

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area Executive Summary

State Fiscal Year 18

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Overview

Early Childhood Iowa Vision: *“Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful”*.

Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Early Childhood Iowa (BVCS ECI) is one out of 39 Early Childhood Iowa Areas identified across the State of Iowa representing all 99 counties. Early Childhood Iowa Areas use identified results to develop the capacity and commitment for achieving the results of: Healthy Children; Children Ready to Succeed in School; Safe and Supportive Communities; Secure and Nurturing Families; Secure and Nurturing Early Learning Environments.

The BVCS ECI mission guides the actions of the organization, provides a path, and guides decision-making. BVCS ECI Mission Statement: *to improve the quality of life for children and families by strongly supporting safe environments, lifelong learning and facilitating a coordinated system for community services*. Stemming from the mission the BVCS ECI 3-County Board has developed priorities to guide them they are: Parent Education, Quality Preschool Programs, Nurturing Child Care, Health Prevention Measures, Early Literacy, and Coordination of Services. For more information about the programs served by BVCS ECI visit our website at <http://bvcs empowerment.com/> or call 712-662-3880.

Community Data/Analysis

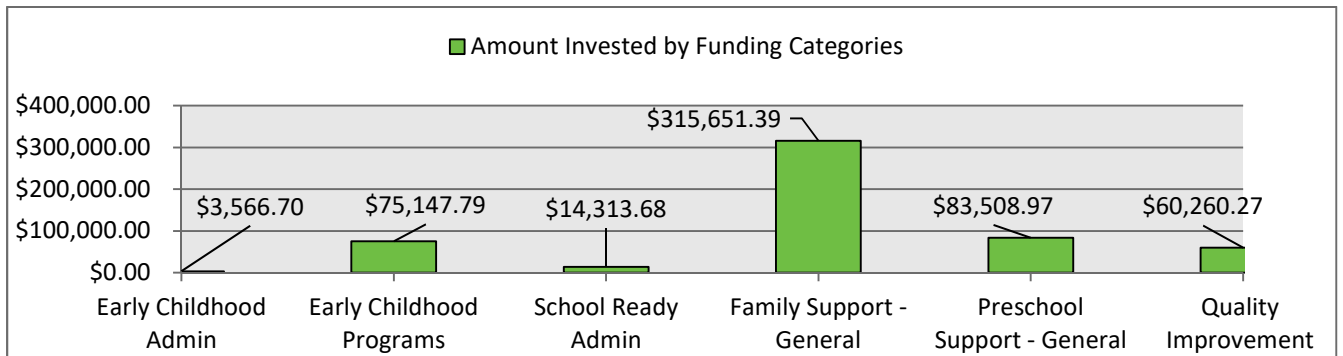
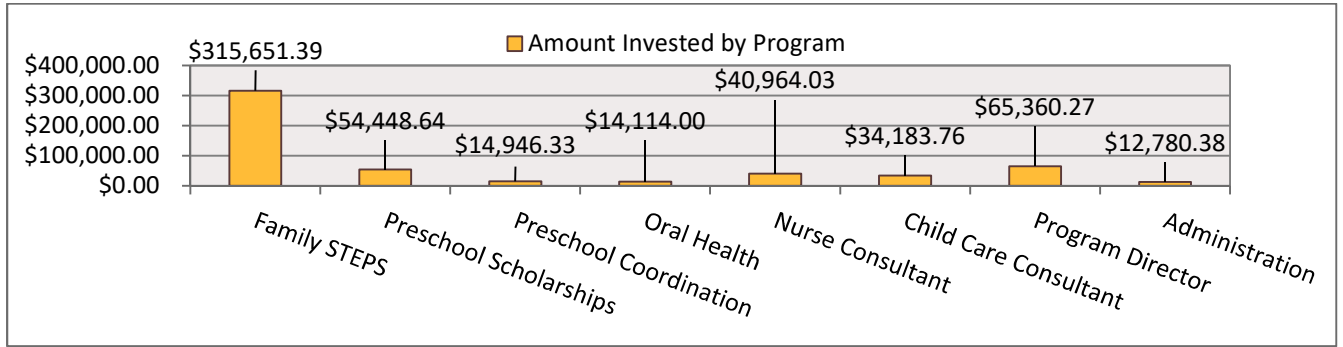
BVCS Early Childhood Iowa, Decategorization/Community Partnerships for Protecting Children, and local Child Abuse Prevention Councils have established bi-monthly meetings commonly referred to as Community Coalitions. The Community Coalitions are meant to bring agencies and community members together to be able to share information and assist in gathering data about the community. Membership represents citizens of the community, community groups, schools, and agencies serving children and their families. In Fiscal Year 18 these entities, in Buena Vista, Crawford, and Sac Counties participated in consensus workshops. The purpose of the consensus workshop was to review county and state data. Data reviewed included: U.S. Census data, Child Abuse, Child Care, Foster Care, Family Investment Program, Unemployment, Iowa Youth Survey, Juvenile Delinquency, Mental Health, Dental, Hunger, and Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE). Attendees were asked what astonished them about the data and come to a consensus for the most pressing needs at this time, related to the data reviewed. In addition to the consensus workshops surveys were sent to community service providers, parents, and child care providers.

Similarities existed among the consensus workshop, community service providers, parents and child and providers including: mental health/health, lack of child care, activities for youth and child abuse. To view the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Community Plan for a complete analysis, please visit the following website at <http://bvcs empowerment.com/>.



BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area Financial Highlights & Outcomes

State Fiscal Year 18 funding summary



Funded Program Outcomes

Family Support

- Healthy family functioning
- Social supports
- Concrete supports
- Child development
- Nurturing & attachment

Preschool Scholarships

- Age appropriate skills
- Child Attendance
- Quality Preschool Programs

Oral Health

- Education
- Screenings
- Detection
- Care Coordination

Preschool Support – 98.65% of children demonstrating age appropriate skills.

Oral Health – 41.83% Children are cavity free.

98% families that improve or maintain healthy family functioning, problem solving & communication.

90% families that increase or maintain social supports.

84% families that are connected to additional concrete supports.

76% families that increase knowledge about child development and parenting.

62% families that improve nurturing and attachment between parent(s) and children.

Child Care Nurse Consultant

- Special health care needs
- Onsite assessments
- Trainings

Child Care Consultant

- Registered/Licensed child care
- Developmentally appropriate practices
- Quality Improvement Program
- Child care slots

Child Care Nurse Consultant – 88% of programs receiving onsite assessment and Consultation improved health & safety conditions.

Child Care Consultant – 68% of programs working with Consultant have met their established goals.