

DHLW Early Childhood Area

Des Moines, Henry, Louisa, Washington



Programs funded July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

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.....	\$94,300
The Family Connection – WC	Washington County public Health.....	\$148,000
HOPES.....	Lutheran Services in Iowa.....	\$50,444
Parents as Teachers.....	Community Action of SE Iowa.....	\$61,647
Family Support – Preschool Program.....	Young House Family Services.....	\$57,761
The Nest of Des Moines County.....	The Nest of Des Moines County.....	\$39,900
Stork’s Nest – Louisa County.....	Lutheran Services in Iowa	\$43,539

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.....	\$24,014
Fluoride Varnish Program.....	Washington County public Health.....	\$14,515
I – Smile Expansion.....	Unity Point Health, Trinity Muscatine	\$11,456

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.....	\$72,123
Head Start Transportation – DSM/HC.....	Community Action of SE Iowa	\$45,920
Head Start Transportation – WC	HACAP.....	\$8,500

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).....	Unity Point Health, Trinity Muscatine	\$43,304
Child Care Nurse Consultant – DSM County	Lee County Health Department.....	\$29,129
Childcare Alliance Response Team (CART).....	Grant Wood AEA.....	\$18,987
Provider Services.....	4Cs.....	\$26,594
Stepping Up to Success.....	Community Action of SE Iowa.....	\$74,260

Quality Improvement

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

Program	Agency	Funding
WAGE\$.....	Iowa AEYC.....	\$22,500
Child Care Quality Improvement Project.....	Community Action of Eastern Iowa, CCR&R	\$14,000

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.