mental Health Supports

- Early childhood training opportunities or initiatives.

Preschool Attendance

- Preschool tuition supports to quality preschool programs.

Supports for Child Care

- Consultation; health and safety, business practices, behavioral coach, etc.

Identified Goals

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa has adopted *We Are ECI Strategic Plan 2023-2026 goals*. The BVCS Early Childhood Alignment and local strategies are outlined to meet the goals.

Goal 1	Goal 2	Goal 3	Goal 4	Goal 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote a coordinated infrastructure to advance the early childhood system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build public will for investing in young children and their families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transform the early childhood workforce through formal education, greater professionalism increased skills and competence and new approaches to implementing best practices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that young children and families receive the services they need when they need them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the quality of early childhood services for young children and their families across the early care and education, health, mental health, nutrition, and family support services.
Goal 1 strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand collaboration and coordination among local programs and agencies serving young children and their families. Review and assess data regularly to guide decision making. 			
Goal 2 strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education to communities and families on the importance of a young child's development. Educate parents on choosing quality childcare. 			
Goal 3 strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in Quality Initiatives. Training to educate child care professionals. Promote participation in T.E.A.C.H and WAGE\$ 			

Goal 4 strategies

- Encourage referrals to service providers providing services in the service area.
- Coalitions to strengthen and encourage referrals.
- Promote re-entry in to workforce.

Goal 5 strategies

- Promote evidence-based programs.
- Support; children's behavioral mental health, health, oral health, preschool attendance, and early care and education programs.
- Improve the quality of early care programs.

Section III: Community Collaborations – Approved March 27, 2024

Collaborative and Networking Opportunities

Collaboration is obtained by partners engaging in a process through which they constructively build an interdependent system which includes a common mission, comprehensive communication and planning, pooled resources and shared risk and products.

Community Coalitions are organized/facilitated by the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa, Program Director and Decat/CPPC Program Coordinators. Community Coalitions also serve as the Pregnancy Prevention Council, the Tobacco Prevention Council and Child Abuse Prevention Councils.

The Community Coalitions are comprised of a wide variety of service providers/citizens,

- Area Education Agencies,
- Early Childhood Iowa Area,
- Child Care Resource & Referral,
- Child Abuse Prevention Councils,
- Community Action Agencies,
- Decat/CPPC,
- Department of Human Services,
- Head Start Programs,
- Juvenile Court Services,
- Parent Partners
- Public and Private School Administrators and Personnel,
- Substance Abuse Treatment Providers,
- and other local providers of services to the families and children of our area.

Agencies that serve the counties and community members of Buena Vista, Crawford and Sac Counties are invited to attend local Community Coalitions. The councils meet on a bi-monthly basis on regularly scheduled days. Buena Vista County is scheduled to meet on the second Thursday at 10:00 with the main location at The Bridge of Storm Lake. Crawford County is scheduled to meet on the third Tuesday at 1:00 pm with the main location ISU Extension in Denison. Sac County is scheduled to meet on the second Monday at 9:00 am with the main location at Sac County Law Enforcement Center. The members have found in-person in conjunction with virtual participation meet the needs of the Coalition.

The Community Coalitions meetings are to promote communication between agencies with similar goals. Meetings can consist of a speaker that gives information about services or events happening in their County. Following the speaker, a planned meeting is held. The meetings consist of review of previous minutes, Council decisions, community sharing, and may include assistance with community assessments/surveys, recommendations for programming, problems identified in the community, brainstorming of resources available in the community.

Section IV: Fiscal Assessment – BVCS ECI Early Childhood – Approved March 27, 2024

Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Counties are fortunate to have a solid base of early childhood services funded from federal and state entities. The following is a breakdown according to types of early childhood services.

Acronyms – Multiple Counties Served (*)

(BIP) Business Investment Program
 (BV) Buena Vista
 (BV Public Health) Buena Vista Public Health & Home Care
 (BVCS ECI) Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac Early Childhood Iowa – State Funds
 (CACFP) Child & Adult Food Program – Federal Funds
 (CCCH) Crawford County Community Health – Serving 7 Counties including BV, Crawford, Sac-
 (CCR&R) Child Care Resource & Referral - Serving 23 Counties including BV, Crawford, Sac- Federal
 (DHHS) Department of Health & Human Services
 (DE) Department of Education
 (ICAP) Iowa Child Abuse Prevention
 (New Opp.) New Opportunities, Inc – * Serving 7 Counties including Buena Vista, Crawford, & Sac Counties.
 (UDMO) Upper Des Moines Opportunities, Inc. – * Serving 12 Counties including Buena Vista,
 (WCCA) West Central Community Action – * Serving 10 Counties including Crawford

Child Care

Program	Name	State Agency	Funding Source
CCR&R - Consultant	Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. *	DHHS	State, Federal
CCR&R - BIP	Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. *	BVCS ECI	State
CCR&R Provider Development.	Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. *	DHHS, BVCS ECI	Federal, State
Child Care Nurse Consultants	Crawford County Community Health *	DHHS, BVCS ECI	State
CACFP (Registered Child Development Home and Centers)	UDMO * WCCA * New Opp. *	DE	State, Federal

Family Support & Parent Education

Program	Name	State Agency	Funding Source
Early Head Start	UDMO * WCCA *	DE	Federal
FaDDS	UDMO * New Opportunities, Inc. *	DHHS	State

Family STEPS	Crawford County Community Health Sac County Health Services	BVCS ECI & ICAP BVCS ECI & County Sac	State, Federal State
Family Support	Seeking agency to provide service	BVCS ECI Request for Proposal	State
Baby Boutique	Crawford County Community Health	ICAP	State, Federal
Parent Education	Crawford County Community Health	ICAP	State, Federal
The Bridge of Storm Lake	Parent Café'		Local
Health, Human Services			
Program	Name	State Agency	Funding Source
1 st Five	New Opportunities, Inc.	DHHS	State
I-Smile	Crawford County Community Health	DHHS & BVCS ECI	State
Immunization	BV Public Health CCHHH&PH Sac County Health Services Other Health Providers	DHHS	State
Maternal Child Health	Crawford County Health Department	DHHS	State
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)	New Opportunities, Inc.	DHHS	State

State Wide Voluntary Preschool (SWVPP), Shared Vision, (SV), Head Start (HS), Early Head Start (EHS), Health and Human Services Licensed Center/Preschool (HHS), Faith Based Preschools (FB), Preschools participating in the BVCS ECI Low Income Preschool Support (LIPS)				
Preschool	3 yr. old	4 yr. old	Programs Provided	Funding Source
Albert City – Truesdale		x	SWVPP	State
Alta-Aurelia	x	x	SWVPP, LIPS	State
Newell-Fonda CSD		x	SWVPP	State
Saint Mary's Catholic	x	x	SWVPP-Partner, HHS, FB, LIPS	State
Sioux Central CSD	x	x	SWVPP, LIPS	State
Storm Lake CSD, Upper Des Moines Opportunity		x	SWVPP, SV, HS, HHS,	State, Federal
Upper Des Moines Opportunity	x	x	SWVPP, SV, HS, EHS, HHS *	State, Federal
Ar-We-Va CSD		x	SWVPP	State
Charter Oak-Ute Elementary		x	SWVPP	State
Denison CSD Elementary	x	x	SWVPP	State
West Central Comm Action	x	x	HS, EHS, DHHS *	State
Schleswig - Immanuel	x	x	SWVPP-Partner, FB, LIPS	State
Saint Rose of Lima	x	x	SWVPP-Partner, FB, LIPS	State
Unity Ridge Lutheran Preschool	x	x	FB, LIPS	State
East Sac County CSD		x	SWVPP	State

New Opportunities, Inc. Sac City		x	HS, DHHS, *	State, Federal
Odebolt Arthur Battle Creek Ida Grove		x	SWVPP (Ida Grove) *	State
Schaller-Crestland, New Opportunities, Inc.	x	x	SWVPP, DHHS	State
Preschool Tuition Support/Scholarships LIPS	x	x	BVCS Early Childhood IA	State

“Putting your students’ emotional needs first is important because without feeling safe and understood, no instructional strategy will be effective.” ~ Jasper Fox, Sr.

Section V: BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area Community Wide Indicators

– Approved March 27, 2024

The BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Board reviews an extensive amount of data to understand the trends of important data points. This information also helps them understand what is occurring regarding the needs of young children and their families. The Board has selected the following indicators for annual review, related to the priorities set during the strategic planning process and related back to the Early Childhood Iowa result areas. All Result Areas impact having Children Ready to Succeed in School.

The Matrix displays the indicators adopted by the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area Board, trend line data and links each indicator to the state result areas. * Column two of the matrix uses the following key to identify indicators adopted by the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Board.

A – Children Ready to Succeed in School

B – Healthy Children

C- Secure and nurturing Families

D- Safe and Supportive Communities

E – Secure and Nurturing Child Care Environments

BVCS EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA AREA INDICATORS - TREND LINE DATA – Data Accessed on March 10, 2023, reviewed by Board 3-39-2023									
Community Early Childhood Iowa Area Indicators	1. Identify the link to the State Results *	Identify Source of data for each Indicator		Baseline Data	Subsequent Year’s Data (Trend Line) Identified Year Data Available				Goal
Timeline Immunizations			Buena Vista (BV)	2019	2020	2021	2022		
Immunized by age 2. Immunization schedule 4:3:1:3:3:1:4 series – IRIS	A, B & C	IDPH Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal	BV	70%	68%	71%	73%		Timeline: Maintain and/or Increase rate to 70% by 2024, using 2019 as the baseline data.
			Crawford	69%	71%	72%	75%		
	https://tracking.idph.iowa.gov/ https://i2d2.iastate.edu/ Community Plan pages 16 & 56		Sac	75%	75%	75%	78%		
			State	74%	72%	71%	71%		
Timeline Low birth Weight Singleton Full Term Births				2019	2020	2021			
% of births under 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds.	A & B	IDPH Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal	BV	2.78%	2.8%	2.3%			Reduce rate to 2% by 2024, using 2019 as the baseline data.
			Crawford	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed			
			https://tracking.idph.iowa.gov/ https://i2d2.iastate.edu/ Community Plan pages 17 & 57		Sac	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	
		State:	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%				

Timeline Literacy:				2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Percentage of Kindergartners meeting the full benchmarks for early literacy universal screening measure requirement.	A & E	Kindergarten Assessment Tables	BV	60%	68%	62%	58%	57%	Increase reading skills to 85% by 2024.
			Crawford	--	--	--	51%	50%	
	https://i2d2.iastate.edu/ Community Plan pages 19 & 57		Sac	74%	91%	62%	73%	74%	
			State:	62%	72%	67%	66%	67%	
Timeline Dental			FFY	FFY 2018	FFY 2019	FFY 2020	FFY 2021	FFY 2022	
Dental Treatment Age 0-5 Preventative Dental Services (Medicaid)	A & B	IDPH Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal	BV	49%	44%	37%	34%	36%	Increase to 60% by 2024. The drop in 2020 may be related to the change in insurance coverage. Parents may not have been aware they were changed. Change in Dentist accepting new Medicaid patients.
	Community Plan pages 18 & 57		Crawford	45%	47%	38%	41%	37%	
Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal https://tracking.idph.iowa.gov/ and/or https://i2d2.iastate.edu/			Sac	61%	58%	42%	42%	39%	
			State	50%	50%	38%	38%	43%	
Community Early Childhood Iowa Area Indicators	2. Identify the link to the State Results *	Identify Source of data for each Indicator		Baseline Data	Subsequent Year’s Data (Trend Line) Identify Year				Goal
Timeline Poverty				2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Percentage of children age 0-17 who live below the poverty level during the year	A & D	KIDS Count Data Center/Child & Family Policy Center	BV	17.3%	16.3%	13.6%	13.5%	12.%	Timeline: track percentage to show change in demographics
			Crawford	16.9%	14.3%	16.4%	17.2%	14.4%	
			Sac	16.5%	14.0%	14.6%	13.1%	14.8%	
			State:	14.6%	12.6 %	13.5%	12.8%	12.0%	
Timeline Child Abuse				CY 2018	CY 2018	CY 2020	CY 2021	CY 2022	
		https://hhs.iowa.gov/	BV	16%	17%	23%	18%	20%	

Child Abuse incidence rate per 1,000 for children 5 years and under.	A & C	https://i2d2.iastate.edu/	Crawford	19%	16%	14%	19%	29%	Reduce by 2% in each county by 2024.
	Community Plan pages 13 & 56		Sac	19%	23%	6%	19%	9%	
			State:	23%	22%	21%	23%	22%	
Timeline Teen Births				2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Rate of live births born to women ages 15 10 19 per 1,000 women in this age range.	A & C	https://tracking.idph.iowa.gov/	BV	10.3	11.1	7.6	12.9	7.7	Reduce by 2% by 2024.
		https://i2d2.iastate.edu/	Crawford	8.8	9.8	6.5	11.5	16.5	
	Community Plan pages 16 & 56		Sac	*	*	*	*	*	
			State:	7.7	7.4	6.8	6.4	6.3	
	* IDPH counts of five or less birth/deaths and rates based on these counts, are suppressed to protect confidentiality.								
	Timeline child care spaces				July 2018	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021	July 2022
# of spaces available in a Registered Child Development Homes	A & E	https://iowaccrr.org/	Buena Vista	120	100	112	108	92	Increase slots in quality child care to cover the needs in the area.
		https://i2d2.iastate.edu/	Crawford	120	76	88	84	72	
	Community Plan pages 21 & 57		Sac	40	28	16	16	52	
# of spaces available in a DHS Licensed Centers/Preschools	A & E	https://iowaccrr.org/	Buena Vista	435	435	536	598	582	Increase slots in quality child care to cover the needs in the area.
		https://i2d2.iastate.edu/	Crawford	384	384	309	252	418	
	Community Plan pages 21 & 57		Sac	171	182	182	182	202	

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Rationale for Selection of Indicator</i>		<i>Result Areas</i>
Immunizations: 2-year-old coverage	Parent Supports, Supports for Child Care. Provide parents knowledge and resources for the health care needs of their infant and young children. Offer parents information and/or location of immunization clinics. Tracking the immunization rate of young children provides the Board with knowledge about protection in the community related to the potential outbreaks for various diseases.		Healthy Children Statewide Indicator
Percentage of births under 5.5 pounds	Parent Supports		Healthy Children

	Data indicates a need for prenatal education to expecting parents. Potential parents receiving education regarding the need for prenatal care during pregnancy can be an indicator of the success of parent education. Access to prenatal services also provides the area with information relative to children and their families being able to access health services.	Statewide Indicator
Literacy Students Proficient 4 th Grade	Parent Supports, Quality Early Learning, Supports for Child Care. Recent research supports an interactive and experiential process of learning spoken and written language skills that begins in early infancy. Children gain significant knowledge of language, reading, and writing long before they enter school. Early literacy skills develop in real life settings through positive interactions with literacy materials and other people. (Early Literacy www.zerotothree.org/BrainWonders).	Secure & Nurturing Families
Dental Treatment Age 0-5	Dental Prevention The foundation for healthy permanent teeth is laid during the first years of life. Poor habits of food intake and inadequate oral health care during the first years of life have been shown in several studies to be related to tooth decay in children. The development of caries in primary teeth is related to future dental needs in permanent teeth. Tracking data is a way to identify continued need for oral health education, screenings, and varnish.	Healthy Children Statewide Indicator
Children aged 0-17 living below poverty level	Parent Supports, Behavioral Health Supports, Quality Early Learning. Child Poverty Levels provide data regarding the financial status of children and their families. This data helps the BVCS ECI 3-County Board understand the level of need for families thus relating to supports and services families may need.	Safe and Secure Families Statewide Indicator
Birth rate for mothers under age 20	Parent Supports Education to High-Risk Families is identified as BVCS ECI need. By reviewing the Teen Birth Rate, this data provides a target population for such programming.	Healthy Children Statewide Indicator – Teen Births
Slots available in registered child care homes and licensed child care centers	Quality Early Learning - Child Care Homes/Licensed Center Availability. By tracking the number of slots in registered and licensed child care environments the BVCS ECI 3-County Board understands the accessibility of child care, one of the identified BVCS ECI area needs. All parents in the workforce with children under age 6 ranging from 69% to 80% in the BVCS ECI area, the need for childcare is needed for parents and economic development.	Secure & Nurturing Early Learning Environments Statewide Indicator
Incidence of Child Abuse	Parent Supports, Supports for Child Care. Prevention of Child Abuse is a goal of Parent Education and Family Support programming. Tracking confirmed neglect and child abuse cases is used by the Board as an indicator of success of such Parent Education / Family Support.	Secure & Nurturing Families Statewide Indicator

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Program Trend Data

Detailed information regarding program performance data is reported annually in the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Annual Report. Additionally, the Board tracks the trend of performance measures for the programs. Performance measures include the State Early Childhood Iowa performance measures as well as any additional Board-determined local measures (as applicable).

Mid-Sioux Opportunity Contract - Child Care Resource & Referral

Professional Development to Early Care and Education Providers	FY 19	Debit	FY 20	Debit	FY 21	Debit	FY 22	Debit	FY 23	Debit
# of participants in the conference/trainings	52	\$8,790.00	158	\$1,129.96	19	\$6,802.46	51	\$9,611.81	120	\$9,021.00
# of conferences with early learning content	1		1		1		3		7	
# of trainings with early learning content (Unduplicated)	3		1		1		3		7	
# & % of participants that registered/attended	N/A		N/A		26	73%	N/A		N/A	
Total cost for Conference & trainings	\$6,996.01		\$1,129.96		\$6,802.46		\$9,611.81		\$8,176.72	
Conference Cost Per Participant	\$134.54		\$7.15		\$358.02		\$188.47		\$68.14	
Cost for Trainings	\$1,794.00		N/A		N/A		\$3,203.94		\$1,168.10	
Cost Per Program	\$598.00		\$141.24		N/A		N/A		N/A	
Contracted Amount	\$10,000		\$2,988.00		\$6,802.46		\$9,611.81		\$9,021.00	
Percentage of Amount Spent	87.90%		98.47%		100%		100%		91%	

Mid-Sioux Opportunity Contract - Child Care Resource & Referral

Business Investment Program (BIP) FY19	FY 19	Debit	FY 20	Debit	FY 21	Debit	FY 22	Debit	FY 23	Debit
# of program applying to participate	14	\$29,842.03	21	\$55,367.19	17	\$32,797.54	17	\$30,644.39	16	\$33,161.00
# of programs accepted/participating in expanding quality (unduplicated)	14		16		17		17		0	
Number of Start-Up Business Unduplicated	4		3		4		7		5	
Number of Expansion Unduplicated	1		1		0		0		0	
Number Expanding Quality	9		20		13		10		11	
# of program meetings QRS Level 3	0		0		0		0		0	
# of program meetings QRS Level 4	2		5		5		6		4	
# of program meetings QRS Level 5	2		1		0		0		0	
# of programs participating in IQ4K Level 1 or above	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		1	
# of program that improve or maintain at the highest level of quality initiative	7		7		5		6		N/A	
Businesses that received at least on incentive (by category & submitted a reimbursement claim)	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		Recei ved	Submi tted
Child Care Homes - Non-registered									2	2
Non-Registered that become HHS Registered									0	0
Child Development Home - HHS Registered									7	7
HHS Licensed									7	7
Total									16	16
Percentage of applications awarded									100%	
% of businesses that increases or maintained the highest level in the Quality Rating Scale (Outcome)	7/14		7/21		4/5		6/8		N/A	
	50%		33%		83%		75%		N/A	
Cost for Quality Improvement Program	\$29,842.03		\$53,554.95		\$32,797.54		\$30,644.39		\$32,409.95	
Average Cost Per Program	\$2,131.57		\$2,550.24		\$1,929.27		\$1,802.61		\$2,025.62	
Contracted Amount	\$30,000.00		\$53,555.00		\$32,797.54		\$30,988.19		\$33,161.00	
Percentage of Amount Spent	99.47%		100%		100%		99%		98%	

Crawford County Community Health Child Care Nurse Consultant Contract

Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC)	** FY 19	Debit	** FY 20	Debit	** FY 21	Debit	** FY 22	Debit	*FY 23	Debit
# of visits to early learning environments	73	\$25,564.37	56	\$24,778.00	87	\$27,510.89	84	EC \$26,852.13 SR \$2,321.85	114	\$58,490.00
# of technical assistance contacts	63		93		87		63		97	
# of early learning programs participating with CCNC (unduplicated)	15		18		15		17		43	
# of Non-registered Programs -Child Care Home	0		1		2		2		4	
# of Child Development Homes -Registered	7		7		7		7		15	
# of HHS Licensed Child Care Centers & Preschools	4		6		5		6		17	
# of Department of Education – Licensed Exempt	4		4		1		2		7	
# of programs working on a quality initiative	15		18		15		N/A		N/A	
# of programs that improve conditions	11		18		15		16		36	
# and % QRS rating of 3, 4, or 5 stars or IQ4K Level	9	60%	9	50%	5	33%	5	29%	13	30%
# Children with special needs	23		26		9		17		32	
# and % Children with special needs with a care plan in place (Outcome)	23	100%	26	100%	9	100%	17	100%	30	94%
% of programs receiving onsite assessment and consultation that improve health and safety conditions in their early learning environment (Outcome)	11	100%	18	100%	15	100%	16	94%	36	84%
Early Childhood Cost	\$23,448.83		\$20,855.00		\$27,510.89		\$26,852.13		\$41,390.33	
School Ready Cost	\$2,115.54		\$3,923.00		\$0.00		\$2,321.85		\$0.00	
Number of programs working with consultant	15		18		15		17		43	
Average Cost Per Program	\$1,704.29		\$1,395.49		\$1,834.06		\$1,579.54		\$962.57	
Contracted Amount School Ready	\$5,000.00		\$3,923.00		\$0.00		\$3,000.00		\$0.00	
Percentage of Funds Spent School Ready	42.31%		100%		0%		77.40%		#DIV/0!	
Contracted Amount Early Childhood	\$23,416.00		\$20,855.00		\$27,511.00		\$27,250.00		\$58,490.00	
Percentage of Funds Spent Early Childhood	100%		100%		100%		98.54%		70.76%	

** Fiscal Year 2019 - Fiscal Year 22 Crawford County only data.

*In FY 23 the July - September contract with Crawford County Community Health (CCCH) was \$7,969.00. The contract with Webster County Health Department (WCHD) was \$5,000.00 in which all funds were debited. The October 2022 - June 2023 contract was entered into with CCCH for \$45,521.00 plus any unspent funds from the first quarter. The report includes data from both contracted agencies.

Social Emotional Supports	FY 22	Debit	FY 23	Debit
# of Trainings	9	\$17,728.90	4	\$14,938.59
# of trainings with Health, Mental Health & Nutrition content (Unduplicated)	6		0	
# of trainings with early learning content (Unduplicated)	3		4	
Percentage of the total training funded in each category Health, Mental Health & Nutrition	33.33%		0.00%	
Percentage of the total training funded in each category Early Learning	66.67%		100.00%	
Total cost for Trainings	\$17,728.00		\$14,938.59	
Cost Per Training	\$1,969.78		\$3,734.65	
Contracted Amount	\$28,724.57		\$15,943.97	
Percentage of Amount Spent	62%		94%	
BVCS ECI Specific Data				
# staff that participated in selected trainings	27		34	
FY 22 trainings attended: BVCS ECI Conference, Connections Matter, Teachable Moments, ASQ-3, ASQ:SE, Calming the Chaos, Understanding Depression, Me & My Needs, Weather & Worries,				
FY 23 trainings attended: ASQ-3, BVCS ECI Conference, Milestones Matter, Basic Behavior Management				
Programs that received Training Reimbursement	5		5	
# of programs participated in Brave, Strong, Resilient Curriculum	5		3	
Early Childhood sites/rooms that have completed identified component and received reward.	12		4	
# of sites materials purchased ASQ Assessment	13		4	
ASQ Assessment materials cost	\$7,509.86		\$4,339.97	
Number of potential Participants (center & homes)			26	
Total number that applied (centers & homes)			11	
Total number that applied & completed one or more components.			6	
Percentage that applied and completed one or more components: Sesame Street Curriculum, ASQ-3, ASQ:SE Questionnaires & conference with parents, attend training related to social emotional/behavioral needs.			50%	
Classrooms that received rewards (homes count as one classroom)			11	

Crawford County Community Health Contract

Oral Health	FY 19	Debit	FY 20	Debit	FY 21	Debit	FY 22	Debit	*FY 23	Debit
# of children participating in educational dental health programming (CCCH)	374	\$10,179.00	306	\$9,898.82	257	\$7,980.98	263	\$10,569.08	1027	\$13,527.00
# of children screened for dental health issues and receiving fluoride varnishes (CCCH)	226		162		119		133		579	
# of children referred for additional services or treatment of those children screened (CCCH)	60		41		32		36		133	
# of children referred that went to a dentist for treatment (CCCH)	42		10		12		6		27	
% of children referred that went to a dentist for treatment (Outcome) (CCCH)	70%		24%		38%		16%		20%	
# of children who were cavity free (CCCH)	166		121		87		97		446	
% of children who were cavity free (Outcome) (CCCH)	73%		75%		73%		73%		77%	
Early Childhood Iowa Cost for Services	\$10,179.00		\$9,898.82		\$7,980.98		\$10,569.98		\$13,927.00	
Medicaid Revenue the paid for children	\$678.84		\$1,214.88		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$9,229.88	
Combined Total	\$10,857.84		\$11,078.96		\$7,980.98		\$10,569.98		\$23,156.88	
Average Cost Per Child – all children served	\$29.03		\$36.21		\$31.05		\$40.19		\$22.55	
Average Cost per child screened	\$48.04		\$68.39		\$67.07		\$79.47		\$39.99	
Contracted Amount	\$10,179.00		\$11,584.00		\$10,737.00		\$10,711.00		\$13,927.00	
Percentage of Funds Spent	100%		85.45%		74%		99%		100%	

* Held two contracts to start FY 23. July-September Crawford County Community Health contract amount was \$2,668.00. Webster County Health Department contract was \$2,500.00. Webster County spent \$400.00 on the contract. In October entered a contract with CCCH to complete the year. Moved remaining of the WCHD contract into the CCCH contract along with funds set aside for Oral Health \$8,759.00 + 2,668.00 + \$2,100.00 total contract with CCCH October 2022-June 2023 = \$13,527.00

Buena Vista Public Health & Home Care Contract Family Support To Experience Parenting Success

Family STEPS	FY 19	Debit	FY 20	Debit	FY 21	Debit	FY 22	Debit	FY 23	Debit
# of children served	75	\$115,398.04	75	\$116,636.98	83	\$132,554.83	73	\$118,926.45	40	\$138,472.00
# of families served	53		49		48		43		17	
# of home visits	490		574		406		232		308	
Children 0-5 age eligible for ASQ-3 screening for developmental delays	75%		61%		18%		51%		89%	
Children screened positive	24%		12%		7%		22%		36%	
Children screened positive referred to early intervention services	33%		80%		100%		0%		83%	
Already in early intervention services	17%		20%		0%		57%		8%	
Newly enrolled families meeting one or more meeting ECI eligibility criteria	88%		88%		100%		100%		100%	
Newly enrolled families enrolled prenatally at enrollment	23%		40%		0%		31%		24%	
Mothers (pregnant or with an infant <1 eligible for Edinburgh Postnatal Depression screening	30		28		21		20		11	
EPDS Percentage Screened Positive	N/A		N/A		N/A		14%		0%	
Improve or maintain healthy family functioning, problem solving & communication (Outcome)	98%		95%		91%		97%		92%	
Increase or maintain social supports (Outcome)	96%		93%		93%		100%		46%	
Connected to additional concrete supports (Outcome)	91%		88%		89%		88%		46%	
Improve nurturing & attachment between parent & child (Outcome)	63%		50%		52%		55%		54%	
Increase knowledge about child development & parenting (Outcome)	78%		80%		89%		87%		38%	
Quality Improvement category	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	
General category	\$115,398.04		\$116,636.98		\$132,554.83		\$118,926.45		\$138,472.00	
Other Funding: Prevent Child Abuse Iowa	\$28,000.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Total	\$143,398.04		\$116,636.98		\$132,554.38		\$118,926.45		\$138,472.00	
Number of families working with STEPS	53		49		48		43		17	
Average Cost Per Family (Blended Funding)	\$2,705.62		\$2,380.35		\$2,761.55		\$2,765.73		\$8,145.41	
Number of Home Visits	490		574		406		232		308	
Average Cost Per Home Visit (Blended Funding)	\$292.65		\$203.20		\$326.49		\$512.61		\$449.58	
Contracted Amount	\$127,897.00		\$136,782.00		\$145,744.00		\$152,433.00		\$159,600.00	
Percentage of Funds Spent	90%		85%		91%		78%		87%	



Crawford County Community Health Contract Family Support To Experience Parenting Success

Family STEPS	FY 19	Debit	FY 20	Debit	FY 21	Debit	FY 22	Debit	FY 23	Debit
# of children served	102	\$121,094.00	93	\$117,678.07	84	\$117,802.74	58	\$105,317.44	62	\$136,800.00
# of families served	77		69		51		40		48	
# of home visits	753		658		748		511		385	
Children 0-5 age eligible for ASQ-3 screening for developmental delays	64%		76%		56%		70%		88%	
Children screened positive	16%		15%		14%		26%		19%	
Children screened positive referred to early intervention services	60%		50%		33%		50%		57%	
Already in early intervention services	30%		40%		50%		20%		29%	
Newly enrolled families meeting one or more meeting ECI eligibility criteria	98%		100%		100%		100%		100%	
Newly enrolled families enrolled prenatally at enrollment	29%		44%		40%		36%		60%	
Mothers (pregnant or with an infant <1 eligible for Edinburgh Postnatal Depression screening	48		39		38		30		34	
EDPS Screened Positive	N/A		N/A		N/A		25%		59%	
Improve or maintain healthy family functioning, problem solving & communication (Outcome)	96%		92%		98%		100%		91%	
Increase or maintain social supports (Outcome)	100%		94%		100%		97%		85%	
Connected to additional concrete supports (Outcome)	91%		80%		91%		90%		97%	
Improve nurturing & attachment between parent & child (Outcome)	70%		65%		70%		79%		62%	
Increase knowledge about child development & parenting (Outcome)	91%		80%		85%		86%		69%	
Quality Improvement category	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	
General category	\$121,094.00		\$117,678.07		\$117,802.74		\$105,317.44		\$127,246.36	
Other Funding: Prevent Child Abuse Iowa	\$41,634.18		\$39,813.52		\$35,684.00		not provided		\$35,000.00	
Total (Blended Funding)	\$162,728.18		\$157,491.59		\$153,486.74		\$105,317.44		\$162,246.36	
Number of families working with STEPS	77		69		51		40		48	
Average Cost Per Family (Blended Funding)	\$2,113.35		\$2,282.49		\$3,009.54		\$2,632.94		\$3,380.13	
Number of Home Visits	753		658		748		511		385	
Average Cost Per Home Visit (Blended Funding)	\$216.11		\$239.35		\$205.20		\$206.10		\$421.42	
Contracted Amount	\$121,094.00		\$127,137.00		\$124,927.00		\$130,548.68		\$136,800.00	
Percentage of Funds Spent	100%		93%		94%		81%		93%	

Sac County Health Service Contract Family Support To Experience Parenting Success

Family STEPS	FY 19	Debit	FY 20	Debit	FY 21	Debit	FY 22	Debit	FY 23	Debit
# of children served	37	\$64,999.00	42	\$60,924.01	39	\$71,353.14	35	\$75,715.00	37	\$83,600.00
# of families served	25		25		25		29		31	
# of home visits	387		299		300		355		376	
Children 0-5 age eligible for ASQ-3 screening for developmental delays	82%		68%		71%		79%		88%	
Children screened positive	48%		35%		33%		30%		23%	
Children screened positive referred to early intervention services	15%		33%		38%		50%		43%	
Already in early intervention services	77%		67%		63%		50%		47%	
Newly enrolled families meeting one or more meeting ECI eligibility criteria	100%		90%		100%		91%		100%	
Newly enrolled families enrolled prenatally at enrollment	43%		30%		43%		83%		45%	
Mothers (pregnant or with an infant <1 eligible for Edinburgh Postnatal Depression screening	12		13		16		17		20	
Percentage Screened Positive	N/A		N/A		N/A		82%		29%	
Improve or maintain healthy family functioning, problem solving & communication (Outcome)	100%		100%		100%		100%		96%	
Increase or maintain social supports (Outcome)	100%		100%		100%		100%		96%	
Connected to additional concrete supports (Outcome)	91%		91%		91%		86%		91%	
Improve nurturing & attachment between parent & child (Outcome)	73%		64%		70%		59%		65%	
Increase knowledge about child development & parenting (Outcome)	91%		77%		85%		86%		65%	
Quality Improvement category	\$0.00	\$0		\$0.00		\$750.00		\$0.00		
General category	\$59,282.90	\$60,924.01		\$71,353.14		\$74,965.00		\$83,600.00		
Other Funding: Prevent Child Abuse Iowa	\$12,167.99	\$12,572.66		\$0.00		N/A		N/A		
Total	\$71,450.89	\$82,130.59		\$71,353.14		\$75,715.00		\$83,600.00		
Number of families working with STEPS	25	25		25		29		31		
Average Cost Per Family (Blended Funding)	\$2,858.03	\$2,380.35		\$2,854.13		\$2,610.86		\$2,696.77		
Number of Home Visits	387	299		300		355		376		
Average Cost Per Home Visit (Blended Funding)	\$184.63	\$245.81		\$237.84		\$213.28		\$222.34		
Contracted Amount	\$64,999.00	\$68,214.59		\$73,560.00		\$75,715.00		\$83,600.00		
Percentage of Funds Spent	91.21%	89.31%		97%		100%		100%		

Preschool Support Program - Subcontract with Preschools - Preschool Tuition Support

	FY 19	Debit	FY 20	Debit	FY 21	Debit	FY 22	Debit	FY 23	Debit
# of children on scholarship	69	\$61,786.13	102	\$96,113.96	78	\$61,338.77	74	\$66,369.00	83	\$65,000.00
# of children on wait list	0		0		9		5		5	
# of children whose families are at or below 200%	46		71		64		49		67	
# of children whose families are at or between 201% and 300%	15		27		14		19		16	
# of families served	61		98		77		68		83	
# children screened for developmental delays. New in FY 22 screened with ASQ:3	66		93		75		57		79	
# children demonstrating age-appropriate skills ASQ:3	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		78	
Of those children screened with ASQ:3 referred for follow up services/treatment. New in FY 22	N/A		N/A		N/A		4		1	
# children screened for developmental delays. New in FY 22 screened with ASQ:SE	3		6		7		21		0	
# children demonstrating age-appropriate skills ASQ:SE	N/A		N/A		N/A				0	
# children referred on for additional services or treatment. (ASQ:SE) New in FY 22	N/A		N/A		N/A		4		0	
% children demonstrating age-appropriate skills (Outcome)	63		94%		91%					
% children demonstrating age-appropriate skills as assessed by the ASQ-3 (Outcome) New FY 22	N/A		N/A		N/A		93%		94%	
% children demonstrating age-appropriate skills as assessed by the ASQ:SE (Outcome) New FY 22	N/A		N/A		N/A		90%		None Screened	
Number of programs participating	9		9		6		6		7	
School Ready Cost for Preschool Scholarships	\$61,786.13		\$96,113.96		\$61,338.77		\$66,369.00		\$64,389.07	
Average Cost Per Preschool Scholarship	\$922.18		\$942.29		\$786.39		\$896.88		\$775.77	
Contracted Amount	\$75,888.00		\$99,551.28		\$64,400.00		\$70,000.00		\$65,000.00	
Percentage of Funds Spent	81.42%		96.55%		95%		95%		99%	

Preschool Scholarship Coordination

Program Director	FY 19	Debit	FY 20	Debit	FY 21	Debit	FY 22	Debit	FY 23	Debit
Number of scholarships processed	82	\$15,675.81	122	\$6,045.08	102	\$11,077.46	95	\$10,612.49	117	\$10,591.15
# processed who received a scholarship	69		102		78		74		83	
Number of programs	9		9		6		6		7	
Participation in Quality Rating Scale Level 3	0		0		1		2		2	
Participation in Quality Rating Scale Level 4	3		3		1		3		1	
Participation in Quality Rating Scale Level 5	1		2		1		1		0	
IQ4K LEVEL 1 New FY 23	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		1	
IQ4K LEVEL 2 New FY 23									0	
IQ4K LEVEL 3 New FY 23									0	
IQ4K LEVEL 4 New FY 23									0	
IQ4K LEVEL 5 New FY 23									0	
% of programs rating a 3 or higher in QRS (Outcome)	44%		56%		50%		100%		80%	
Cost per application	\$191.16		\$49.55		\$108.62		\$111.71		\$90.52	
% of children applying receiving scholarship (Outcome)	84%		84%		76%		78%		71%	
% children applying that did not receive scholarship	15%		16%		23%		22%		29%	
Debit General School Ready funds					\$11,077.46		\$11,553.69		\$10,591.15	
Contracted Amount					\$11,077.46		\$11,553.69		\$10,591.15	
Percentage of funds Spent					100%		100%		100%	

Section VI: Summary – Approved March 27, 2024

Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac Early Childhood Iowa Area would like to extend a note of appreciation for all who participated in the development of this Community Plan. Based on the data reviewed and feedback gathered at various stages during the assessment process, it was apparent that many organizations and parents identify similar needs and strengths.

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa is not able to provide funds to meet all the needs that affect the families in the area, but the programs we fund are able to make small changes that can have big impacts. Working together allows communities to connect and be able to identify resources that are beneficial in working toward our visions.

Alignment to the State Early Childhood Iowa goals, the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa priorities, types of programs the local area plans to fund, strategies to meet goals, program trend data for funded programs,

The BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Community Plan 2025 – 2028 was used to develop the priorities:

- Parent Supports,
- Quality Early Learning,
- Dental Prevention,
- Behavioral Mental Health Support,
- Preschool Attendance, and
- Support for Child Care.

Based on the priorities the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa 3-County Board will seek to provide funding opportunities related to

- evidence-based family support/home visitation, parent education,
- participation in initiatives that support quality environment, education opportunities,
- oral health prevention (children/parent of children 0-5 years of age),
- early childhood training opportunities or initiatives,
- preschool tuition supports to quality preschool programs,
- consultation; health and safety, business practices, behavioral coach etc.

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Board identified strategies related to the We Are ECI Strategic Plan 2023-2026 identified on page 42 and 43.

The We Are ECI Strategic Plans Goals are:

Goal 1: Promote a coordinated infrastructure to advance the early childhood system.

Goal 2: Build public will for investing in young children and their families.

Goal 3: Transform the early childhood workforce through formal education, greater professionalism increased skills and competence and new approaches to implementing best practices.

Goal 4: Ensure that young children and families receive the services they need when they need them.

Goal 5: Improve the quality of early childhood services for young children and their families across the early care and education, health, mental health, nutrition, and family support services.

Community Wide Indicators adopted by the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Board.

- Immunized by age 2, Immunization schedule 4:3:1:3:3:1:4 series.
- Percentage of births under 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds
- Percentage of Kindergartners meeting the full benchmarks for early literacy universal screening measure requirement.
- Dental Treatment Age 0-5 Preventative Dental Services (Medicaid).
- Percentage of children age 0-17 who live below the poverty level during the year.
- Child Abuse Incidence rate per 1,000 for children 5 years and under.
- Rate of Live Births born to women ages 15 to 19 per 1,000 women in the age range.
- Number of spaces available in Registered Child Development Homes.
- Number of spaces available in a HHS Licensed Centers/Preschools.

In evaluation of the plan there is a continued need to focus on each county's demographic makeup to ensure that programs and services are meeting the needs of the children and families living in the geographical area. Many families qualify financially for free and/or reduced meals, The need to keep residents informed of resources and programs that can assist and relieve stress. There is a need to increase the availability, affordability and quality of early care and learning environments (child care). Commonalities were identified by parents, providers, and other assessments. The importance for programs and/or service providers to continue collaboration efforts to serve the children and families in the communities of Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Counites is important to make changes and improve the outcomes for the future of our children.

Hopefully, you find the Community Plan a useful tool to develop and expand upon services for children and youth.

Data Sources:

Chart 1: Population by County, US Census Bureau: Population Estimates Program 2020, Data for Decision Makers. Click the DDM heading at the top:
<https://indicators.extension.iastate.edu>

Chart 2: Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin, Makers <https://indicators.extension.iastate.edu> report created 10/13/2023

Iowa Department, Education Statistics, enrollment by race, <https://educateiowa.gov/>

Estimates for Median Household Income (in 2021 dollars), U.S. Census Bureau, Quick Facts, 2017-2021 [U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: United States](#)

Chart 3: Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Eligibility 2016-2020. Data Source: Child and Family Policy Center KIDS Count Data Center datacenter.kidscount.org - A project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation

Chart 4: 20233-23 Iowa Public School K-12 Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch percentages by District. <https://educateiowa.gov/>

EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA INDICATORS – Data Descriptors/Calculations

Child Abuse page 15

Description: Child abuse incidence rate per 1,000 for children 5 years and under.

Available Years: 2009-2022, Updated Annually

Numerator: Number of Iowa children age 0 to 5 whose abuse has been confirmed/founded by the Department of Human Services. Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Child Abuse Statistics](#).

Denominator: Total number of Iowa children age 0 to 5 based on ACS 5-Year Estimates. United States Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, Table B09001

Data Source: <https://i2d2.iastate.edu/>

Domestic Violence page 16

Description: Rate of domestic abuse per 100,000 population.

Numerator: Total number of domestic abuse victims. Iowa Department of Public Safety (IDPS) [Iowa Uniform Crime Reporting \(UCR\) Program](#)

Denominator: Total population of the area. United States Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, Table B01003

Available Years: 2016 – 2022 | Updated Annually | Data Obtained: 10/2/2023

Data Obtained from I2D2; <https://i2d2.iastate.edu/>

Domestic Abuse page 17

Description: Percentage of domestic abuse incidents where children present.

Numerator: Total number of domestic abuse victims. Where children were present. Iowa Department of Public Safety (IDPS) [Iowa Uniform Crime Reporting \(UCR\) Program](#)

Denominator: Total number of domestic abuse incidents, Iowa Department of Public Safety (IDPS) Iowa Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program

Available Years: 2016 – 2022 | Updated Annually | Data Obtained: 10/02/2023

Data Obtained from I2D2; <https://i2d2.iastate.edu/>

Immunization page 18

DESCRIPTION: Percentage of children immunized by age 2.

NUMERATOR: Number of Iowa children of 2 years old who are fully immunized according to the CDC Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule (4:3:1:3:3:1:4 series) recorded by the Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS). Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal](#)

DENOMINATOR: Total number of 2-year-old patient records in IRIS.

AVAILABLE YEARS: 2011 – 2022 UPDATED: Annually

DATA OBTAINED: 10/02/2023 Data Obtained from I2D2; <https://i2d2.iastate.edu/>

Teen Births Page 18

DESCRIPTION: Percentage of children born to mothers under age 20.

NUMERATOR: Number of children whose mother were younger than 20 years a the time of birth. I2D2, Iowa Birth Records.

DENOMINATOR: Total number of women aged 15 to 19.

AVAILABLE YEARS: 2007-2022 UPDATED: Annually

Date Obtained: 12/07/2023 Data Obtained from I2D2; <https://i2d2.iastate.edu/>

NOTE: In accordance to HHS guide for releasing information from confidential public health records, calculated percentages were suppressed if the numerator was five or fewer. Statewide estimates were calculated assuming 0 for any suppressed value.

Infant Mortality page 19

DESCRIPTION: Rate of infant mortality per 1,000 live births.

NUMERATOR: Number of deaths in the first year of life. Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal](#)

DENOMINATOR: Total number of live births.

AVAILABLE YEARS: 2004 - 2021

UPDATED: Annually

DATA OBTAINED: 01/31/2023 Data Obtained from I2D2; <https://i2d2.iastate.edu/>

Low birth Weight page 19

DESCRIPTION: Percentage of babies born who weigh under 2,500grams.

NUMERATOR: Number of live singleton births with a weight less than 2,500 grams that occur at full term. Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal](#)

DENOMINATOR: Total number of live full term singleton births.

AVAILABLE YEARS: 2000 – 2021 UPDATED: Annually DATA OBTAINED: 12/07/2022

Data Obtained from: I2D2 <https://i2d2>

NOTE: Currently this indicator is computed differently than one reported by Early Childhood Iowa (ECI). While the ECI indicator is based on all live births, the IA Data Drive indicator is using only live full term singleton births in determining low birth weight. Values based on counts of five or less are suppressed to protect confidentiality.

Dental Services page 20

DESCRIPTION: Percentage of Medicaid-enrolled children ages 0 to 5 who received dental services.

NUMERATOR: Number of Iowa children age 0 to 5 who received an Iowa Medicaid reimbursed dental and/or oral health service. Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal](#)

DENOMINATOR: Total number of Iowa children age 0 to 5 who have been enrolled in Iowa Medicaid with dental coverage.

AVAILABLE YEARS: 2010 – 2022 UPDATED: Annually DATA OBTAINED: 10/02/2023

Data Obtained from I2D2; <https://i2d2.iastate.edu/>

Early Literacy Skills page 21

DESCRIPTION: Percentage of kindergartners meeting the fall benchmark for the early literacy universal screening measure requirements.

NUMERATOR: Number of Iowa kindergarten children who performed at or above a level indicating a high probability of success on an end-of-year general outcome measure of literacy based on Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FAST). Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) [Kindergarten Assessment Tables](#)

DENOMINATOR: Total number of Iowa kindergarten children tested using Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FAST).

AVAILABLE YEARS: 2015 – 2021 UPDATED: Annually DATA OBTAINED: 12/19/2022

NOTE: Data for districts with less than 30 students tested is suppressed in the reports, therefore those school districts are not taken into account when computing county or statewide values. Visit <https://i2d2.iastate.edu/> for more information.

Children with Health Coverage page 22

DESCRIPTION: Percentage of minor children with health coverage by poverty level.

NUMERATOR: Number of minor children with health coverage by poverty level. United States Census Bureau [Small Area Health Insurance Estimates \(SAHIE\)](#)

DENOMINATOR: Total number of minor children. United States Census Bureau Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE)

AVAILABLE YEARS: 2006 – 2021 UPDATED: Annually DATA OBTAINED: 9/9/2023

Data Obtained from I2D2; <https://i2d2.iastate.edu/>

Child Care page 23

DESCRIPTION: Number of slots (spaces) potentially available for a child in a licensed or registered setting.

NUMERATOR: Number of child care slots in DHS licensed centers/preschools and registered child development homes. Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) [CCR&R data sheets](#)

DENOMINATOR:

AVAILABLE YEARS: 2011 - 2022

UPDATED: Annually DATA OBTAINED: 12/07/2022

Data Obtained from I2D2; <https://i2d2.iastate.edu/>

Unemployment page 24

DESCRIPTION: Percentage of unemployed persons.

NUMERATOR: Number of persons 16 years and older who are unemployed. Iowa Workforce Development [Local Area Unemployment Statistics](#)

DENOMINATOR: Total number of persons 16 years and older employed and unemployed.

AVAILABLE YEARS: 2000 – 2022 UPDATED: Monthly DATA OBTAINED: 9/29/2023

Parent in Labor Force page 24

DESCRIPTION: Percentage of children under 6 years with all parents in the labor force.

NUMERATOR: Number of children under 6 years of age in families and subfamilies with all parents in the labor force. United States Census Bureau [American Community Survey \(ACS\) 5-Year Estimates, Table B23008](#)

DENOMINATOR: Total number of children under 6 years of age in families and subfamilies.

AVAILABLE YEARS: 2009 – 2021 UPDATED: Annually DATA OBTAINED: 12/08/2022

Juvenile Arrests page 25

DESCRIPTION: Rate of juvenile arrests per 100,000 estimated juvenile population.

NUMERATOR: Number of arrests of persons 18 years or under for any offense. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) [National Incident-Based Reporting System \(NIBRS\)](#)

DENOMINATOR: Total population of persons 18 years or under. United States Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, Table B01001

AVAILABLE YEARS: 2009 – 2021 UPDATED: Annually

DATA OBTAINED: 12/07/2022 Note: [This indicator was removed from Early Childhood Iowa \(ECI annual reports from 2022.](#)

Crime Rate page 25

DESCRIPTION: Rate of serious crime per 100,000 population.

NUMERATOR: Number of offenses that contribute to serious crime (homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated-assault, burglary, larceny, motor-vehicle-theft, arson). Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) [National Incident-Based Reporting System \(NIBRS\)](#)

DENOMINATOR: Total population of area. United States Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, Table B01003

AVAILABLE YEARS: 2009 - 2022

UPDATED: Annually

DATA OBTAINED: 10/02/2023.

Rate of juvenile arrests per 100,000 estimated juvenile population.

Note: This indicator was removed from Early Childhood Iowa (ECI annual reports from 2022.

Chart 5: Iowa Youth Survey, <https://iowayouthsurvey.idph.iowa.gov>. IYS Question B63 | page 26

Chart 6: Iowa Department of Human Services Placement Summary. https://hhs.iowa.gov/dashboard_welcome | Child Welfare | page 27

Chart 7: Iowa Department of Human Services Number of Intakes by Service Area. https://hhs.iowa.gov/dashboard_welcome | Child Welfare | page 27

Chart 8: Iowa Department of Human Services, Family Investment Program, https://hhs.iowa.gov/dashboard_welcome | SNAP/FIP | page 27

Chart 9: Iowa Department of Human Services, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, https://hhs.iowa.gov/dashboard_welcome | SNAP/FIP | page 27

Chart 10: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) <https://www.uwiowa.org/united-way-alice-report-iowa>. | Buena Vista County page 29

Chart 11: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) <https://www.uwiowa.org/united-way-alice-report-iowa>. | Crawford County page 30

Chart 12 Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) <https://www.uwiowa.org/united-way-alice-report-iowa> | Sac County page 30