

# FY15 Linn County ECI Summary of Child Care Provider Needs Survey

Type of Child Care Provider: (44 respondents)		Ages of Children served: (44 respondents) <i>Providers could choose more than one.</i>	
<b>55% Licensed Child Care Center</b>	<b>(24 providers)</b>	71% - infant to 8 months	(31 providers)
<b>34% Registered Child Care Home</b>	<b>(15 providers)</b>	65% - 8 months to 12 months	(28 providers)
2% Department of Ed. operated	(1 provider)	68% - 12 months to 18 months	(30 providers)
2% Non-Registered Child Care Home	(1 provider)	68% - 18 months to 2 years old	(30 providers)
7% Other	(3 providers)	<b>82% - 2 to 3 years old</b>	(36 providers)
		<b>91% - 3 to 5 years old</b>	(40 providers)
		68% - 5 to 12 years old	(40 providers)

Do you have a wait list? (44 respondents)				
<b>Yes – 55%</b> (24 providers) <b>No – 45%</b> (20 providers)				
How many children on the wait list? (23 responded)	0 to 10 kids: 14 providers	11 to 20 kids: 3 providers	21 to 50 kids: 3 providers	51 - 100 + kids: 3 providers

Additional services provided (42 respondents) <i>Providers could choose more than one.</i>			
Weekend Care: 12%	( 5 providers)	Evening/Overnight: 7%	( 3 providers)
<b>Transportation: 33%</b>	(14 providers)	<b>Serve Special Needs: 69%</b>	(29 providers)
<b>Accepts Child Care Assistance: 88%</b> (37 providers)			

Have you ever denied enrollment due to these factors: (34 respondents) <i>Providers could choose more than one.</i>	
Finances of family/Inability to pay:	59% (20 providers)
Behavior concerns:	47% (16 providers)
Health concerns:	3% ( 1 provider)
Not Applicable:	29% (10 providers)
<b>Comments:</b>	
“No transportation from their school to provider”	
“Time of care was to begin at 4 am”	
“No classroom space for the age of child”	
“I was full”	
“Only able to take certain amount of block grant families”	
“Denied due to finances, ..grant funded and sliding fee slots filled”	

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## How do you rate the importance of obtaining/maintaining a high quality child care standard? (44 respondents)

<b>Very important:</b>	<b>57%</b>	(25 providers)
Somewhat important:	34%	(15 providers)
Not at all important:	9%	( 4 providers)

## What early childhood education services do you currently use? (41 respondents)

*Providers could choose more than one.*

<b>Child Care Resource &amp;Referral:</b>	<b>93%</b>	(38 providers)
<b>Child &amp; Adult Care Food Program:</b>	<b>73%</b>	(30 providers)
<b>PACES:</b>	<b>73%</b>	(30 providers)
GWAEA (Early ACCESS)	46%	(19 providers)
CART	42%	(17 providers)
Linn County Extension	34%	(14 providers)
Family Connections Library:	32%	(13 providers)
T.E.A.C.H. :	20%	( 8 providers)

### Comments:

HACAP – Head Start,  
Previously PACES but no longer allowed  
None at the moment

## Are you interested in networking with other Child care providers? (40 respondents)

**Yes – 88% (35 providers) No – 12% (5 providers)**

### Comment:

We'd be interested in networking around specific issues such as trauma informed care, challenging behaviors, nature playgrounds

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<b>What are your child care training needs?</b> (41 respondents)	
<i>Providers could choose more than one.</i>	
<b>Child Behavior Issues</b>	<b>71% (29 providers)</b>
<b>Child Development and Learning Plans</b>	<b>56% (23 providers)</b>
<b>Increased understanding of diverse populations and cultures</b>	<b>44% (18 providers)</b>
Health, Safety, and Nutrition	42% (17 providers)
Poverty, Trauma, and Violence – Implications for children	37% (15 providers)
Assistance with degree or certification in early childhood	34% (14 providers)
Training to obtain: accreditation, Iowa QRS, CDA, etc.	32% (13 providers)
Management Practices	32% (13 providers)
Licensing/Registration requirements	27% (11 providers)
Child abuse prevention and reporting	24% (10 providers)
<b>Comments:</b>	
<p>“Discussing training in Trauma-Informed Care with Four Oaks, ... not currently set up. Four Oaks staff did do an introductory training (2 hrs) for staff a couple of years ago.”</p> <p>“Help with contract writing, and policies”</p> <p>“We serve primarily individuals with special needs and there is not much training ... times and cost of trainings are also an issue for us in getting staff trained”</p> <p>“T.E.A.C.H. is helping me with ECE degree”</p> <p>“Nutrition training is difficult because I’ve done care 25+ years repeating and repeating topics is a waste of time... with all the interesting new foods I would love info on how to prepare and nutrition info.”</p>	

<b>What is your #1 Concern or Greatest Need?</b> (30 responses)	
<b>Operational:</b>	<b>13 comments</b>
Emergency Preparedness due to extreme weather, terrorism, etc.	Keeping up with paperwork
Assistance with DHS with disagreements	Balancing work and time
More support less judgment from DHS	Trying to keep up with paperwork (guilt with time off)
Being able to afford to hire a reliable helper – to provide up to cap.	Staying full
Grant money for supplies	Affordable current toys and equipment
Break even – no real paycheck	To Keep my numbers of kids I watch at the highest number
Finding time to do all the things I want to do for my business-paperwork for QRS, Accreditation, etc.	

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## What is your #1 Concern or Greatest Need? cont

<b>Professional Development: 7 comments</b>	
Professional Growth opportunities at low cost	Training (prefer 6 hours in one day)
Basic Training classes	Continuing Education hours
Training that pertains to our consumers and staff	High quality, long training series classes. More advanced.
Appropriate training for behaviors	
<b>Child Specific Issues: 5 comments</b>	
Providing enough support for children with significant behavioral challenges but do not meet the requirements for an IEP	Lack of support from parents of children with behavior issues – denial of concerns
Educate the children	Behaviors
Severe Behavioral issues, attachment issues, 1 to 1 attention, homeless families, (program in Iowa city for homeless families)	
<b>Quality: 5 comments</b>	
Providing Quality Care	Pls refer to us as Child Care Professionals
Hiring Quality staff	Reliable qualified staff
Trained staff that provide quality care	

## What early childhood service would you use if it was available to you?

(18 responses)

<b>Training/Support: 9 comments</b>	
PACES	Furthering Education
Ability for all staff to attend training – need for substitutes	Grant Wood AEA services
New Staff Training	Early Learning Services
Nutrition Training	Any resource in early childhood care
Trainings for teachers, including CPR, First Aid, Professional Growth, at low cost	
<b>Staff: 5 comments</b>	
Finding qualified staff and substitutes	Work with other providers – field trips
Relief for myself – without having to close	A system to locate substitutes
Classes on running and organizing home business (including info on taxes)	
<b>Supplies/Toys: 3 comments</b>	
Discounted daycare supplies, toys, curriculum, craft, furniture	
Toy and equipment lending	Lending toy or library
<b>Coordinated Intake: 1 comment</b>	
Coordinated child application for preschools	