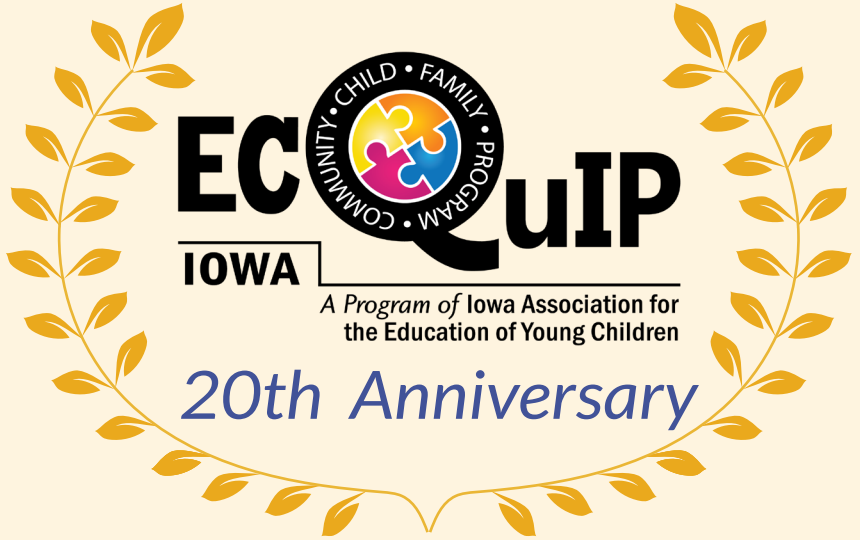


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Program Overview

The Early Childhood Quality Improvement Project (ECQuIP) is a project of the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children. Iowa AEYC supports early childhood professionals as they explore personal professional development opportunities to ensure Iowa's young children receive quality early childhood experiences. As early childhood professionals, we must continually learn and change. Regardless of our role in early childhood, professional development provides us with important education and training to develop the skills and competencies that improve delivery of services.

The ECQuIP team supports early childhood programs serving at least 30% children from low-income families in Polk and Dallas counties. The goal of the project is to help programs achieve a level of quality that supports the development of all children and puts them on track with their peers when entering kindergarten.

Project Services

- Professional Development
- Screenings & Referrals
 - Developmental*
 - Math*
 - Literacy*
 - Social Emotional*
 - Health (with EveryStep)*
 - Dental (with Dental Connections)*
- Classroom Support

Onsite Consultation in:

- Business Practices
- Policy Writing & Review
- Program Licensing
- Support for Iowa's QRIS
- Classroom Management
- Classroom Curriculum & Assessment
- Social Emotional Classroom Supports

Demographics Served

1,507
children
birth to age five
in 15 programs.

1,809
developmental
screenings
performed
using ASQ[®]-3.

>70%
children
receive state
Child Care
Assistance.

Screening Results

Between October 2021 and May 2022:



91%



of the 143 4-year-old children screened with the Get Ready to Read![™] and myIGDIs tools showed improvement in both reading and math skills.

Who We Serve

The ECQuIP team currently works with 15 child care programs serving children birth through age 5 in Polk and Dallas Counties. These programs were identified, in part, due to their commitment to reserve at least 30% of their slots for low-income families receiving Child Care Assistance (CCA).

Quality and Education

Directors

Total Directors:
15

HS Diploma: 3

CDA®: 1

AA: 3

BA: 7

MA: 1

State QRIS Participation

Level 4: 8

Level 5: 2

NAEYC Accredited: 3

Staff

Total Teachers:
248

HS Diploma: 186

CDA®: 32

AA in ECE: 17

BA in ECE: 13

T.E.A.C.H. Participants:
31

WAGE\$ Participants:
39

2022 Center Coalition

100 Acre Woods Child Care Center
Amanda Gremis

AIRazi Academy
Ihsan Yaseen

All Star Day Care
Karen Newcomb

Altoona 8th Street Child Care
Janet Ira

Bidwell-Riverside Child Development Center
Kellie Johnson

Capitol Park Early Learning Center
Whitney Taylor

CFI Child Development Center
Samantha Harms-Kedley

Color My World Child Care & Preschool
Bobbie Gregory

Connmigo Early Education Center
Kay Strahorn

Christ the King Day Care
Makayla Grossman

Grandview Child Development Center
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Oak Academy
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