

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

Young children are the foundations of our community. Sac 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 Sac 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://bvcs empowerment.com>

Iowa's early childhood mission is:

*Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful.*



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What can  
Sac County  
Offer  
Your child  
From birth - 5 years of age?

## Sac County Early Care and Education Services

### Sac 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 second Monday of the month at 9:00 am. 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.

### Child Care Centers

#### Kid's World, Inc.

1408 Robbin St Sac City, IA 712-662-7259

Serving children infants – school age

QRS Rating – currently not rated Oct 2018

#### Wee Wildcats

300 S Berwick Schaller, IA 712-275-4266

Serving children infants – school age

QRS Rating – currently not rated Oct 2018

## Preschool

### East Sac County Community School District

400 s 16<sup>th</sup> St Sac City 712-662-7200

QRS Rating – currently not rated Oct 2018

### East Sac County Community School District

207 Boyer St Sac City 712-664-2627

QRS Rating – currently not rated Oct 2018

### Kid's World

1408 Robbins St Sac City 712-662-7259

QRS Rating – currently not rated Oct 2018

### Schaller Crestland Community School District

300 S Berwick Schaller 712-275-4266

QRS Rating – currently not rated Oct 2018

### Odebolt-Arthur Community School District

600 South Maple Schaller 712-668-1326

QRS Rating – Level 4 – Star Rating

### Head Start & Early Head Start

New Opportunities, Inc.; 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. Classrooms located in Sac City and Schaller. 712-830-1326

[www.newopp.org](http://www.newopp.org)

### Preschool Scholarships

**BVCS Early Childhood Iowa:** offers Preschool

Tuition Assistance at participating area preschools.

<http://bvcs empowerment.com> 712-662-3880

## Early Childhood Services

### Child Care Nurse Consultant - Calhoun County

**Public Health** located at 501 Court Street, Rockwell City, IA Provides health & safety issues/trainings in early care and education environments. 712-297-8323

**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/>

### Family STEPS Support To Experience Parenting

**Success:** A home visitation program for families with children prenatal to 5. Sac County Health Services located at 116 South State St, Ste. A 712-662-4785  
<http://sacountyhealthservices.com>

### 1<sup>st</sup> Five; Webster County Health Department:

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. 515-573-4107 or 888-289-3318

[www.idph.state.ia.us/1stfive/](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/1stfive/)

### New Opportunities, Inc. Family Development

**Center:** Services for income eligible households. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) Emergency Food Pantry, located at 1708 West Main St, Sac City. 712-662-3236  
<http://newopp.org>

**Prairie Lakes 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. 712-335-3588 or 712-732-2257 <http://www.aea8.k12.ia.us>

**WIC - Women Infant and Children:** 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. <http://newopp.org> 800-642-6330