

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

Young children are the foundations of our community. Buena Vista 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 Buena Vista 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.*



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

## Buena Vista County Early Care and Education Services

### **Buena Vista 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 10:00 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.

### Mustang Child Care

225 East 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Newell, IA 712-272-4147

Serving children infants – school age

QRS Rating – currently not rated Oct 2018

### Ready, Set, GROW Learning Center

PO Box 3, Alta, IA 712-200-4250

QRS Rating - 1 Star

### Sioux Central Child Care

505 Elm St, Sioux Rapids, IA–Infant–712-283-2395

106 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Sioux Rapids, IA-Above 2-712-283-2945

QRS Rating – 4 Stars

## Preschools

### Albert City-Truesdale CSD

300 Orchard St Albert City 712-843-5416

QRS Rating – currently not rated Oct 2018

### Alta Little Cyclone (CSD)

101 West 5<sup>th</sup> Alta 712-200-1400

QRS Rating – currently not rated Oct 2018

### Grace Lutheran

1407 West 5<sup>th</sup> St Storm Lake 712-732-5005

QRS Rating – currently not rated Oct 2018

### Newell- Fonda CSD

205 South Clark Newell 712-272-3324

QRS Rating – currently not rated Oct 2018

### Sioux Central CSD

4440 U.S. Highway 71 Sioux Rapids 712-283-2571

QRS Rating – currently not rated Oct 2018

### Storm Lake CSD

930 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St Storm Lake 712-732-8076

QRS Rating – currently not rated Oct 2018

### Saint Mary's School

321 Seneca St Storm Lake 712-732-4166

QRS Rating – 4 Star Rating

### Trepson Montessori Preschool

1215 W 5<sup>th</sup> St Storm Lake 712-208-0469

QRS Rating – 5 Star Rating

### CSD – Community School District

### 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.

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

**Child Care Nurse Consultant - Calhoun County Public Health** located at 501 Court Street, Rockwell

City, IA 712-297-8323 provides health & safety issues/trainings in early care and education environments.

## Early Childhood Services

**Department of Human Services (DHS)** located at 311 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St. in Storm Lake 712-749-2536. 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. Buena Vista Public Health & Home Care <http://bvcountyiowa.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/)

**Family Food & Nutrition Program (FNP)** Program increases knowledge in budgeting, meal planning, healthy food choices, food safety and physical activity. ISU Extension & Outreach 712-732-5056 <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/buenavista>

**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>

**Upper Des Moines Opportunities (UDMO):** Services for income eligible households. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP), Emergency Food Pantry, Clothing/Furniture shop, and more. 712-732-1757 <http://www.udmo.com>

**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. 1-800-245-6151 or 712-859-3885

**Watch Me Grow:** Program provides a fun way to track weight gain & growth in the first year of life. Buena Vista Regional Medical Center 712-213-8662. <http://www.bvrmc.org>