# Early Childhood

# **DHLW Early Childhood Area**

Des Moines, Henry, Louisa, Washington

# **Funding Snapshot**

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

## **Family Support – Parent Education**

In home and group based parent education available to families with children prenatal though age five and who meet program eligibility criteria. Parents receive one on one support and education to enhance the knowledge of child development and connection to resources in the community.

Program	Agency	Funding
The Family Connection (Henry & Washington)	Henry County Agricultural Extension	\$301,000
Louisa Healthy Families/HOPES	Lutheran Services in Iowa	\$83,456
Des Moines Co HOPES	Lee County Health Department	\$67.675

#### **Dental**

Early intervention oral health services including screenings, fluoride varnish applications, educational activities, and referral, for children up to 5 years of age attending preschool and/or childcare. Effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Lee County Health Department contract covers all 4 counties in partnership with the other 2 agencies listed.

Program	Agency	Funding
Des Moines Co Dental Daycare	Lee County Health Department	\$65,000
Fluoride Varnish Program	Washington County public Health	. \$4,967
I – Smile Expansion	Unity Point Health, Trinity Muscatine	. \$820

# **Consultation & Professional Development**

Face to face educational opportunities for professionals working in early care environments. Consultants provide training, professional development, and ongoing coaching to increase quality of care available for all children. Nurse Consultants focus on health and safety and the prevention of disease in early care and education settings.

Program	Agency	Funding
Child Care Nurse Consultant (H/L/W counties)	Trinity Muscatine Public Health	\$49,883
Child Care Nurse Consultant – DSM County	. Lee County Health Department	\$37,671
Early Childhood Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS)	Henry Co Agricultural Extension	\$119,149

### **Quality Improvement & Supportive Services for Childcare**

Support to childcare homes and centers that increases quality and capacity in the area. Services include direct grants to local centers to support staffing.

Program	Agency	Funding
Burlington Early Childhood Center	. Burlington CSD	\$57,500
Mt Pleasant Community Childcare Center		\$50,000

# **Preschool Support**

Tuition assistance for low income families who have a child(ren) attending a quality preschool program in the area.

Program	Agency	Funding
Preschool Scholarships	Community Action of SE Iowa	\$66,429

Programs vary in curriculum, ages of children served, and eligible criteria. Programs may serve only 1 county or multiple counties within the 4-county area. For additional information about programs funded and the DHLW Early Childhood Area Board contact:

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