



DHLW+M Early Childhood Area

Des Moines, Henry, Louisa, Washington, Muscatine

Funding Snapshot

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Family Support – Parent Education & Resource Navigation

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.

The Coordinated Intake program works directly with families to identify needs and make referrals to area partner agencies. The program maintains connections with families to ensure referrals are followed up with and services/resources are received.

Program	Agency	Funding
The Family Connection	Henry County Agricultural Extension.....	\$247,235
<i>(Henry & Washington counties)</i>		
Early Childhood Home Visitation.....	Lutheran Services in Iowa.....	\$250,766
<i>(Des Moines, Louisa, & Muscatine counties)</i>		
Des Moines Co HOPES.....	Lee County Health Department.....	\$49,500
Coordinated Intake	Trinity Muscatine Public Health	\$17,505
<i>(Muscatine & Louisa counties)</i>		

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 Tuition Scholarships.....	United Way of Muscatine	\$12,755
<i>(Muscatine County)</i>		
Preschool Transportation Assistance	United Way of Muscatine	\$80,228
<i>(Muscatine County)</i>		
Preschool Tuition Scholarships.....	TBD	\$50,000
<i>(Des Moines, Henry, Louisa, & Washington counties)</i>		

Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation

Specialized consultants providing mental health training, coaching, and mentoring to early childhood professionals and families. The Southeast Iowa Early Childhood Project is a collaboration between 3 ECI Areas and covers 10 counties with 2 fulltime Family Specialists. The amount of funding below represents DHLW+M portion only. Additional funders include Lee/Van Buren ECI @ \$34,121 and Iowa/Jefferson/Keokuk ECI @ \$31,719.

Program	Agency	Funding
Southeast Iowa Early Childhood Project	Henry Co Agricultural Extension.....	\$126,761

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. Lee County Health Department covers all 5 counties in partnership with Washington County Public Health and Trinity Muscatine Public Health.

Program	Agency	Funding
Dental Daycare.....	Lee County Health Department.....	\$79,664

Family Resource Fairs & Conference

The Southeast Iowa Early Childhood Summit began as a partnership with 4 ECI Areas in 2016 and has continued annually since. The ECI Areas pool resources to provide a regional all day conference for childcare professionals in conjunction with resource fairs and family concerts. The family concerts take place over one weekend in Williamsburg, Burlington, and Keokuk. The conference includes 6 HHS approved credit hours, lunch, and appreciation gift bags.

Program	Agency	Funding
SE Iowa Early Childhood Summit.....	DHLW+M ECI	\$5,000
SE Iowa Early Childhood Summit.....	Lee/Van Buren ECI	\$5,500
SE Iowa Early Childhood Summit.....	Iowa/Jefferson/Keokuk ECI	\$3,000

Programs vary in curriculum, activities, ages of children served, and eligible criteria. Additional small grants for quality improvement efforts and professional development are available through DHLW+M as funding allows. For additional information about programs funded and the DHLW+M Early Childhood Area Board contact:

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