

Iowa River Valley Early Childhood Area Board

FY'19 Executive Summary



Our Mission

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



Our Vision

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



Our Priorities

- ★ Family support & healthcare services provided to children 0-5.
- ★ Safe & secure early learning 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 childcare environment.
- ★ Social-Emotional, Early Literacy, and Intellectual skills for children so they are ready for school.



In FY'19 We Were PROUD To Support...

Building Healthy Families * MICA Early Head Start * Green Belt Home Care * Child Care Resource & Referral - Child Care Training, Incentives, & Consultation * MICA Child Care Nurse Consultant * MICA Head Start Wrap Around * Pineview Preschool * Cougar's Den Preschool * Hubbard Radcliffe Preschool * Good Shepherd Preschool * Sonshine Preschool * East Marshall Preschool Transportation * West Marshall Trojan Tots Preschool * TEACH



Program Success Story

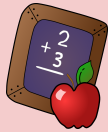





"A mother enrolled in our program had her parental rights temporarily terminated, as a result of drug use. Though mom was incarcerated for a couple of months, she expressed her interest in continuing services. Staff continued visits with mom at the county jail and coordinated with the DHS appointed caregiver to continue providing visits for the child. As a result of continued services, potential delays were identified and a successful referral was made to both AEA and the Blank Children's Hospital Developmental Clinic."



How Can You Help?

- ★ Consider becoming a BOARD MEMBER!
- ★ Consider joining our 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 IQ4K
- ★ Continue to keep legislators informed about issues and areas of concern within Hardin and Marshall County.

2018-19 Accomplishments

State ECI Priority	Program(s)	Investment	Numbers Served	Community Impact
Children are ready to succeed in school 	Preschool Tuition Scholarships	ECI Funds \$55,800.00 Outside Funds \$14,172.70	69 Low income received a scholarship to attend preschool	97% Demonstrated age-appropriate skills
	Wrap Around Preschool	ECI Funds \$51,932.00 Outside Funds \$110,390.35	21 Children had an extended day wrap around preschool	95% Demonstrated age-appropriate skills
Secure and nurturing families  	Family Support and Parent Education	ECI Funds \$304,892.00 Outside Funds \$211,608.51	232 Children served 185 Families served 2,417 Home visits 83 Parent education opportunities	92% Of eligible families improved or maintained healthy family functioning (average)
	Small Talk Early Literacy Program	ECI Funds \$5,256.37 Outside Funds \$5,648.00	40 Children served 28 Families served	100% Of parents reported an increase in reading to their children each day
Safe and secure communities 	Preschool Transportation	ECI Funds \$6,309.20 Outside Funds \$2,530.47	49 Children were offered transportation to/from preschool	93% The average attendance rate for children riding the bus
Healthy Children 	Child Care Nurse Consultant	ECI Funds \$12,000.00 Outside Funds \$3,857.45	55 Home/center childcare visits to ensure environments are healthy and safe	100% Of programs improved health and safety conditions in their environment
Safe and secure early learning environments 	Child Care Consultation, Training, and Quality Improvement Grants	ECI Funds \$50,089.69 Outside Funds \$30,400.03	99 Consultation visits 7 Child Care Trainings Offered	15 Programs working to enhance the quality of care
	T.E.A.C.H Scholarship Program	ECI Funds \$9,260.00 Outside Funds \$7,000.00	7 Participants	13 Classes attended for academic credit

Programs may have a positive impact on more than one ECI priority. Visit www.iowarivervalleyeca.com for the full annual report.