

DHLW Early Childhood Area

Des Moines, Henry, Louisa, Washington

Programs funded July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Family Support – Parent Education

In home and group based parent education available to families with children prenatal through 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 – HC.....	Henry County Agricultural Extension.....	\$90,656
The Family Connection – WC	Washington County public Health.....	\$148,200
Home Visitor.....	Des Moines County Public Health.....	\$28,291
HOPES.....	Lutheran Services in Iowa.....	\$53,120
Parents as Teachers.....	Community Action of SE Iowa.....	\$61,648
Family Support – Preschool Program.....	Young House Family Services.....	\$57,961
The Nest of Des Moines County.....	The Nest of Des Moines County.....	\$42,000
Stork’s Nest – Louisa County.....	Lutheran Services in Iowa	\$45,258

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.

Program	Agency	Funding
Des Moines Co Dental Daycare.....	Lee County Health Department.....	\$21,901
Fluoride Varnish Program.....	Washington County public Health.....	\$9,065
I – Smile Expansion.....	Unity Point Health, Trinity Muscatine	\$13,369

Preschool Support

Tuition and transportation 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.....	\$62,298
Head Start Transportation – DSM/HC.....	Community Action of SE Iowa	\$48,336
Head Start Transportation – WC	HACAP.....	\$10,070

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 – LC	Unity Point Health, Trinity Muscatine	\$6,374
Child Care Nurse Consultant – DC	Lee County Health Department.....	\$28,368
Childcare Alliance Response Team (CART)..	Grant Wood AEA.....	\$18,898
Provider Services.....	4Cs.....	\$27,097
Stepping Up to Success.....	Community Action of SE Iowa.....	\$72,882

Quality Improvement

Incentive based programs that encourage completion and retention of high quality standards for early care educators and environments.

Program	Agency	Funding
Quality Staffing.....	Danville CSD – Early Learning Center.....	\$17,114
WAGE\$.....	Iowa AEYC.....	\$25,750
Child Care Quality Improvement Project.....	Community Action of Eastern Iowa - CCR&R.....	\$20,000

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 details about a specific program contact Tasha Beghtol, Director, DHLW Early Childhood Area, at tbeghtol@dhlw.org or call 319-461-1369.