

# Linn County Early Childhood Iowa FY 17

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**Vision:** *Every child will have access to quality services empowering them to be healthy and successful.*

**Mission:** *To provide and support quality education, health and human services through community partnerships and collaborations, for children prenatal-age 5 and their families, resulting in healthy, safe and school ready children.*

## Did You Know?

- ✚ Early-appearing behavior problems in a child’s preschool career are the single best predictor of delinquency in adolescence, gang membership and adult incarceration. (Dishion, French & Patterson, 1995; Reid 1993)
- ✚ Early intervention focused on altering parent-child interaction patterns is the most effective strategy for altering early behavioral problems (Strain, Steele, Ellis & Timm, 1982; Timm 1993).

The Regional Intervention Program (RIP), established in 1969, uses parent-led skill development training to manage a child’s moderate to severe behaviors. The Center for Evidence-Based Practice identified RIP as 1 of 4 programs to be effective for children with challenging behaviors (Smith & Fox, 2003). A 25-year study followed RIP toddlers into adulthood and determined the tactics are effective and enduring (Strain and Timm, 2001). Linn County Early Childhood Iowa brought RIP to Cedar Rapids and it is the only replication site in Iowa. Locally the program is called TIES.

*“The TIES program is fantastic and should be a requirement for all parents!”* (Parent)

*“Our marriage is stronger, our family is stronger and I know we are better parents because of your support and the TIES program”* (Parent).

## Why Are The Programs ECI Supports Important to Reaching Our Vision & Mission?

- The Linn County ECI Board understands that investment in quality early intervention services is the key to **healthy, safe and school ready children.**

## Linn County Community Plan Priorities

- ✓ Affordable & Quality Early Learning
- ✓ Preventive Child Health Services
- ✓ Quality Family Support & Parent Ed

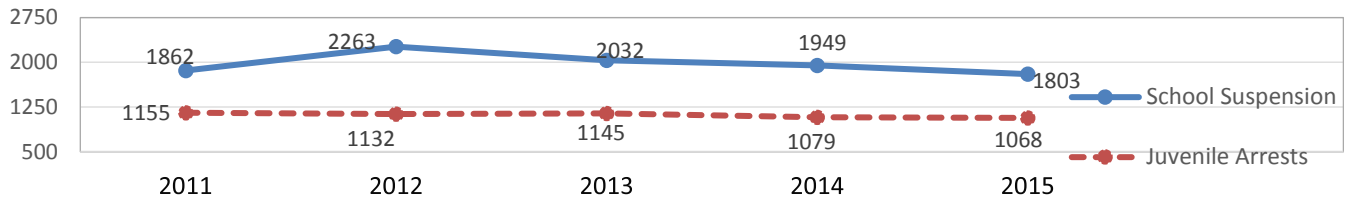
## Types of Services supported by Linn County Early Childhood Iowa FY 17

- Child Health Services and Screenings
- On-Site TA Support for Child Care Providers
- In-Home Visitation & Family Support
- Part Day Preschool for 3 year olds
- Full-day Year Wraparound Child Care
- Child Care Quality Improvements
- Group-Based Parent Education
- Child Mental Health & Behavioral Supports
- Child Care Nurse Consultant
- Child Health & Developmental Screens
- Parent-Led Behavior Interventions
- Child Care Home & Center Consultants

## How Do We Measure Community Level Progress in Linn County?

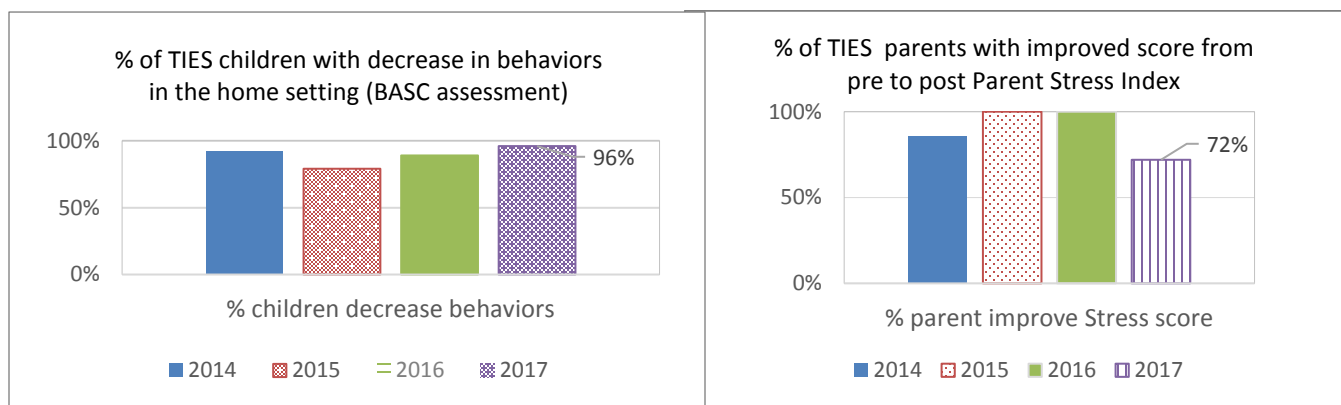
Young children who display unaltered oppositional/defiant behaviors by the end of third grade are likely to drop out of school, be arrested, abuse drugs & alcohol and have marginalized adult lives (Lipsey & Derzon, 1998; Walker, Colvin & Ramsey, 1995). Several state and local juvenile justice planning efforts utilize school discipline data to assess the issue. Local data, in the chart below, indicates a 3.2% reduction in school suspensions and 7.5% reduction in juvenile arrests from 2011-2015 (Iowa CJJP Linn County Select Juvenile Justice Data, 2016).

Cedar Rapids School Suspension Incidents & Juvenile Arrest Data (2011-2015, #)



## How Do We Measure Program Level Progress in Linn County Early Childhood Iowa?

The TIES program provides intensive behavior management training for parents to practice their skills to reduce a child's challenging behaviors which ultimately can impact parent-child attachment.



The TIES philosophy is that the family is not the cause of the child's behavior problem but rather the family is the only reasonable solution to solve the problem. The data above indicates that early intervention, training and reinforcement of positive parent-child interactions can have a positive impact. The long-term intended outcomes are reduced child abuse, increased child-parent nurturing, family stability and child success.

### Other Partners in Linn County that assist with Child Behavior Supports

- 1<sup>st</sup> Five Healthy Mental Development
- Parent Ed Consortium
- FCHA community Child Health Screens
- Childcare Alliance Response Team
- In-Home Family Visitation

### What Can You Do To Help?

- **Be part of the solution!** Catch your child, grandchild or neighborhood children doing something right and praise them!
- Refer families seeking support or information to the Linn County Early Childhood Iowa office at 319-892-5721 or [www.linncountyearlychildhoodiowa.org](http://www.linncountyearlychildhoodiowa.org)