

Iowa River Valley ECA Annual Summary

Our Purpose...

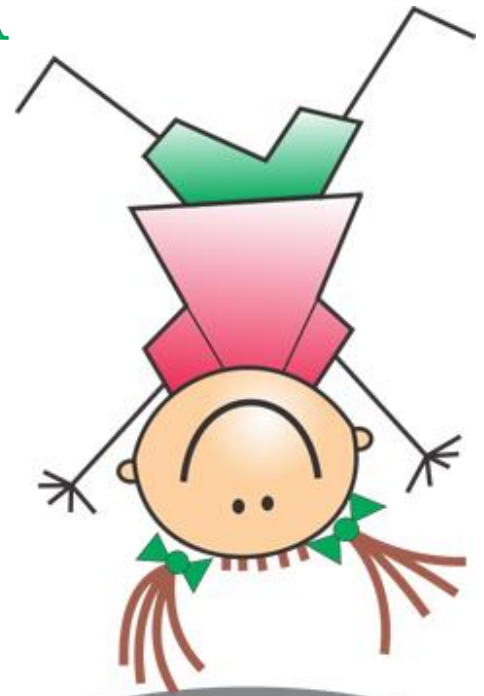
The purpose of the Iowa River Valley Early Childhood Area Board is to empower and enable local citizens to lead collaborative efforts involving education, health, and human service programs on behalf of the children, families, and other citizens residing in Marshall and Hardin Counties. The goal of IRVECA is to have its activities improve the quality of life for families with young children.

Our Vision...

Beginning at birth, every child in Hardin and Marshall County will be physically, mentally, socially and spiritually healthy.

Our Mission...

To improve the well-being of children from prenatal through age five. Iowa River Valley Early Childhood Area efforts will be devoted to providing leadership for collaborative activities promoting health, growth, success and safety for children.



FY 2016-17

In Fy'17 We Were PROUD to Support...

Building Healthy Families * MICA Early Head Start * Green Belt Home Care * Child Care Resource & Referral * MICA Child Care Nurse Consultant * MICA Head Start Wrap Around * Christian Edu-Care Preschool * Cougar's Den Preschool * Hubbard Radcliffe Preschool * Good Shepherd Preschool * Sonshine Preschool * GMG Preschool Transportation * East Marshall Preschool Transportation * West Marshall Trojan Tots Preschool * Wage\$

Our Priorities

- * Family Support & Healthcare Services provided to children 0-5.
- * Safe & Secure Environments for children
 - * All children receive a quality preschool experience before entering school.
- * Safe and supportive communities for children 0-5 and their families.
- * Transportation services so children may attend a quality preschool program.
- * Accessibility of a quality, affordable child care environment.
- * Social-Emotional, Early Literacy, and Intellectual skills for children so they are ready to learn when starting school.

A LOCAL SUCCESS STORY

From a Tuition Scholarship Recipient:

"As a scholarship recipient, I would like to give our heartfelt thanks. The scholarship gave my daughter the opportunity to experience a preschool learning environment at a reduced cost rate. Without the scholarship program, she would not have been able to participate. I feel that by giving her a chance to enroll early in an education environment it has prepared her socially and academically. I think by the time she starts kindergarten she will be prepared for what is expected of her, and her future education will be a success. Thank you for making this possible."



Working hard to make a DIFFERENCE...

Secure and Nurturing Families

- Provided funding to three Family Support Programs: Building Healthy Families (Iowa Family Support Credential), MICA Early Head Start (Nationally Accredited), and Green Belt Home Care Family Support Program (completing the Iowa Family Support Credential).
- All programs are utilizing Parents As Teachers Curriculum
- 244 Children Served in 212 families receiving 2,423 Home Visits

\$285,000.00

90% Of Eligible Families improved/maintained healthy family functioning (avg.)

Secure and Nurturing Child Care Environments

- Financial Support for a Child Care Consultant who provided 187 consultation visits, to 50 participating child development homes.
- 25 programs participated in a quality improvement project through an IRVECA grant.
- Provided 5 trainings were held.

\$62,242.17

84% of participating programs met established goals

Children Are Ready To Succeed in School

- Provided 77 Preschool Tuition Scholarships to 6 Preschools
- All programs are utilizing Creative Curriculum
- 101 Children served by Wrap Around Child Care + Staff Support Funds

\$118,386.00

94% Of Students Demonstrating Age Appropriate Skills

Healthy Children

- Funding for a part-time Child Care Nurse Consultant
- 125 Technical Assistance Contacts, with 38 visits to early learning environments
- 16 of 19 children with special health care needs had a plan in place.

\$17,844.59

70% of Programs Participating improved health and safety in their child care environments

Safe & Supportive Communities

- 74 Preschool students received transportation to and from child care or homes to three preschools

\$20,478.45

95% of Preschool Attendance Rate when transportation was provided

How can YOU help?

- Consider becoming a BOARD MEMBER!
- Consider joining Early Childhood Advisory Committees.
- Support Early Childhood and Early Literacy service providers through acts of volunteerism, donation of food, books, clothes, learning materials, and developmentally appropriate activities for children.
- Encourage child development homes to become/maintain DHS registry and enroll in QRS, so children are cared for in safe environments.
- Continue to keep legislators informed about issues and areas of concerns within Hardin and Marshall County.

Did you know?

QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT:

7-10% ROI

"The rate of return for investment in quality early education for disadvantaged children is 7-10% per annum through better outcomes in education, health, sociability, economic productivity and reduced crime."

James Heckman

Nobel Laureate in Economics

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