

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Young children are the foundations of our community. Crawford County is fortunate to have a variety of quality programs available to families for the care and education of their young children.

The intent of this brochure is to provide residents of Crawford County with a list of resources when looking for child care, preschool, or early childhood services. Additional services and /or resources are available at <http://bvcsempowerment.com>

Iowa's early childhood mission is:

Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful.



Supported by:
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What can
Crawford County
offer
your child
From birth - 5 years of age?

Crawford County Early Care and Education Services

Crawford County Coalition:

Meets on a bi-monthly basis to share information and discuss the needs of the community. In an effort to be able to identify current services and plan for the future.

Meetings are set for the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm. Meeting months: February, April, June, August, October, and December. For more information please contact BVCS Early Childhood Iowa at 712-662-3880.

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Child Care

Child Care Resource & Referral

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) provides resources education and advocacy to support quality child care. They assist families in finding child care that meets their needs and talk to parents about quality child care indicators. **Child Care Consultants** provide onsite consultation to preschools, centers, homes and before and after school programs. CCR&R also provides professional development to child care professionals and data to community leaders.

877-216-8481 or 712-786-2001
<http://www.iwaccrr.org>

Referrals – Parent Educator: 855-244-5301

Child Care Hotline: 844-786-1296 report an issue with a child care program.

Iowa law limits the number of children child care homes may care for.

Registered Child Development Homes may care for six or more children at one time and agree to meet minimum requirements in all areas of child development home operation. The Iowa DHS has three categories for registration, based on size of house, education, and years of experience.

Non-registered Home Providers can care for five or fewer children at one time (including their own). The Iowa DHS has a process in place for providers who want to receive Child Care Subsidy payments.

Child Care Centers and Preschools are either licensed by the Iowa Department of Human Services or regulated by the Iowa Department of Education. These programs must be in compliance with standards set forth by their respective departments.

Centers

Children's Imagination Station

1826 3rd Ave South Denison 712-263-7100
Serving children 4 weeks to 11 years.
QRS Rating – 4 Star Rating

Boyer Valley Campus Care

212 S School St Dow City 712-674-3826
Serving Children 6 weeks to 12 years.
QRS Rating – 4 Star Rating

Preschools

Ar-We-Va Little Rockets

108 Clinton Street Westside 712-663-4313
QRS Rating – Level 4 Star Rating

Charter Oak Ute CSD

321 Main St Charter Oak 712-678-3325
QRS Rating – Level - 4 Star Rating

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QRS Rating - Level - 4 Star Rating

Denison Community School District

20th Street elementary Denison 712-263-3104
QRS Rating –Level 3 Star Rating

IKM Manning/Manila/Kirkman/Irwin

100 Eva Street Irwin 712-782-3126
QRS Rating – No Rating

Immanuel Lutheran

501 Glad St Schleswig 712-676-2235
QRS Rating - Level - 4 Star Rating

Open Arms Preschool

500 N 24th Street Denison 712-676-2235
QRS Rating - Level - 3 Star Rating

Saint Rose of Lima

1012 2nd Ave South Denison 712-263-5408
QRS Rating - Level - 4 Star Rating

Zion Lutheran

1004 1st Ave South Denison 712-263-4766
QRS Rating - Level - 3 Star Rating

CSD – Community School District

Head Start & Early Head Start

West Central Community Action Corporation; Head Start/Early Head Start provides center based preschool services for income eligible families with children 3-5 years old in addition to a center based program for children 0-2years old. 800-698-5886
<http://westcentralca.org>

Preschool Scholarships

BVCS ECI offers Preschool Tuition Assistance at participating area preschools. 712-662-3880
<http://bvcsempowerment.com>

Early Childhood Services

Department of Human Services located at 608 North Court Carroll, IA 712-792-4391 or 866-202-5968
On-line applications (OASIS): Child Care Subsidy, Food Assistance, hawk-I, Family Investment Program etc. <http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/>

Crawford County Home Health, Hospice & Public Health -Programs: located at 105 N Main St, Denison, IA <http://crawfordcountyhealth.com>

–**Child Care Nurse Consultant:** provides health & safety issues/trainings in early care and education environments. 712-263-3303

–**Family STEPS Support To Experience Parenting Success:** A home visitation program for families with children prenatal to 5. 712-263-3303

–**1st Five Coordinator** Physician referred care coordination services for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Participants have demonstrated a developmental concern or have experienced family stress, depression, or lack of resources. Children and their families are then linked with community resources for guidance and support. 712-263-3112

NW AEA/Early ACCESS: Iowa's interagency system of early intervention services for children with or at risk of developmental delays. It is a central point of entry for families to obtain information and services that will be beneficial for their child's development. 800-377-8115 or 712-263-4625 <http://www.nwaea.k12.ia.us/>

Temporary Assistance Program (TAP) program for families in need of food and clothing. 210 S 25th St M-Thurs. 9:00 to Noon. 712-263-4733

West Central Community Action - Outreach
Located at 7th St in Denison. Services for income eligible households. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) 712-263-3538

WIC Women Infant and Children: Call for location. Offers monthly financial allotments that enable pregnant, postpartum or breastfeeding women or parent of infants or children age 5 and under to purchase healthy foods. 800-338-4129
<http://westcentralca.org>