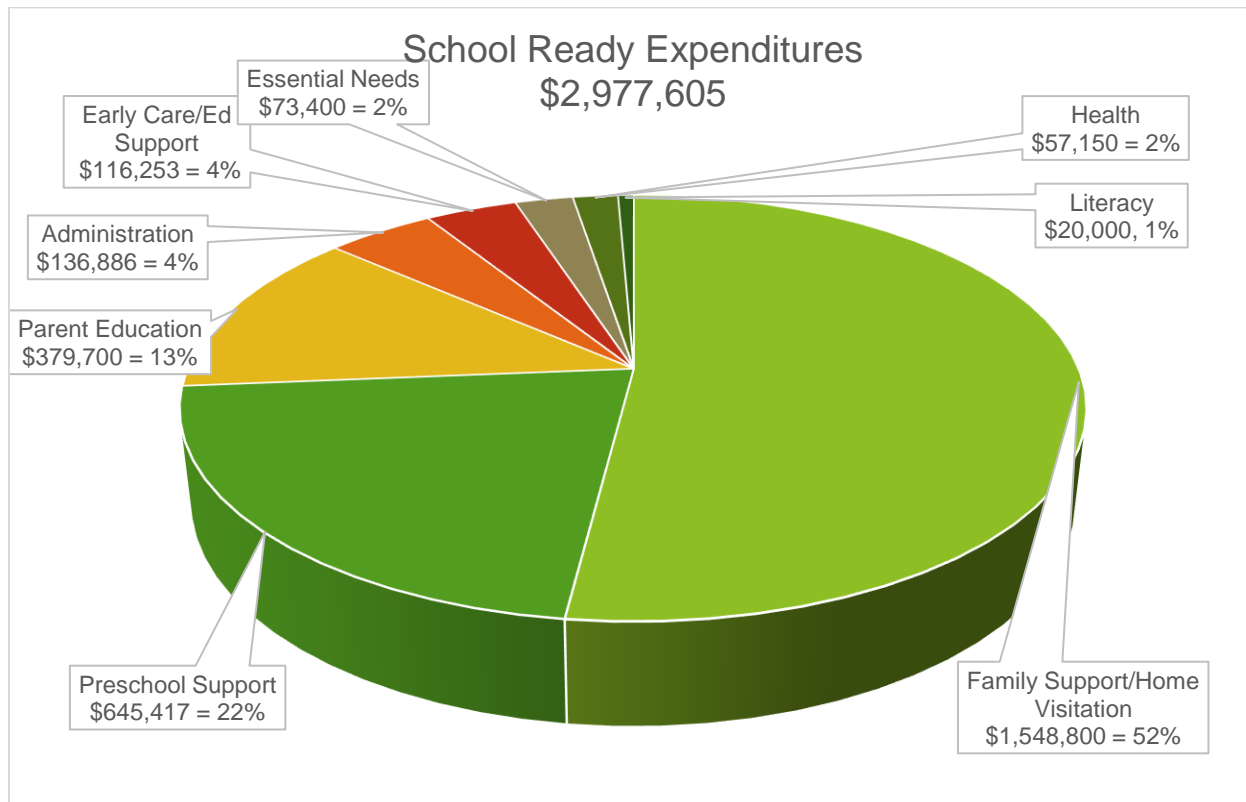


Vision: Every child from zero through age five will be healthy and successful.

Mission: The Polk County Early Childhood Iowa Board’s mission is to work with community partners to make investments to achieve long-term positive results for expectant mothers, children zero through age five, and their families.



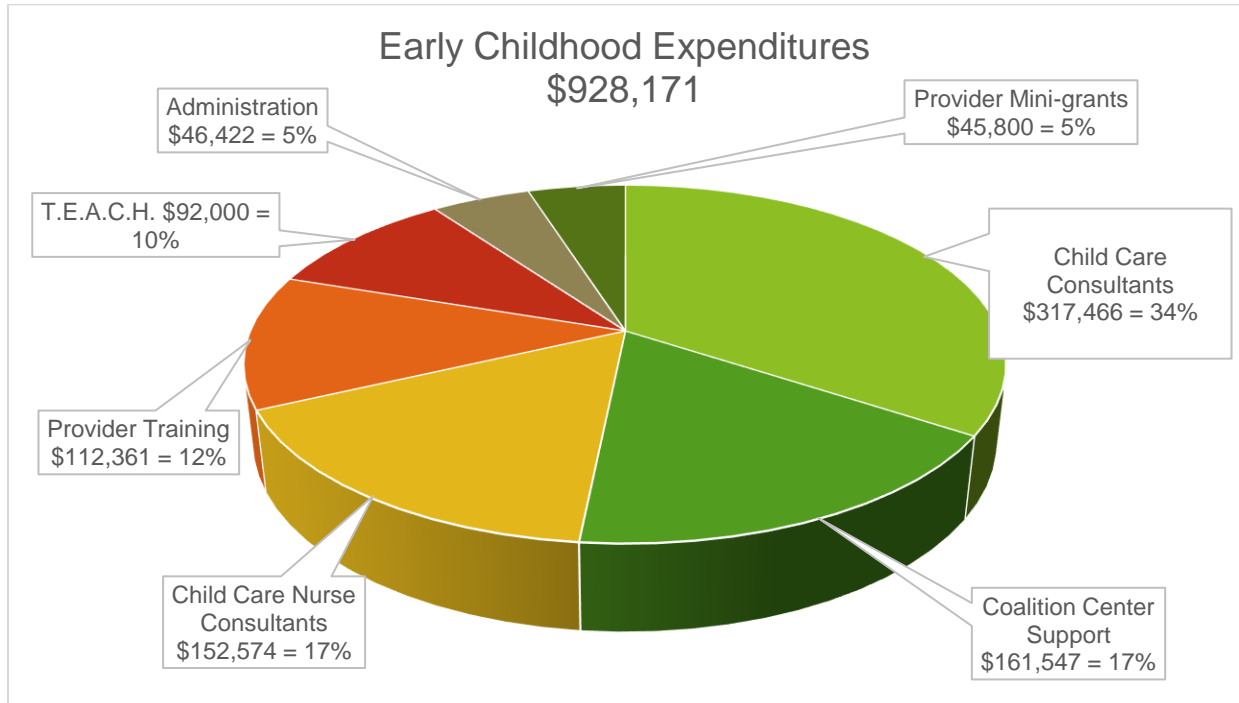
Family Support/Home Visitation		
EveryStep	Healthy Start & Empowerment	689 families & 968 children served 6,255 home visits 69% caregivers enrolled prenatally
Preschool Support for Low-income Families		
School Districts: Ankeny, Bondurant-Farrar, Dallas Center Grimes, Des Moines, Johnston, Saydel, Southeast Polk, Urbandale, West Des Moines	Enrollment outreach/extended instructional day/scholarships for 3-year-olds/social workers/nurses	9 public districts 3,884 pre-K children enrolled 1,778 children screened with ASQ-3 131 children referred for follow up services
Parent Engagement & Education		
Des Moines Public Schools	Early Childhood Family Support Services Team	1,659 children supported 123 children referred for services 232 student intervention plans 944 families connect with supports

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Parent Engagement & Education		
EMBARC	Parent Navigator	23 Parent Navigators led 56 Learning Circles 420 Learning Circle participants 728 Families participated in activities
Early Care & Educational Supports		
Shalom Community Impact Center	Learn Play Grow Together (preschool program for school readiness)	89 children/83 families served
Essential Needs & Public Awareness		
Knock & Drop Iowa	Walk in pantry serving Latinx community/Winter clothing	813 children 448 families served
Mary's Helping Hands	1 st year infant supplies for parents	1,700 children 1,705 families served
Health Prevention & Dental		
Dental Connections	Little Healthy Smiles	685 children screened 655 cavity-free 25 referred for dental treatment
Polk County Health	Lead Poisoning Prevention	9,237 children screened 139 children referred for treatment
Literacy & Public Awareness		
Des Moines Public Library	Simple Steps to Success	969 activities provided 20,929 families participated in activities
Friends of Youth Justice Initiative (6-month contract)	Power of Play	11 children served 7 families served



Photo: EveryStep Healthy Start & Empowerment



Child Care Consultants		
Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R)	Consultants for child care centers and home providers	1,053 child care programs served 401 site visits to providers
Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children (IAEYC)	ECQuIP Team of Child Care Consultants	15 centers serving 1,881 children 1,318 site visits to centers 10 centers with QRS/IQ4K rating
Coalition Child Care Center Quality Supports		
Quarterly Bonus	6 Child Care Centers in Coalition	79 of 124 staff at centers full year 64% of total staff employed full year
Quality Improvement	12 Child Care Centers in Coalition	15 centers supported 10 centers attained QRS 3-5
Child Care Nurse Consultants		
EveryStep	Child Care Nurse Consultants	224 child care providers served 308 site visits to providers
Child Care Provider Trainings		
CCR&R	Training for Providers	414 providers participated 149 hours of training offered
Lutheran Services in Iowa	Child Care Business Development	65 participants in training 26 new registered providers 58 active providers
T.E.A.C.H.		
IAEYC	T.E.A.C.H.	28 child care teachers in credit-bearing classes 7 employed by coalition centers
Child Care Provider Mini Grants		
CCR&R	Reach For the Stars grants	53 providers received grants to improve quality and/or health/safety