



Linn County Early Childhood Iowa
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Linn County Early Childhood Iowa (LCECI) Board: Since 1998 the LCECI Board has worked to enhance the early care and education system for families with children pre-natal through five years of age. The volunteer-led Board provides oversight of the allocation of State and Federal funds to local providers. Their vision is that *“Every child will have access to quality services empowering them to be healthy and successful.”* Learn more about LCECI Board at www.linncountyearlychildhoodiowa.org.

This fiscal year, LCECI Board funds local programs to support early care providers in Linn County, and families with young children, ages 0-5, where the families live or work in Linn County. Funded programs offer services such as Child Mental Health & Behavior Supports, Child & Family Resources/Parent Education, Early Care & Education/Quality Support and Preventative Child Health needs.

Contact the following specific programs for more information:

CHILD MENTAL HEALTH & BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS

CART (Childcare Alliance Response Team): A rapid response team to provide intensive on-site support to child care providers to increase their expertise in serving children with behavioral issues in order to reduce expulsions from appropriate child care settings.

Contact information: Lynda Loy, GWAEA, 4401 6th St. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Referral line: (319) 399-6746

Website: <http://www.aea10.k12.ia.us/curr/cart.html>

TIES (Teaching Interventions to Empower and Strengthen families): A positive parenting program that teaches parenting techniques through hands on learning in an effort to help young children and families. Modeled after the Regional Intervention Program (RIP) based in Nashville, TN. TIES serves as the only RIP Replication site in Iowa.

Contact Information: Caitlin Hauskins, TIES Program Coordinator @ 319-558-4861 or caitlin.hauskins@unitypoint.org

Website: <https://www.unitypoint.org/cedarrapids/services-ties.aspx>

CHILD & FAMILY RESOURCES

Horizons Family Support Collaboration: Family Support Workers provide in-home services to increase family stability and child safety. Services are based on the need of the family and include home visits, development of family plan, family assistance, parenting information, and linkage with community resources.

Contact information: Jenny Barnett, 319-398-3943 ext. 2028 Website: <http://www.horizonsfamily.org>

Linn County Nurturing Parent: Short-term in-home parent education and support to families whose children remain in their care but are at risk for having child removed due to poor parenting skills. Focus is serving non-court ordered families and or teen parents. Most families will receive one home visit per week over a 4-7 month period.

Contact information: Kelly Amos at kelly.amos@linncounty.org or 319-892-5783

Website: <http://www.linncounty.org/135/Family-Visitation-Services>

Partnership for Safe Families: A voluntary program designed to increase family stability and safety through services provided to parents during home visits. On average a Family Support Worker will meet weekly with families but frequency is based upon the current needs of the family. Additional services are Family Team Meetings and referrals to our mentoring program - Parent Partners.

Contact Information: RaeAnn Barnhart, at 319-286-0773 or rbarnhart@fouroaks.org

PEC (Parent Education Consortium): A multi-agency collaborative offering a variety of group parenting education classes throughout Linn County, parenting resources and professional development opportunities for trainers.

Contact information: Morgan Boniface, (319) 377-9839, ext. 304 or boniface@iastate.edu

Website: <http://bit.ly/ParentingEd>

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

Cedar Rapids Early Learning: Part-day school year quality preschool for income eligible 3-year old children enrolled in a Cedar Rapids School District Early Learning Classroom

Contact information: Colleen Fangman-Rider at cfangman@cr.k12.ia.us or 319-558-2549

College Community Wraparound Services: Full-day school-year quality child care for 4-year old high-need children enrolled in Statewide Voluntary Preschool @ College Community.

Contact information: Kathy Schulte at Kschulte@prairiepride.org or 319-848-5296 ext 1522

Website: <http://www.prairiepride.org/ecc/index.php>

Early Head Start & Head Start Wraparound Services: Full-day full-year quality child care for infants enrolled in the Early Head Start classroom at Inn Circle and children ages 3-5 enrolled in part-day Head Start classrooms at Horizons, Marion and Inn Circle.

Contact information: Christi Regan at cregan@hacap.org or 319-739-0018

Website: <http://www.hacap.org/what-we-do/children/programs/>

Linn County Child Development Center Wraparound Services: Full-day full-year quality care for children enrolled in the part-day Head Start or Shared Visions classrooms at the Center.

Contact information: Gloria Witzberger at gloria.witzberger@linncounty.org or 319-892-5700.

Website: <http://www.linncounty.org/129/Child-Development-Center>

Paces to Quality: *Home Based:* Support services include training, technical assistance, site activity visits, assistance with DHS & CACFP registration, equipment grants, national accreditation assistance, environmental assessment/consultation and networking. *Center Based:* Support services include training, technical assistance, on-site classroom assessment/consultation, improvement plans, equipment grants, national accreditation assistance, and networking.

- *Home Based* Contact information: Amy Bruner abruner@hacap.org or 319-739-1556/1-800-233-0054

- *Center Based* Contact information: Amy Becker abecker@hacap.org or 319-739-1556/1-800-233-0054

Website: <http://www.hacap.org/what-we-do/children/programs/>

Waypoint Services. Sliding fee scholarships for full-day full-year quality care for children ages 3-5 years from families working or in school whose income exceeds DHS' Child Care Assistance maximum income but is under 200% FPL.

Contact Information: Terri Godwin at terri.godwin@waypointservices.org or 319-365-1458 ext 6243

PREVENTATIVE CHILD HEALTH

Child Care Nurse Consultant: The CCNC provides on-site and technical assistance to child care home and center providers regarding health and safety. Consultation includes special needs care plans, infection control, injury prevention, health and safety assessments, policy development, child record reviews and approved trainings.

Contact information: Kim Ott RN, Assistant Administrator at kott@hacap.org or 319-739-0106

Website: <http://www.hacap.org/what-we-do/children/programs/>

Family & Community Health Alliance Oral Health

Dental: Dental Care Coordinator and Dental Hygienist increase access to oral health care screenings and treatment for children under age 6 and pregnant women through St. Luke's Dental Clinic.

Contact information: Stephanie Gramlich, at sgramlich@hacap.org or 319-739-1545

Website: <http://www.hacap.org/what-we-do/food-nutrition/programs/>

Family & Community Health Alliance Screenings

Screenings: Services to increase early identification of delays through hearing, vision and developmental screenings.

Contact information: Kim Ott RN, Assistant Administrator at kott@hacap.org or 319-739-0106

Website: <http://www.hacap.org/what-we-do/food-nutrition/programs/>