

Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Community Plan October 2012



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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Our Early Childhood Iowa Area (ECIA) includes Clinton County (county seat Clinton) and Jackson County (county seat Maquoketa).

Children, birth through age 5, living in the Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Area, are eligible to apply for Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) funded services. Number of eligible children:

- Children age 5 and under in Clinton County – 3,739
- Children age 5 and under in Jackson County – 1,340

(Data-Woods and Poole 2010)

Services Out of Area

The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Area Board has policies in regard to

- families living in the area but requesting to receive services outside the area
- families living outside the area but requesting services within the Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Area
- families living outside the area

Please refer to the Appendix in regard to “ECI Area Boundaries/Services Out of Area Policy”.

Community Plan:

The Community Plan is a fluid document which is constantly reviewed and changed to reflect the needs in our Early Childhood Iowa Area. The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Area Board entered into a process to review and update the Community Plan in July of 2011. The board has invited the Executive Committee Members, past and present ECI Board Members, the Clinton/Jackson DECAT Board Members, the Clinton/Jackson Community Partnership for Protecting Children Members, Clinton County Prevent Child Abuse Coalition Members, Jackson County Prevent Child Abuse Coalition Members, Clinton County United Way representatives, Parents, current contract holder's, area Lion's Clubs, Rotary Clubs, Knights of Columbus and local community providers, to review and provide input into the plan. The process included:

1. Reviewing the Mission Statement
2. Reviewing the Vision Statement
3. Reviewing the five Community Surveys and/or Assessment conducted between July 2011 through August 2012
 - a. Identifying barriers
 - b. Identifying needs of families
 - c. Identifying community resources and gaps
 - d. Identifying service priorities that would best meet the needs of the children in the service area
4. Identifying the area indicators
5. Completing a fiscal assessment for the area

Input was requested and received from our local community providers, service agencies both public and private. Information from parents and consumers was received through the community assessment process.

As the ECIA Board considers funding for services, the Community Plan will be utilized in determining the needs of the community and to determine if the requested funding/services aligns with the needs of families with children zero through five. It will also be used as a tool to educate the community on Early Childhood Iowa services and needs in our local area. The Community Plan will continue to be monitored and updated as necessary by the Board.

The Community Plan is available by contacting the Coordinator and is also available on the ECIA website: http://www.clintoncounty-ia.gov/Page/Clinton_Jackson_Early_Childhood_Iowa.aspx?nt=636

Vision: Every child, beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful

The vision statement was adopted in the year 2008. Through discussion and input from the community it was the decision of the Clinton/Jackson Empowerment Board to adopt the same vision as the State Empowerment Board at that time. The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board believes this vision statement is still appropriate for our area in 2012.

Mission: To develop and maintain a collaborative system of needs-based services, implemented at the earliest possible point of intervention, that strengthens families and communities.

The mission statement was adopted by the Clinton/Jackson Empowerment Board in the year 2008. The current Board continues to support this mission statement as they feel strongly a collaborative system, identifying needs in the community as early as possible and our services that we support be strength based.

Purpose Statement: To meet the needs of local children birth to five years of age and their families while meeting the specific goals established by the Iowa legislature.

The purpose statement and Priority areas were adopted by the Clinton/Jackson Empowerment Board in the year 2008. The current Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board continues to support this purpose statement in 2012 as it supports our efforts to work with local elected officials at the county and state level to support our youngest citizens through access to our priority areas listed.

Priority Areas of Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa:

- Provide resources and support for healthy parenting.
- Improve the availability and access to quality health care services.
- Increase access and opportunities for quality preschool/childcare experiences.

The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board adopted this community plan on October 22, 2012. We would like to thank everyone for their time and effort in supporting us in completing this process.

Geographic/Demographic Profile for the Early Childhood Iowa Area

The Early Childhood Iowa Area (ECIA) consists of Clinton County and Jackson County.

Clinton County has a total area of 710 square miles, of which, 695 square miles are land and 15 square miles are water.

Clinton County is adjacent to:

- Jackson County (north)
- Carroll County, Illinois (northeast), across the Mississippi River
- Whiteside County, Illinois (east), across the Mississippi River
- Rock Island County, Illinois (southeast), across the Mississippi River
- Scott County (south)
- Cedar County (southwest)
- Jones County (northwest)

(Data source 2010 census)

Cities within Clinton County:

City	Total 2010 Population	Total 2000 Population
Andover	103	87
Calamus	439	394
Camanche	4,448	4,215
Charlotte	394	421
Clinton	26,885	27,772
DeWitt	5,322	5,049
Delmar	525	514
Goose Lake	240	232
Grand Mound	642	675
Lost Nation	446	497
Low Moor	288	240
Toronto	124	134
Welton	65	159
Wheatland	764	772

(Data source 2010 census)

Jackson County has a total area of 650 square miles, of which, 636 square miles of it is land and 14 square miles is water.

Jackson County is adjacent to:

- Dubuque County (north)
- Jo Davies, Illinois (northeast), across the Mississippi River
- Carroll County, Illinois (east), across the Mississippi River
- Rock Island County, Illinois (southeast), across the Mississippi River
- Clinton County (south)
- Jones County (west) *(Data source 2010 census)*

Cities within Jackson County:

City	Total 2010 Population	Total 2000 Population
Andrew	434	460
Baldwin	109	127
Bellevue	2,191	2,350
La Motte	260	272
Maquoketa	6,141	6,112
Miles	445	462
Monmouth	153	180
Preston	1,012	949
Sabula	576	670
St. Donatus	135	140
Spragueville	81	89
Springbrook	144	182

(Data source 2010 census)

1. Population

- The population of Clinton County is 49,116. This is a decline from the 2000 census in which the population was 50,149. Clinton County has 12,870 children age zero to seventeen. Clinton County has 3,739 children age five and under. *(Data source 2010 US Census Bureau and Woods and Poole)*
- The population of Jackson County is 19,848. This is a decline from the 2000 census in which the population was 20,296. Jackson County has 5,271 children age zero to seventeen. Jackson County has 1,340 children five and under. *(Data source 2010 US Census Bureau and Woods and Poole)*

2. Minority Population trends

- Clinton County: minority population 2000, zero to five year olds = 201
minority population 2010, zero to five year olds = 300
- Jackson County: minority population 2000, zero to five year olds = 17
minority population 2010, zero to five year olds = 45
(Data source 2010 U.S. Census Bureau)

3. Ethnicity

Clinton County

20,105	Households in Clinton County
13,671	Families residing in the County
21,733	Housing units
95.87%	White
1.89%	Black or African American
0.24%	Native American
0.56%	Asian
0.02%	Pacific Islander
0.34%	from other races

Ethnicity (cont)

1.08% from two or more races
1.25% of the populations were Hispanic or Latino of any race

Jackson County

8,079 Households in Jackson County
5,589 Families residing in the County
8,949 Housing units
98.9% White
0.10% Black or African American
0.12% Native American
0.09% Asian
0.11% Pacific Islander
0.15% from other races
0.47% from two or more races
0.60% of the populations were Hispanic or Latino of any race
(Data source 2010 U.S. Census Bureau)

4. School Districts and enrollment data

Clinton County Community 2009-2010 School Districts (CSD)	enrollment	Graduation rate%	Drop out number
Calamus-Wheatland CSD	485	94.12	2
Camanche CSD	928	80.82	15
Central CSD	1,537	95.08	11
Clinton CSD	4,188	90.68	66
Delwood CSD	243	N/A	N/A
Northeast CSD	547	98.11	5
Prince of Peace (Private)	291	100	0

Jackson County Community 2009-2010 School Districts (CSD)	enrollment	Graduation rate%	Drop out number
Andrew CSD	289	100	1
Bellevue CSD	602	100	1
East Central CSD	387	96.15	3
Maquoketa CSD	1,465	87.88	10
Preston CSD	331	96.55	1
St. Joseph's (Private)	244	100	0

Clinton County Community 2010-2011 School Districts (CSD)	enrollment	Graduation rate%	Drop out number
Calamus-Wheatland CSD	483	94.12	6
Camanche CSD	923	85.14	19
Central CSD	1,553	93.85	16
Clinton CSD	4,111	83.63	108
Delwood CSD	229	N/A	N/A
Northeast CSD	547	98.15	0
Prince of Peace (Private)	216	100	0

Jackson County Community 2010-2011 School Districts (CSD)	enrollment	Graduation rate%	Drop out number
Andrew CSD	276	95.65	0
Bellevue CSD	590	100	2
East Central CSD	370	96.55	3
Maquoketa CSD	1,420	92.22	14
Preston CSD	336	96.55	0
St. Joseph's (Private)	268	100	0

Private Schools in Clinton and Jackson Counties

Marquette Catholic School System – St. Joseph's School (K-12) Bellevue, IA

Prince of Peace School – (K-12) Clinton, IA

Sacred Heart School – (K-6) Maquoketa, IA

St. Joseph's School – (K-8) DeWitt, IA

(Data-AEA 9 & Iowa Department of Education)

5. School District Free/Reduced lunch number eligible 2011/2012

Clinton County Community 2011-2012 School Districts (CSD)	enrollment PK-12	Free Lunch	Reduced Lunch	% Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch
Calamus-Wheatland CSD	529	129	44	32.7
Camanche CSD	1,149	331	75	35.3
Central CSD	1,605	304	88	24.4
Clinton CSD	4,061	1,806	265	51.0
Delwood CSD	157	43	21	40.8
Northeast CSD	815	198	47	30.1
Prince of Peace (Private)	296	29	8	12.5

Jackson County Community 2011-2012 School Districts (CSD)	enrollment PK-12	Free Lunch	Reduced Lunch	% Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch
Andrew CSD	187	80	16	51.3
Bellevue CSD	700	114	20	19.1
East Central CSD	151	56	5	40.4
Maquoketa CSD	1,579	607	138	47.2
Preston CSD	442	78	17	21.5
St. Joseph's (Private)	253	13	18	12.3

(Data-Iowa Department of Education, Basic Educational Data Survey, Bureau of Information and Analysis Services, Merged File, Fall 2011)

*Free and Reduced County Numbers end of 2010 school year:

Clinton County 39.7%

Jackson County 37.7%

(Data source datacenter.kidscount.org)

6. Income/Poverty Data

- **Clinton County:** Median household income \$37,423 in the County. Median household income for a family was \$46,450. 7.70% of families and 10.20% of the population lived below the federal poverty level in 2010.
- **Jackson County:** Median household income \$34,529 in the County. Median household income for a family was \$42,526. 7.70% of families and 10.30% of the population lived below the federal poverty level in 2010.

Children in poverty, ages 0-17

	Clinton County	Jackson County	Iowa
2006	16.2%	17.6%	13.8%
2007	16.5%	16.0%	13.7%
2008	17.2%	17.5%	14.2%
2009	17.6%	16.8%	15.6%
2010	18.7%	19.6%	16.2%

(Data source datacenter.kidscount.org)

Percentage of children ages 0-4 who are receiving services through the Women, Infants and Children Program

	Clinton County	Jackson County	Iowa
2007	26.9%	24.8%	27.1%
2008	27.5%	23.8%	27.7%
2009	29.2%	21.7%	28.8%
2010	29.1%	19.2%	28.2%

(Data source datacenter.kidscount.org.)

Food Assistance Program Summary

Clinton County (January Data from each year)

	FIP Program		Food Stamps only	
	Households	Recipients	Households	Recipients
2008	407	1,243	805	944
2009	388	1,207	1,060	1,286
2010	430	1,306	1,231	1,487
2011	445	1,348	1,421	1,697
2012	428	1,278	1,633	1,923

Jackson County (January Data from each year)

	FIP Program		Food Stamps only	
	Households	Recipients	Households	Recipients
2008	132	449	185	251
2009	92	295	255	358
2010	102	334	253	350
2011	102	302	287	361
2012	121	381	344	464

(Data source Iowa Department of Human Services)

Unemployment Data

Clinton County Jackson County

2007 3.9% 2007 4.9%

2010 6.8% 2010 7.4%

(Data source datacenter.kidscount.org)

7. Child Abuse Statistics

Year	# Of <u>0-5 yr. olds</u> have a confirmed or founded abuse	Unique/Unduplicated # of children who had a confirmed or founded abuse (0-17 years old)	Duplicated # of children who had a confirmed or founded abuse (0-17 years old)
2008	Clinton 123 221 0-17 yr. olds	Clinton Confirmed 58 Founded 163	Clinton Confirmed 60 Founded 191
	Jackson 47 98 0-17 yr. olds	Jackson Confirmed 27 Founded 71	Jackson Confirmed 29 Founded 97
2009	Clinton 148 305 0-17 yr. olds	Clinton Confirmed 55 Founded 250	Clinton Confirmed 58 Founded 276
	Jackson 47 59 0-17 yr. olds	Jackson Confirmed 7 Founded 52	Jackson Confirmed 8 Founded 55
2010	Clinton 151 292 0-17 yr. olds	Clinton Confirmed 75 Founded 217	Clinton Confirmed 83 Founded 243
	Jackson 30 80 0-17 yr. olds	Jackson Confirmed 20 Founded 60	Jackson Confirmed 20 Founded 66
2011	Clinton 173 287 0-17 yr. olds	Clinton Confirmed 76 Founded 211	Clinton Confirmed 90 Founded 249
	Jackson 38 75 0-17 yr. olds	Jackson Confirmed 22 Founded 53	Jackson Confirmed 26 Founded 65

(Data source Iowa Department of Human Services, Maltreatment Statistical Report)

8. Child Care Homes, Licensed Centers and Preschools

(Data source Child Care Resource and Referral)

Child Care Home, Licensed Centers, Preschools	Location	License Type	QRS Level	Total Licensed Capacity
Lindsay Thompson	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8
Stacy Dake	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8
Lorie's Day Care	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8
Gwendolyn Brown	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8
Mama Mango's Childcare	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8
Tracy Ebensberger	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8
Jessica Sterbenz	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8

Child Care Home, Licensed Centers, Preschools	Location	License Type	QRS Level	Total Licensed Capacity
Jill Bradley	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8
Katie Howell	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8
Joshua Judge	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8
Safe Haven	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8
Cassandra Milligan	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8
HALO Child Care	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8
Alicia's Day Care	Clinton	Child Development Home A	2	8
Judy Pisel	Clinton	Child Development Home A	2	8
Peanuts Place	Clinton	Child Development Home A	2	8
Mindy Lehmkuhl	Clinton	Child Development Home A	2	8
Little Hoots Family Child Care	Clinton	Child Development Home A	2	8
Family Daycare	Clinton	Child Development Home B	0	12
Kelly Quality Childcare	Clinton	Child Development Home B	0	12
Michelle's Home Child Care	Clinton	Child Development Home B	0	12
Gramma's House	Clinton	Child Development Home B	0	12
Sheila Lehmkuhl	Clinton	Child Development Home B	2	12
Barbara Letsch	Clinton	Child Development Home B	0	12
Pamela Harlock	Clinton	Child Development Home B	2	12
Shannon's Daycare	Clinton	Child Development Home B	2	12
Kathy's Kids Home Childcare	Clinton	Child Development Home B	4	12
Kid's World Child Care	Clinton	Child Development Home B	5	12
Sarah Penniston	Clinton	Child Development Home B	1	12
Jumpstart Home Childcare	Clinton	Child Development Home B	1	12
Little Bear Development Home	Clinton	Child Development Home C	2	16
Baby BootKamp	Clinton	Child Development Home C	2	16
Doodlebugs	Clinton	Child Development Home C	2	16
Lori's Little Ones	Clinton	Child Development Home C	3	16
Many Angels Playcare	Clinton	Child Development Home C	1	16
Delwood Preschool	Clinton	Licensed Center	0	20
Prince of Peace Early Learning Center	Clinton	Licensed Center	0	50
Wee School for Little People	Clinton	Licensed Center	0	90
Melanie Buckner	Clinton	Child Development Home B	1	12
Goose Lake Giggle N Grow	Clinton	Licensed Center	0	50
YWCA Children's Center (multiple sites)	Clinton	Licensed Center	3	195
Zion Child Care Preschool	Clinton	Licensed Center	0	115
Stay N Play Childcare/ Preschool	Clinton	Licensed Center	0	76
Mercy Child Care & Preschool	Clinton	Licensed Center	0	147
Kids First Academy	Clinton	Licensed Center	1	115
Creative Learning Center	Clinton	Licensed Center	2	115
Kids Business	Clinton	Licensed Center	4	88
Head Start - Community Action of Eastern Iowa	Clinton	Licensed Center	4	72
Grace Lutheran Preschool	Clinton	Licensed Preschool	0	16
St John's Lutheran Preschool	Clinton	Licensed Preschool	0	32
Rainbow Preschool	Clinton	Licensed Preschool	2	16
Lynn Kiger-Kuster	Clinton	Child Development Home B	2	12
Valerie Hute	Jackson	Child Development Home A	0	8
Charity Crist	Jackson	Child Development Home B	0	12
Punk's Daycare	Jackson	Child Development Home B	0	12
Little Angels Day Care	Jackson	Child Development Home B	0	12

Child Care Home, Licensed Centers, Preschools	Location	License Type	QRS Level	Total Licensed Capacity
Wanda Horn	Jackson	Child Development Home B	0	12
Donna's Daycare	Jackson	Child Development Home B	2	12
Michelle Muhlhausen	Jackson	Child Development Home B	1	12
Suzanne Fondell	Jackson	Child Development Home C	0	16
Little Sprouts Daycare	Jackson	Child Development Home C	0	16
East Central Early Learners	Jackson	Department of Education Preschool	0	40
Little Stars Preschool	Bellevue, IA Jackson Cty	Department of Education Preschool	0	5
Sacred Heart Childcare/Kids of the Kingdom PS	Maquoketa, IA Jackson, Cty	Department of Education Preschool	0	35
St Josephs Preschool	Jackson Cty	Department of Education Preschool	0	49
Blessed Beginnings	Jackson Cty	Licensed Center	0	49
Wee Care for Young People	Jackson Cty	Licensed Center	0	57
Operation New View - Head Start	Maquoketa, IA Jackson Cty	Licensed Center	0	40
Operation New View - Head Start	Preston, IA Jackson Cty	Licensed Center	0	20
Child Development Inc. Sunshine	Maquoketa, IA Jackson Cty	Licensed Center	4	231
Little Shepherd Christian Preschool	Maquoketa, IA Jackson Cty	Licensed Preschool	0	80

9. 2012 Child Care Rates by County

(Averages based on a weekly rate. Some providers may charge by the hour, day, or month) *Providers self report rates to Community Care Resources and Referral (CCR&R)

County		Infant 0-12 mo	Toddler 13-23 mo	Two Year Old	Three Year Old	Four & Five Year Old	Before & After School	Full Time School Age
Clinton	Homes	\$121.00	\$119.00	\$117.00	\$116.00	\$116.00	\$46.00	\$113.00
	Centers	\$157.00	\$157.00	\$147.00	\$140.00	\$139.00	\$55.00	\$123.00
Jackson	Homes	\$131.00	\$131.00	\$131.00	\$117.00	\$117.00	\$52.00	\$105.00
	Centers	\$131.00	\$131.00	\$131.00	\$117.00	\$117.00	\$52.00	\$105.00

*Clinton County was chosen to participate in the Maternal Infant Early Child Home Visitation (MIECHV) funding. The two main thrusts of MIECHV are to increase availability of evidence-based home visiting programs in at-risk communities. Secondly to enhance state infrastructure to support quality family support programs.

The Clinton/Jackson ECI Board was offered data from State Home Visitation Staff, Iowa Department of Public Health – Bureau of Family Health for Clinton County. Jackson County was not identified as an at risk community. This is Clinton County data only.

10.2010 Medicaid Births

County	# of Medicaid Births	Percentage of all births
Clinton	344	53.67%
Muscatine	299	52.27%
Scott	988	47.03%
Montgomery	57	53.27%
Page	81	51.92%
Pottawattamie	651	49.28%

11. Clinton County Risk Indicators

Indicator	Clinton County	State of Iowa
% of Premature Births	9.7	9.4
% of Low Birth Weights	7.6	6.7
IM Rate	6.8	4.5
Poverty	12.0%	11.4%
Child Poverty	17.2%	14.2%
% of Unemployment	7.3	6.8
Child Abuse/Neglect	25.65%	17.94%
Drop Out Rate	4.11%	3.15%
Binge Alcohol	22.32	20.26
Crime Rate	75.5	53.9
Juvenile Crime Rate	37.4	27.4
Indicator	Clinton County	State of Iowa
Domestic Violence Rate	318.0	217.7
Smoking during pregnancy	21.9%	14.3%

Community Plan assessment for our Early Childhood Area:

Our Community Assessment identified sixteen agencies, community members and local community leaders/groups who collaborate and partner with each other and families to provide services to families. Collaboration is accomplished by referrals, resources, screenings, family services, training/education, inter-agency meetings, Community Partnership for Protecting Children meetings, Prevent Child Abuse meetings, DECAT meetings, Public Health meetings and local legislative meetings.

The following are highlights of our local early childhood area as identified in the assessment. See the attachment identified as Clinton/Jackson assessment results for a full report.

Positive Attributes of Clinton/Jackson ECI Area

- The School Districts are very good.
- Teachers seem to really show a genuine concern for all students.
- Opportunities for education
- Strong family ties
- Community supports
- Our County still has the “small town” feel
- We are very lucky to have such great schools
- Small town atmosphere – children have a strong sense of belonging
- Great Child Care Centers and Preschool facilities
- Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Preschool Scholarships
- Effective early childhood education programs available
- Preschool class sizes are reasonable
- Low incidents of violent crime
- Lions Clubs
- Provision of preschool with wrap around childcare at Delwood Community School

Identify major gaps in services or resources in the Clinton/Jackson ECI area for children (0-5) and their families:

- Funding for programming
- Dental Services in Clinton
- Local Mental Health Services
- Obesity prevention programs
- Informing “everyone” what is available in our communities
- Adequate housing
- Lack of housing
- Lack of jobs
- Financial help for those that just miss cut offs for help from DHS, ECI and other agencies
- The length of time it takes to place a child with special needs and / or accommodations in the appropriate program
- Parenting classes for parents of children, 0-5
- Welcome baskets for new families
- Welcome Home baskets for babies and new parents to provide information / books

Identify gaps in services/resources for children 6-18 in the Clinton/Jackson ECI Area:

- After school activities
- Funding for programming
- In home support services for families/children with behavioral, mental health and drug issues
- Tutoring services
- Intervention at an early age
- We live in a town that borders both Clinton and Jackson Counties. It is difficult to obtain a library card because of this.

Identify needs in our area to make Clinton and Jackson Counties an ideal place for raising young children:

- Increased regulation of non registered child care home providers
- Increased green spaces, bike trails and more bike friendly communities
- Low cost (no cost) youth activities
- Better communication with all families on activities available in our two counties
- A better connection/teamwork between the schools and the child care centers/preschools. It is important for communication to be there and for us to work together as a team and not as competitors.
- Jobs
- Community sponsored events that allow families to attend with little or no cost
- Better paying jobs
- The buildings in our small town need to be refurbished and this makes our town look unwelcoming.

Planning Process

The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Area Board utilized the 2008 Community Plan, the Levels of Excellence Template “Community Plan” document, numerous Community Assessments conducted by the Clinton/Jackson ECI Board and those conducted by our community partners. We facilitated and participated in numerous parent forums in which patrons of our services provided information regarding strengths in programs and access and identified gaps in services and current needs. We used current available information from our community partners in making decisions in regard to services and funding for our area. Engaging community partners in the planning process is critical for our programs to be relevant to the constituents who we would like to utilize them. The Clinton/Jackson ECI Executive Committee established by the local Clinton/Jackson ECI Board provides ongoing valuable direction and input into the decision-making process. Our process of collecting information is an ongoing, fluid process which is provided through contractor site visits and audits. Regularly scheduled monthly meetings with providers, Community Partnership for Protecting Children shared decision making teams, Clinton/Jackson DECAT Board Meetings, monthly and quarterly meetings of public health, Prevent Child Abuse Committees in Clinton and Jackson Counties, local

legislative meetings, meetings with our local community college and United Way. We regularly attend District Seven Court meetings and court / hospital meetings in which judges, lawyers, local law enforcement, emergency room staff and a variety of mental health professionals meet to discuss community needs and emerging issues. We made it a priority to meet with local area individual Noon and Night Lion's Clubs, Rotary Clubs, Knights of Columbus and faith based organizations as we felt it was very important to connect and work with local civic groups whose mission is to meet needs in individual communities in Clinton and Jackson Counties.

SECTION II: COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Clinton/Jackson ECI Area Board sponsored five Community Surveys and/or Assessments conducted July 2011 through August 2012. Our goal was to help determine the strengths, gaps, and service needs for our early childhood area. The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board Members rely on this information to guide our local decision-making which impacts funding services for children, ages zero through five, and their families.

The information was obtained in a variety of settings with representation from Clinton and Jackson Counties. Parents, grandparents, past and present consumers of ECI program services, current providers and program administrators, educators, health care representatives, business leaders, child care providers, elected officials, child welfare workers, lawyers, juvenile court service professionals and mental health professionals participated in survey and assessment opportunities. One hundred and sixty-six surveys were returned and the information drives our Community Plan.

Types of surveys included:

1. Preschool Staff/Child Care Center Staff/In Home Child Care Provider Survey
2. Parent Forum
3. Community Environment Survey
4. Community Priority Survey
5. Contractor and Community Member ECI Board Function Survey

We are grateful for the overwhelming response and willingness of our community partners to share their individual life experiences and professional knowledge in determining the strengths, needs, and gaps in our area. We are very appreciative to all the agencies and organizations who shared their community plans, annual reports, State Department Program Site Visit results and Federal Program Audit/Site Visit results for us to review and participate. The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board could not have completed this Community Plan without their support.

The logic model process was followed for the purpose of analyzing our data. There were many benefits to using the logic model, one of which was that it provided a framework to discuss and articulate joint work with our local partners. The model helped to facilitate conversation with focus on agreed upon goals. The model allowed us

to show contribution of each partner and kept end outcomes upfront. The evaluation steps that the Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board Members used were; 1) Focus 2) Collect Data 3) Analyze and Interpret Data with our community partners 4) Report.

The Clinton/Jackson Executive Committee and the Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board decided that they would be fully involved in reviewing all Levels of Excellence materials. The Executive Committee and full Board reviewed every document, all collected data and all survey results that were provided for the purpose of this Community Plan. The Executive Committee met fourteen times and the full ECIA Board met fourteen times for a total of twenty eight meetings starting in August of 2011 and ending in November of 2012. A portion of every meeting was reserved for the purpose of the development of this Community Plan. Our community partners reviewed survey results and provided insight into responses and interpretation of the data. Review and input of our survey results and data collected was solicited from these identified Agency staff and Board Members; Clinton/Jackson Decategorization Board (Elected Officials, DHS Service Area Manager, Juvenile Court Judge, Nurse, Juvenile Court Services Supervisor, Superintendents), Lutheran Services in Iowa (Home Visitation Program staff), Community Action of Eastern Iowa (Child Care Consultant Program Manager, FADDS staff, Head Start staff), Visiting Nurse Services (Program Manager), DHS(Community Liaison), Community Partnerships for Protecting Children, Women Infant and Children, YWCA, Private Preschool Teachers/Directors and Public School Administrators/Teachers.

These were the findings of the assessment information:

Strengths

Services promoting healthy births
 Child access to health care
 Child access to dental care
 Services encouraging healthy nutrition
 Support home environments
 Cognitively stimulating homes
 Access to high quality child care
 Child care connected to other services
 Families' access to primary services
 Access to services responding to the child
 Expanded neighborhood resources
 Safe, attractive neighborhoods
 Effective early childhood education programs
 Programs include appropriate screening/services
 Offering options to parents
 Community awareness of early care/education

Needs/Gaps

Early intervention services for at-risk children
 Families have access to services reducing social isolation
 Increasing family income and assets
 Neighborhoods with strong social connections
 Affordable housing in stable neighborhoods
 Appropriate compensation for early child care workforce
 Access to professional development options
 Sufficient recreational opportunities for children
 Workplace commitment to families
 Family friendly workplace environment
 Transportation needs
 Ongoing unmet medical needs of parent/child
 Special needs of children
 Parent education on a variety of subjects
 Respite care

Strengths (cont)

Support for accreditation of programs
Access to services responding to child
abuse/neglect/crisis

Identified Community Priorities for children, 0-5:

- Priority #1 access to medical care
- Priority #2 access to quality preschool
- Priority #3 access to quality child care
- Priority #4 access to parent education classes/home visitation programs
- Priority #5 access to dental care
- Priority #6 access to mental health care
- Priority #7 ongoing professional development for early childhood professionals

Final results and narrative of the assessment surveys are included in the document “Clinton/Jackson assessment results” which is in the Appendix of the Community Plan. The results were helpful to the board and gave them direction when setting priorities for the ECIA.

Community Plan Priorities for Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Area

PRIORTY	Rationale for Identification of Priority
All families with children zero through age five should have access to medical/dental care.	The community assessment indicated that having access to medical and dental care is important to families. The Clinton/Jackson ECI Area Board will continue to support programs which provide dental screenings and fluoride treatment to children in preschools. We will also work closely with our WIC Program staff and Home Visitation Programs which offer screenings and a variety of other health related education such as immunization, dietary needs of young children, addressing childhood obesity, etc. The board will continue to support our early childhood programs providing information on available medical programs such as Medicaid and HAWK-I.
High quality preschool environments with the capacity to serve low income preschool-aged children within the ECIA	The Clinton/Jackson ECI Area Board, based on community assessment and input from community partners, has identified that financial assistance for preschool is a need for families. In partnership with the State Voluntary Preschool Program, the board determined there were ongoing needs for early childhood funds for preschool tuition for low income families. The board would encourage more funding to allow more children to become school ready by

	the time they enter Kindergarten. Utilizing the preschool scholarship program allows more families access to a preschool experience for their children.
High quality child care environments, in home and center based, with the capacity to serve children from infancy through five years of age.	The Clinton/Jackson ECI Area Board, based on community assessment and input from community partners, has identified a great need for quality child care. Working in partnership with Community Action Agency Child Care Resource and Referral and the Child Care Consultant and Child Care Nurse Consultant, the Board will continue to support the QRS process.
Family support through Home Visitation Programs and Parent Education Programs based on research/evidenced based programs for families with children zero through age five.	Throughout the community assessment the need for family support programs and parent education was identified by community members. The ECI Area Board will continue to support effective family support home visitation programs and parent education programs by implementing evidence based and/or research based programs. HOPES (Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success) is an in-home visitation program with children age prenatal to three years old. HOPES helps strengthen families through parent education, developmental screenings, improved access to community resources and more.
Programs and services that reduce the incidence of child abuse in Clinton and Jackson Counties.	The Clinton/Jackson ECI Area Board, based on community assessment and input from community partners, has identified that the reduction in incidence of child abuse in Clinton and Jackson Counties is a priority. Our in-home visitation programs, Child Care Consultant, Child Care Nurse Consultant, preschool staff, and child care center staff identified that the safety, health and well being of our youngest citizens is always at the forefront of our efforts. The Board will continue to support these services in future years and monitor the incidence of child abuse in our two county area.

Identified Priorities

The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Area Board has identified the following as the priorities in providing services to families with children zero to five in the early childhood area. They are:

1. Access to medical and dental care
2. High quality child care centers, in home provider care and preschools
3. Family Support and Parent Education Programs based on research/evidenced based programs
4. Programs and services that reduce the incidence of child abuse

Community-wide Indicators – Clinton/Jackson ECI Board

Indicator	Rationale for Selection of Indicator
Child Care Center spaces available. Registered Child Care Homes available.	The Clinton/Jackson ECI Board will track this indicator to help in determining the availability and number of Child Care Center and Registered Child Care Home spaces available. We will also track the estimated need for care in both counties in both settings.
# of Child Care Centers, registered Child Care Homes and Preschool Programs that are NAEYC accredited, meeting Head Start performance standards, QRS level of 1 or higher and other comparable standards	High quality care is what the board is striving for in providing Child Care in a center, in home provider and/or preschool setting. The Clinton/Jackson ECI Board will track QRS levels of 1 or higher. We will track Head Start and Department of Education Operated Preschools for endorsements of quality (ie QPPS, NAEYC, meeting Head Start standards, etc.). This will give us information that will help us direct services through the Child Care Nurse Consultant, Child Care Home Consultant, ECI funding to QRS activities in the area of training and enhancement items.
Incidence of child abuse in Clinton and Jackson Counties	<p>The Clinton/Jackson ECI Board will track incidence of child abuse to children 0-17 and 0-5 in Clinton and Jackson Counties. It is imperative that we review the total number of children abused, identify unique/duplicate and confirmed/founded abuses.</p> <p><u>Definitions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “<u>confirmed</u>” means that the Department of Human Services has determined by a preponderance of credible evidence (greater than 50%) that child abuse occurred. 2. “<u>founded</u>” means that a preponderance of credible evidence (greater than 50%) indicates that child abuse occurred and the circumstances meet the criteria for placement on the child abuse registry. 3. <u>Unique</u> - This data counts each child who is a victim of child abuse once, no matter how many times they may have been reported or victimized. The count is the total unique individual children within the year. Any child reported more than once will be categorized under the "highest" (most adverse) outcome that child experienced during the year. If the child resided in multiple counties, the child will be categorized with the county he or she resided in at the time of the most adverse outcome.

	<p>4. <u>Duplicate</u> - This data counts each child who is a victim of child abuse each time they are victimized. The count "duplicates" for every child who is assessed as a possible victim of neglect or abuse more than once within the year. If a child resided in and was a victim of maltreatment in more than one county, that child would be listed for each county in which he or she was maltreated.</p> <p>We feel strongly that our Family Support Programs which were identified as a need in our Community Assessment is key to the reduction of child abuse in our area.</p>
<p>Percent of children ages 2 to 5, with a body mass index (BMI) at or above the 85th percentile in Clinton and Jackson Counties, 2 years or older, 95%/85-95% as compared to the State of Iowa</p>	<p>The Clinton/Jackson ECI Board recognizes the importance of addressing obesity in children beginning at an early age. Access to medical care is an identified priority in our Community Assessments. Early intervention can help stem the alarming rise in the prevalence of childhood obesity. Together with the WIC staff and our Child Care Nurse Consultant we can positively impact young children, 2-5 years old by educating parents and caregivers about dietary needs and portion size for young children. We feel we will have a positive impact on young children's health and school success by identifying this health issue in our community.</p> <p><u>Definitions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Body Mass Index (BMI) provides a simple numeric measure of a person's "thickness" or "thinness", allowing health professionals to identify and discuss over- and under-weight problems in children. 2. BMI is calculated the same way as for adults, but then in children, it is compared to typical values for other children of the same age. Instead of set thresholds for underweight and overweight, then, the BMI percentile allows comparison with children of the same sex and age 3. A BMI that is less than the 5th percentile is considered underweight and above the 95th percentile is considered obese for people 20 and under. People under 20 with a BMI between the 85th

	<p>and 95th percentile are considered to be overweight.</p>
<p>Dental Care access and availability in Clinton and Jackson Counties</p>	<p>The Clinton/Jackson ECI Board will continue to make access to dental care a priority. We will track the number of preschool age children who receive dental screening and care through the I Smiles Program. We have received confirmation from parents and educators that this is a highly successful and needed access point in our area.</p> <p>Specifically it addresses the fact that in Iowa all children newly enrolling in an Iowa elementary or high school are required to have a dental screening. This requirement was passed by the 2007 legislature and became effective July 1, 2008. The purpose of the dental screening requirement is to improve the oral health of Iowa's children. Dental screenings help with early detection and treatment of dental disease; promote the importance of oral health for school readiness and learning; and contribute to statewide surveillance of oral health.</p> <p>Dental screenings are provided by an integrated network of health care professionals to supplement Iowa's dental workforce. Regional I-Smile™ coordinators, serving at the "hub" of this network, partnered with the Clinton/Jackson ECI Board to assist preschool age children who need a screening or require follow-up dental care.</p> <p>The following are highlights of the school dental screening requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The requirement applies to Kindergarten and ninth grade students only. • A screening for Kindergarten may be performed by a licensed dentist, dental hygienist, nurse, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. • A screening for ninth grade may be performed by a licensed dentist or dental hygienist only. • Screenings performed by out-of-state providers are allowed. • The Iowa Department of Public Health Certificate of Dental Screening is the only acceptable form.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A screening for Kindergarten is valid from age 3 years to four months after enrollment date. • A screening for 9th grade is valid from one year prior to enrollment to four months after enrollment date.
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Adopted Indicators

The following matrix lists the indicators adopted by the Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Area Board.

For column 2 of the matrix, use the following key:

A – Children Ready to Succeed in School

B – Healthy Children

C – Secure and Nurturing Families

D – Safe and Supportive Communities

E – Secure and Nurturing Child Care Environments

EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA AREA INDICATORS

Community Empowerment Area Indicators	Identify the State Results Linked to the Indicator by A, B, C, D, E	Identify Source of data for each Indicator	Baseline Data (date & numerical value)	Subsequent Year's Data (Trend Line) Identify Year			Goal (numerical value & projected timeline)	Progress Update (Brief Analysis of data)
Child Care Center Spaces available	A,D,E	Community Action of Eastern Iowa, Community Child Care Resource & Referral	<p>2009 *The report available did not report the same information as 2010, 2011, 2012</p> <p>148 childcare facilities listed with CCR&R with a capacity to serve 2,256 children in Clinton County</p> <p>3227 children ages 0-5 in Clinton County</p> <p>2610 working mothers with children under age 6</p> <p>60 childcare facilities listed with CCR&R with a capacity to serve 911 children in Jackson County</p>	<p>2010</p> <p>1,254 spaces listed in 16 DHS Licensed Centers in Clinton Cty</p> <p>71% families with all parents working & children under the age of 6 in Clinton Cty</p> <p>Estimated 2,613 children 0-5 need care in Clinton Cty</p>	<p>2011</p> <p>1,146 spaces listed in 14 DHS Licensed Centers in Clinton Cty</p> <p>77% families with all parents working & children under the age of 6 in Clinton Cty</p> <p>Estimated 2,894 children 0-5 need care in Clinton Cty</p>	<p>2012</p> <p>1,188 spaces listed in 14 DHS Licensed Centers in Clinton Cty</p> <p>79.5% families with all parents working & children under the age of 6 in Clinton Cty</p> <p>Estimated 2,954 children 0-5 need care in Clinton Cty</p>	<p>Maintain or increase 1,627 Child Care Center Spaces available in Clinton and Jackson Counties in FY13, FY14 and FY15.</p> <p>Maintain or increase 19 DHS licensed centers in Clinton and Jackson Counties in FY13, FY14 and FY15.</p>	<p>Overall the number of child care center spaces available peaked in 2010 and has steadily risen or stayed the same in 2011 and 2012.</p> <p>CJECI has and will continue to prioritize education to parents and Child Care Center staff emphasizing the importance of quality.</p> <p>CJECI will continue to fund a Child Care Consultant and a Child Care Nurse Consultant in Clinton and Jackson Counties.</p> <p>CJECI will continue to fund QRS trainings and provide financial support to providers to enter and advance in the State QRS.</p>

			<p>1193 children ages 0-5 in Jackson County</p> <p>1163 working mothers with children under age 6</p>	<p>439 spaces listed in 5 DHS Licensed Centers in Jackson County</p> <p>72% families with all parents working & children under the age of 6 in Jackson Cty</p> <p>Estimated 913 children 0-5 need care in Jackson Cty</p> <p>1,693 total available spaces</p> <p>3,526 total estimated need for care 0-5</p>	<p>439 spaces listed in 5 DHS Licensed Centers in Jackson County</p> <p>75% families with all parents working & children under the age of 6 in Jackson Cty</p> <p>Estimated 969 children 0-5 need care in Jackson Cty</p> <p>1,585 total available spaces</p> <p>3,863 total estimated need for care 0-5</p>	<p>439 spaces listed in 5 DHS Licensed Centers in Jackson County</p> <p>69.4% families with all parents working & children under the age of 6 in Jackson Cty</p> <p>Estimated 925 children 0-5 need care in Jackson Cty</p> <p>1,627 total available spaces</p> <p>3,879 total estimated need for care 0-5</p>		
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Registered Child Care Homes Spaces available	A,D,E	Community Action of Eastern Iowa, Community Child Care Resource & Referral	<p>2009 <i>*The report available did not report the same information as 2010, 2011, 2012</i></p> <p>55 registered Childcare Homes listed with CCR&R with a capacity to serve 2,256 children in Clinton County</p> <p>3227 children ages 0-5 in Clinton County</p> <p>2610 working mothers with children under age 6</p> <p>22 childcare facilities listed with CCR&R with a capacity to serve 911 children in Jackson County</p> <p>1193 children ages 0-5 in Jackson County</p> <p>1163 working mothers with children under age 6</p>	<p>2010</p> <p>476 listed spaces in 47 DHS registered child development homes in Clinton Cty</p> <p>71% families with all parents working & children under the age of 6 in Clinton Cty</p> <p>Estimated 2,613 children 0-5 need care in Clinton Cty</p> <p>184 listed spaces in 17 DHS registered child development homes in Jackson County</p>	<p>2011</p> <p>456 spaces listed in 44 DHS registered child development homes in Clinton Cty</p> <p>77% families with all parents working & children under the age of 6 in Clinton Cty</p> <p>Estimated 2,894 children 0-5 need care in Clinton Cty</p> <p>108 spaces listed in 8 DHS registered child development homes in Jackson County</p>	<p>2012</p> <p>392 spaces listed in 37 DHS registered child development homes in Clinton Cty</p> <p>79.5% families with all parents working & children under the age of 6 in Clinton Cty</p> <p>Estimated 2,954 children 0-5 need care in Clinton Cty</p> <p>148 spaces listed in 12 DHS registered child development homes in Jackson County</p>	<p>Maintain or increase 540 Registered Child Care Homes Spaces available in Clinton and Jackson Counties in FY13, FY14 and FY15.</p> <p>Maintain or increase 49 DHS registered child development homes in Clinton and Jackson Counties in FY13, FY14 and FY15</p>	<p>The number of registered child care home spaces available peaked in 2010 and has steadily declined in Clinton County and made impressive positive growth in Jackson Counties in 2011 and 2012.</p> <p>CJECI has and will continue to prioritize education to parents and Child Care Home Providers the importance of quality.</p> <p>CJECI will continue to fund a Child Care Consultant and a Child Care Nurse Consultant in Clinton and Jackson Counties.</p> <p>CJECI will continue to fund QRS trainings and provide financial support to providers to enter and advance in the State QRS.</p>
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				<p>72% families with all parents working & children under the age of 6 in Jackson Cty</p> <p>Estimated 913 children 0-5 need care in Jackson Cty</p> <p>660 total available spaces</p> <p>3,526 total estimated need for care 0-5</p>	<p>75% families with all parents working & children under the age of 6 in Jackson Cty</p> <p>Estimated 969 children 0-5 need care in Jackson Cty</p> <p>564 total available spaces</p> <p>3,863 total estimated need for care 0-5</p>	<p>69.4% families with all parents working & children under the age of 6 in Jackson Cty</p> <p>Estimated 925 children 0-5 need care in Jackson Cty</p> <p>540 total available spaces</p> <p>3,879 total estimated need for care 0-5</p>		
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<p># of Child Care Centers, registered Child Care Homes and Preschool Programs that are NAEYC accredited, meeting Head Start performance standards, QRS level of 1 or higher and other comparable standards</p>	<p>A,D,E</p>	<p>Community Action of Eastern Iowa, Community Child Care Resource & Referral</p>	<p><u>2008</u> 9 with a QRS Rating with 1 or higher 6 Head Start N/A Dept. of Education Operated Preschools</p>	<p><u>2010</u> 27 with a QRS Rating with 1 or higher 5 Head Start 3 Dept. of Education Operated Preschools</p>	<p><u>2011</u> 12 with a QRS Rating with 1 or higher 5 Head Start 5 Dept. of Education Operated Preschools</p>	<p><u>2012</u> 19 with a QRS Rating with 1 or higher 4 Head Start sites 5 Dept. of Education Operated Preschool</p>	<p>Maintain 19 or increase the number of Child Care Centers, registered child care homes and Preschool Programs that are NAEYC accredited meeting Head Start performance standards, QRS level of 1 or higher and other comparable standards in FY13, FY14 and FY15</p>	<p>Together with CCR&R, our Head Start partners and our Child Care Nurse Consultant we will continue to focus our efforts to support providers to enter and advance in the State QRS.</p>
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Incidence of child abuse in Clinton and Jackson Counties	B,C,D	Iowa Department of Human Services	<u>2008</u> 319 Total children, 0-17 abused 170 children 0-5 abused 85 unique confirmed 234 unique founded 89 duplicate confirmed 288 duplicate founded	<u>2009</u> 364 Total children, 0-17 abused 195 children 0-5 abused 62 unique confirmed 302 unique founded 66 duplicate confirmed 331 duplicate founded	<u>2010</u> 372 Total children, 0-17 abused 151 children 0-5 abused 95 unique confirmed 277 unique founded 103 duplicate confirmed 309 duplicate founded	<u>2011</u> 362 Total children, 0-17 abused 211 children 0-5 abused 98 unique confirmed 264 unique founded 116 duplicate confirmed 314 duplicate founded	Decrease the number of 0-5 year olds abused by .05% between FY13 and FY15.	Denial of Critical Care remains the highest incident of Child Abuse in Clinton and Jackson Counties. Increased access to home visitation programs and group based parent education programs focus on child abuse prevention. Actively participating in the MIECHV funding is essential to addressing child abuse/neglect indicator in Clinton and Jackson Counties.
Percent of children ages 2-5, with a body mass index (BMI) at or above the 85 th percentile in Clinton and Jackson Counties 2 yrs or older 95%/85-95% as compared to the State of Iowa	B	Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Nutrition, Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program	<u>2008</u> Clinton 21.2/15.7 Jackson 18.7/14.7 State of Iowa 17.5/15.1	<u>2009</u> Clinton 17.5/15.2 Jackson 12.2/12.9 State of Iowa 17.5/15.0	<u>2010</u> Clinton 19.2/12.6 Jackson 10.1/14.7 State of Iowa 17.2/14.7	<u>2011</u> Clinton 15.6/13.8 Jackson 12.7/13.4 State of Iowa 17.2/14.5	Maintain BMI below State of Iowa Average in FY13, FY 14 and FY15.	CJECI has worked diligently over the past three years to understand the health, social and emotional implications of young children who are overweight. CJECI has partnered with WIC and home visitation programs to teach and support parents in understanding portion size and nutritional needs of children, 2 to 5 years old in Clinton and Jackson Counties.
Dental Care access and availability in Clinton and Jackson Counties	B	Visiting Nurse Services – I-Smiles Dental Program	<u>2009</u> This year was spent gathering data about need for a dental program.	<u>2010</u> 376 Preschool age children who received dental screening & care	<u>2011</u> 531 Preschool age children who received dental screening & care	<u>2012</u> 708 Preschool age children who received dental screening & care	708 or more children 3-5 years old will receive a dental screening and care in FY13, FY14 and FY15.	CJECI and the I Smiles Program with the support of area child care centers and parents have made impressive progress in increasing access to dental care.

Strategies of the Early Childhood Iowa Area Board:

Over the past three years the Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Area Board (formerly known as Empowerment Board) has implemented or improved upon their practices in order to provide effective services to our families and their children. These changes include:

- Updated and reviewed the Request for Proposal (RFP) process
- Reviewed and updated the contract form and process
- Coordinator attended required contract training regarding standards and criteria as specified by Senate File 2088
- Completed Community Assessment
- Reviewed and updated Community Plan
- Updated and reviewed the By-Laws
- Updated and reviewed Financial Monitoring
- Reviewed and updated policy and procedure manual
- Reviewed Iowa's requirements of the State's open meeting and open records laws. Adapted our local process to meet all requirements.
- Enhanced our Executive Committee processes to make recommendations to the board
- Reviewed and updated our Annual Meeting structure
- Completed yearly site visits to providers of services by the ECIA Coordinator
- Updated Quarterly Reports from providers and process to provide that information to the board.
- Reviewed and adopted yearly professional development plan for the Board
- Reviewed and updated Coordinator's professional development plan and yearly evaluation documentation
- Reviewed and updated time reports of the Coordinator
- Continue to be actively involved in Clinton and Jackson Counties by attending and participating on these meetings, committees, advisory boards, (etc.) Community Partnerships for Protecting Children, District 7 Team Meetings, Child Abuse Council Meetings, County Board of Health Meetings, Court Hospital Meetings, DECAT Board Meetings, Early Childhood Alliance Meetings/Governance Meetings, ECI State Board Meetings and other meetings
- Continue to meet with legislators yearly at a variety of meetings including; legislative forums, visit to the Capital while legislators are in session, community meetings, inviting legislators to our local Board Meeting during the year. This is not an inclusive list of legislative engagements by our local ECIA and Coordinator.

Quality Programming:

The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board Members are committed to providing quality programming to our citizens. These have been identified in the community assessment and drive this community plan. We strictly adhere to the criteria set by legislation and follow ongoing guidance and support from the State ECI Technical Assistance Team to provide this programming.

Quality Programming(cont)

- HOPES credentialed Family Support Program in our area
- Strive to support Evidence and/or Research based programs in our area
- Provide support to child care centers, in home child care providers and preschools by funding trainings and grants to enhance quality and movement on the QRS scale
- Fund Child Care Nurse Consultant and Child Care Consultant to provide support and guidance to child care providers
- Continue to fund programs which increase availability and access to health care services

Addressing Priorities Established in the Community Plan

The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Area Board consists of 11 to 15 volunteer members, who represent a broad array of community services/activities. The Board continually reviews the community plan indicators, program quarterly reports, program year end reports and the required performance measures. As reported by contract holders and community members the strengths of the Clinton/Jackson ECI Board are:

- ✚ We have a shared and clearly understood vision
- ✚ Members understand and agree on goals and objectives
- ✚ We have effective decision-making procedures
- ✚ Leadership is effective and shared when appropriate
- ✚ Plans are well developed and followed
- ✚ Our external communication is open and timely

Contractors regularly attend our local ECI Board Meetings and our Board Members have gone on site to visit with program managers and staff to better understand the programs they are funding and how they impact young children. We are constantly consulting with our contract holders and feel we provide the base for a system of open, two way communications which serves our area well.

Identify what might be missing in the decision making process

Funding and loss of access to services because of regionalization is an issue. Our area continues to be hit hard by the loss of Iowa Workforce Office in Clinton and Jackson Counties, DHS and AEA Offices in Jackson County and reduced access to mental health, domestic violence and other services to families and children.

Strategies for continued services in the future:

The Clinton/Jackson ECI Board will remain consistent in following set policies and procedures in providing services to our youngest citizens in our area.

The Board will:

1. Honor their roles and responsibilities as Clinton/Jackson ECI Board Members.
2. Review the Community Plan and indicators on a regular basis to identify current and emerging needs and respond to those in an effective manner.
3. Continue to support quality programs in the areas of:
 - Children Ready to Succeed in School
 - Healthy Children
 - Secure and Nurturing Families
 - Safe and Supportive Communities
 - Secure and Nurturing Child Care Environments
4. Continue to review and update on a regular basis:
 - Our process of awarding funds
 - Our process of fiscal management
 - Our process of communicating and responding to our community members
 - Our process of analyzing program data
5. Continue to strengthen and collaborate with our current partners to provide the most effective and cost efficient programs and services to children, 0-5, and their families.

The Clinton/Jackson ECI Board's Process for Awarding Funds:

The Clinton/Jackson ECI Board Members identify a need; they gather data from multiple sources, survey community members and contract holders requesting information specific to this need. After that process is complete, the Board Members review the current Community Plan and indicators. At that point, once the need has been determined, the Board utilizes the following procedure to award funding:

1. Post the Notice of Intent on the ECIA website, sends RFP notice by email via the Community Partnership for Protecting Children contact list and posts notice of RFP in the Jackson County Courthouse and the Clinton County Administrative Center.
2. Notify current providers of service of the notice
3. Send Request for Proposal (RFP) as requested from public
4. After the deadline date to receive the RFP's, the ECI Executive Committee and full Board will identify community members and Board Members to review each RFP and grade the proposal using a score sheet
5. Based on services requested, amount of funding requested, and the Early Childhood Area's goals as outlined in the RFP and Community Plan, the review committee makes its recommendation to the ECIA Board
6. The Board, in an open meeting, makes its final decision on each request
7. Contracts are then completed and sent to the providers of service for review and signature. The last signature on the contract is the Clinton/Jackson ECI Board Chair.
8. Appeal process is in writing in the RFP, section CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION.

SECTION III: FISCAL ASSESSMENT

The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Area Board completed a Fiscal Assessment for the area. Required State reports, Annual reports and other reports were used to obtain information reported in this section. Community partners were asked to provide this information by written requests, via e-mails, face to face meetings and telephone calls. Multiple follow-up attempts were made to obtain the information, it is noted when a community member did not reply or release the information requested in the assessment.

The Clinton/Jackson ECI Board utilizes this information in making funding decisions to consider program sustainability and support from multiple sources. The Board Members are very conscientious about the implications to funding/not funding programs to our citizens not only as consumers of the service but as employees of the program. We look closely at other factors such as being aware of issues of duplication of services and the equitability of the service (ie: rural vs urban access exclusively).

We do not pretend to have stable funding and work hard to make funding decisions that are realistic within the current economic and political landscape of our area and in the State of Iowa. At the beginning of every year we gather from our contractor's this fiscal information, especially when we are looking at needing to reduce our funding to programs due to State cuts to ECI or funding formula changes which negatively impact our area. Our contract holders will often review our areas' ECI funds with us and support us in making funding changes which best meet the needs of families and children.

The funding amounts are used with other funding sources within the ECIA to support programming. Currently, we are combining our funds in almost every one of our contracts with one or more of these funders:

- Iowa Department of Human Services – variety of funding
- Iowa Department of Public Health – variety of funding
- Federal Head Start Funds
- Iowa Department of Education
- Prevent Child Abuse Iowa – PCACC / PCAIC
- EC Foundation – Lutheran Services in Iowa
- Private Pay
- Iowa Work Force – Promise Jobs
- Medicaid
- Friends of the Library
- Business Partners
- United Way
- In-kind funding – donation of space, phones, office supplies, mileage, etc.

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(Codes for identifying sources of funding: Federal Funding =F, State Funding=S, Local Funding=L, Private Funding=P, ECI Local Funding=E)

AGENCY AND ORGANIZATION SERVICES

Agency/ Organization	Location	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Number of Families Served	Monthly/Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Iowa Department of Human Services	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Child Welfare Services FY11 State of Iowa	0-18	Average of 5,114 per month in the State of Iowa	\$61.3 million yearly State of Iowa	F,S		collaboration
Iowa Department of Human Services	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Food Investment Program	0-18	Clinton 8/12-383 Jackson 8/12-111	\$162,939 monthly expense 8/12	F,S		collaboration
Iowa Department of Human Services	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Child Care Assistance	Under the age of 13. Under the age of 19 if the child has special needs	Number not available in the data report	FY12 funds expended Clinton - \$1,188,996 Jackson - \$406,342	F,S		collaboration
CCR&R/ Community Action	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Iowa Child Care Resource and Referral provides resources, education and advocacy to support quality child care.	0-13	31 families requested care for 47 children. 79 child development homes, Dept. of Ed Programs/li censed centers and preschools 68 non registered homes	DHS Grant \$62,346 ECI Funding FY12 \$100633.23	F,S		collaboration

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Operation New View	Jackson	Local CAP Agency. Provides multiple assistance services.	0-5	FY11 6,115 Unduplicated # of families containing one or more persons served. (reflective of entire service area)	FY10 Annual Report \$7,100,092 (reflective of entire budget)	F,S		collaboration
ISU Extension	Clinton & Jackson Counties	The Clinton & Jackson County Extension Council, county staff and ISU Extension and Outreach staff work together to provide research-based learning opportunities for our citizens.	0-18	Did not provide number of families served.	FY2011 state wide funding \$5,09,0217	F,S,L,P		coordination
Families First Counseling Services	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Counseling services, community outreach	0-18	Approx. 54 families monthly, this number varies month to month	See DHS Child Welfare budget. Funding for Families First Counseling Services comes out of the that fund	S		contribution
Benevolent Society	Clinton	Free clothing, household items, food items and occasionally furniture	0-18	approximately 735 individual families a month	\$30,000 a year plus local donations which vary monthly	L		communication

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Victory Center	Clinton	Emergency shelter for men, women and children. Three meals a day served. General clothing and household items, including some furniture.	0-18 & adults	8-10 a month, varies	Varies month to month. Small charge to individual based on ability to pay.	L,P		communication
Hightower Place (A funded program through ASAC)	Clinton	Housing and support program for recovering women and their children	0-18 can live with parents	14 families a month, varies	Varies month to month. Receive donations and grants.	F,S,L,P		contribution
Carroll Assistance Center	Clinton, Wheatland Area	Offers assistance for medical, prescription, fuel, school supplies, food, electricity and rent	0-18	approximately 250/300 families per month	No consistent funding, month to month	L		communication
Information Referral & Assistance	Clinton	Provides information & referral services for Clinton County.	0-18	4,563 in FY10/11	\$170,564 FY10/11 funding	L, P	Meeting the growing needs in our community while facing funding cuts Keeping up on the changes in community services to ensure the all individuals are linked with appropriate	communication

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							services Keeping up with the maintenance and repairs or our Jericho Housing property	
Gateway Area Red Cross Clinton & Jackson	Clinton	Emergency needs, military families support, youth and adult trainings. Health services	0-18 and adults	6,066 number of families and individuals given services	\$200,000 amount varies yearly	L,P		communication
Concerned DeWitt Citizens Information & Referral	Clinton, DeWitt Area	Information & referrals to DeWitt area agencies, food, clothing and other limited aid to low income residents	0-18	74 food baskets per family on a monthly basis	\$15,000 - \$17,000 United Way Funding, all donations, no consistent funding	L,P		communication
Elvira Food Pantry	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Food pantry	0-18	19 to 30 families a month	All donations, no consistent funding	L, P		communication
Lost Nation Food Center	Clinton & Jackson Counties (20 mile radius)	Food pantry	0-18	600 or 50 families a month	All donations, no consistent funding	L, P	Can no longer access commodity food through HACAAP	communication
Mississippi Bend AEA Education Agency	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Develop and implement Individual Family Service Plans for infants	0-21	FY12 200, 0-5 year olds served	FY12 \$17,943,809 Total budget for AEA 9	S, F, L		collaboration

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		and toddlers Develop and implement Individualized Educational Programs Provide free, appropriate services to children/student with disabilities Make changes in our educational systems so that the learning of all students is enhanced						
Hillcrest Family Services	Clinton & Jackson	WIC Program	0-5	2504 unduplicated count of participants	\$230,534	F,S,E		collaboration
Bellevue Bread Basket	Jackson	Food Pantry	0-18 and adults	30 to 35 families a month/100 individuals/ varies monthly	All donations, no consistent funding	L, P		communication
United Way	Clinton	Fundraising, grants, community planning	0-18	9,279 individuals (duplicated)	\$144,000	L,P		collaboration
YWCA – Clinton	Clinton & Jackson	Health, wellness, recreation, community outreach, Victim Services	0-18 and adults	8000 members 600 individuals receive victim outreach services each year	\$2.5 million	F,S,L,P,E	Funding for victim services	collaboration

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Maquoketa Area Family YMCA	Maquoketa, Iowa	Health, wellness, recreation, community outreach	0-18 and adults	500	\$700,000	L,P		communication
				FY11 Certified Enrollment 1/2012	2013 Budget			
Andrew CSD	Andrew, IA	Education	3-21	277.4	\$4,066,766	S,F		collaboration
Bellevue CSD	Bellevue, IA	Education	3-21	568.1	\$11,079,206	S,F		collaboration
Calamus- Wheatland CSD	Wheatland, IA	Education	3-21	453.3	\$7,461,339	S,F		collaboration
Camanche CSD	Camanche, IA	Education	3-21	916.2	\$16,118,161	S,F		collaboration
Central CSD	DeWitt, IA	Education	3-21	1524.3	\$24,788,396	S,F		collaboration
Clinton CSD	Clinton, IA	Education	3-21	4055.7	\$71,628,411	S,F		collaboration
Delwood CSD	Delmar, IA	Education	3-21	218.3	\$4,362,468	S,F		collaboration
East Central CSD	Miles, IA	Education	3-21	343	\$4,554,805	S,F		collaboration
Maquoketa CSD	Maquoketa, IA	Education	3-21	1403.8	\$26,495,820	S,F		collaboration
Northeast CSD	Goose Lake, IA	Education	3-21	535.1	\$9,835,85	S,F		collaboration
Preston CSD	Preston, IA	Education	3-21	345.9	\$6,452,746	S,F		collaboration

EARLY CARE ENVIRONMENTS

Child Care Home, Licensed Centers, Preschools	Location	License Type	QRS Level	Total Licensed Capacity	Monthly/Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Lindsay Thompson	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination

Child Care Home, Licensed Centers, Preschools	Location	License Type	QRS Level	Total Licensed Capacity	Monthly/Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Stacy Dake	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Lorie's Day Care	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Gwendolyn Brown	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Mama Mango's Childcare	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Tracy Ebensberger	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Jessica Sterbenz	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Jill Bradley	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Katie Howell	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Joshua Judge	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Safe Haven	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination

Child Care Home, Licensed Centers, Preschools	Location	License Type	QRS Level	Total Licensed Capacity	Monthly/Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Cassandra Milligan	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
HALO Child Care	Clinton	Child Development Home A	0	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Alicia's Day Care	Clinton	Child Development Home A	2	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Judy Pisel	Clinton	Child Development Home A	2	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Peanuts Place	Clinton	Child Development Home A	2	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Mindy Lehmkuhl	Clinton	Child Development Home A	2	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Little Hoots Family Child Care	Clinton	Child Development Home A	2	8	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Family Daycare	Clinton	Child Development Home B	0	12	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Kelly Quality Childcare	Clinton	Child Development Home B	0	12	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Michelle's Home Child Care	Clinton	Child Development Home B	0	12	Requested information did not respond			coordination

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Grama's House	Clinton	Child Development Home B	0	12	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Sheila Lehmkuhl	Clinton	Child Development Home B	2	12	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Barbara Letsch	Clinton	Child Development Home B	0	12	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Pamela Harlock	Clinton	Child Development Home B	2	12	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Shannon's Daycare	Clinton	Child Development Home B	2	12	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Kathy's Kids Home Childcare	Clinton	Child Development Home B	4	12	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Kid's World Child Care	Clinton	Child Development Home B	5	12	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Sarah Penniston	Clinton	Child Development Home B	1	12	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Jumpstart Home Childcare	Clinton	Child Development Home B	1	12	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Little Bear Development Home	Clinton	Child Development Home C	2	16	Requested information did not respond			coordination

Child Care Home, Licensed Centers, Preschools	Location	License Type	QRS Level	Total Licensed Capacity	Monthly/Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Baby BootKamp	Clinton	Child Development Home C	2	16	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Doodlebugs	Clinton	Child Development Home C	2	16	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Lori's Little Ones	Clinton	Child Development Home C	3	16	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Many Angels Playcare	Clinton	Child Development Home C	1	16	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Delwood Preschool		Licensed Center	0	36	\$70,000	S,E,P	Transportation costs; facility maintenance costs; cost of associates receiving CDA or AA	collaboration
Prince of Peace Early Learning Center	Clinton	Licensed Center	0	50	Approx. \$110,900	F,S,L,P,E		collaboration
Wee School for Little People	Clinton	Licensed Center	0	90	Approx. \$96,480	F,S,L,P,E		collaboration
Melanie Buckner	Clinton	Child Development Home B	1	12	Requested information did not respond			coordination
Goose Lake Giggle N Grow	Clinton	Licensed Center	0	50	Requested information did not respond			contribution
YWCA Children's Center (multiple sites)	Clinton	Licensed Center	3	195	Approx. \$335,340.25	F,S,L,P,E		collaboration

Child Care Home, Licensed Centers, Preschools	Location	License Type	QRS Level	Total Licensed Capacity	Monthly/Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Zion Child Care Preschool	Clinton	Licensed Center	0	115	\$572,200	S,P,E	Under funding our local ECI	collaboration
Stay N Play Childcare/ Preschool	Clinton	Licensed Center	0	76	Approx. \$184,458.30	F,S,L,P,E		collaboration
Mercy Child Care & Preschool	Clinton	Licensed Center	0	147	\$277,554	S,L,P,E		collaboration
Kids First Academy	Clinton	Licensed Center	1	133	\$500,000	S,L,E		collaboration
Creative Learning Center	Clinton	Licensed Center	2	115	\$231,623	S,E	State Child Care Reimbursement Rate	collaboration
Kids Business	Clinton	Licensed Center	4	88	\$367,065\$	S,E		collaboration
Head Start – Community Action of Eastern Iowa	Clinton	Licensed Center	4	72	\$349,193	S,F,E		collaboration
Grace Lutheran Preschool	Clinton	Licensed Preschool	0	16	Total budget for church	F,S,L,P,E		communication
St John's Lutheran Preschool	Clinton	Licensed Preschool	0	32	Requested information did not respond			communication
Rainbow Preschool	Clinton	Licensed Preschool	2	16	Approx. \$11,000	P, E		collaboration
Lynn Kiger-Kuster	Clinton	Child Development Home B	2	12	Requested information did not respond			communication
Valerie Hute	Jackson	Child Development Home A	0	8	Requested information did not respond			communication
Charity Crist	Jackson	Child Development Home B	0	12	Requested information did not respond			communication

Child Care Home, Licensed Centers, Preschools	Location	License Type	QRS Level	Total Licensed Capacity	Monthly/Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Punk's Daycare	Jackson	Child Development Home B	0	12	Requested information did not respond			communication
Little Angels Day Care	Jackson	Child Development Home B	0	12	Requested information did not respond			communication
Wanda Horn	Jackson	Child Development Home B	0	12	Requested information did not respond			communication
Donna's Daycare	Jackson	Child Development Home B	2	12	Requested information did not respond			communication
Michelle Muhlhausen	Jackson	Child Development Home B	1	12	Requested information did not respond			communication
Suzanne Fondell	Jackson	Child Development Home C	0	16	Requested information did not respond			communication
Little Sprouts Daycare	Jackson	Child Development Home C	5	16	\$1,000	L		communication
East Central Early Learners	Jackson	Department of Education Preschool	0	40	Appr. \$45,008	S,F,P,L,E		collaboration
Little Stars Preschool	Bellevue, IA Jackson Co	Department of Education Preschool	0	40	\$120,000	S, E	Transportation is underfunded	collaboration
Sacred Heart Childcare/Kids of the Kingdom PS	Maquoketa, IA Jackson, Co	Department of Education Preschool	0	35	\$49,100	S,E,P	State funding legislation	collaboration
St Josephs Preschool	Jackson Co	Department of Education Preschool	0	49	Requested information did not respond			collaboration

Child Care Home, Licensed Centers, Preschools	Location	License Type	QRS Level	Total Licensed Capacity	Monthly/Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Blessed Beginnings	Jackson Co	Licensed Center	0	49	Requested information did not respond			communication
Wee Care for Young People	Jackson Co	Licensed Center	0	57	Approx. \$4,278.65 per month, funding varies	F, S, P, L, E		collaboration
Operation New View – Head Start	Maquoketa, IA Jackson Co	Licensed Center	0	40	\$1,734,673 FY11 (reflective of entire agency budget)	F, S, E		collaboration
Operation New View – Head Start	Preston, IA Jackson Co	Licensed Center	0	20	\$1,734,673 FY11 (reflective of entire agency budget)	F, S, E		collaboration
Child Development Inc. Sunshine	Maquoketa, IA Jackson Co	Licensed Center	4	281	\$699,502	F,S,L,E,P		collaboration
Little Shepherd Christian Preschool	Maquoketa, IA Jackson Co	Licensed Preschool	0	80	Appr. \$50,000	S, L, E, P		collaboration

RELIGIOUS ENTITIES

Religious Entity	Location	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Number of Families Served	Monthly/Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
St. John Lutheran Church	Preston, Iowa	Food pantry	0-18	Approximately 35 – 40 families a week	All donations, vary	L,P		communication
United Methodist Church of Maquoketa – Maquoketa Community Food Pantry	Maquoketa, Iowa	Food pantry	0-18	Approximately 185 families a week	All donations and grants	L,P		communication
United Methodist Church	Maquoketa, Iowa	Community access point	0-18	150 individuals	Not stable funding year to year	S, F, P		communication
Grace Lutheran Church	DeWitt, Iowa	Community access point	0-18	400 – 500 families	Approx. \$6,700 monthly, varies	L,P		communication
St. Joseph & St. Ann Catholic Church	DeWitt & Welton, Iowa	Community Outreach	0-18	750 families	Not stable funding year to year	L,P		communication
Jesus Christ Prince of Peace Catholic Church	Clinton, Iowa	Community Outreach	0-18	1671 families	Approx. \$22,200 monthly, varies	L,P		communication
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	Maquoketa, Iowa	Community Outreach	0-18	533 families	Depend on monthly donations, varies	L,P		communication
DeWitt United Methodist Church	DeWitt, Iowa	Community access point	0-18	120 families	Approx. \$34,000 per year. Varies	L,P		communication

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St. Joseph/ St. Donatus/St, Peter & Paul Catholic Church	Bellevue, St. Donatus and Springbrook Iowa	Community Outreach	0-18	Combination of 3 parishes at 3 different worship sites.	Approx. \$13,893 per month. Varies	L,P		communication
First Lutheran Church	Maquoketa, Iowa	Community access point	0-18	300 families	Depend on monthly donations, varies	L,P		communication
Zion Lutheran Church	Clinton, Iowa	Community Outreach	0-18	450 families	Depend on monthly donations, vary	L,P		communication
Please note: <u>All</u> of our area churches in Clinton and Jackson Counties are a vital support to our families. The churches listed were identified by community members who participated in one of our surveys.								

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Organization	Location	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Number of Families Served	Monthly/Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
LincolnWay Foundation	DeWitt, Clinton Co	Dolly Parton Imagination Library, scholarships, community grants, community events, endowment administration etc..	0-18	Varies with funded programs, projects and events	Unrestricted \$10,000 designated endowments \$6,361,390	P		collaboration
Community Foundation of Jackson County	Maquoketa, Jackson Co	Dolly Parton Imagination Library, scholarships, community grants, community events, endowment administration etc..	0-18	Varies with funded programs, projects and events	Unrestricted \$13,771. All our funds \$337,957	P		collaboration

LIBRARIES

Library	Location	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Children's Program Attendance/ Young Adult Program Attendance	Yearly Funding FY11	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Francis Banta Wagonner Public Library	DeWitt, Iowa	Children's Program (storybook time, summer reading programs, etc.)/ Young Adult Program Attendance (book clubs, reading events, etc.)	Children's Programs 0-12 yrs/ Young Adult Programs 13-18 yrs	4,011/197	\$254,633	F,S,L,P	Last three years 37% of State Funding cuts to Public Libraries	Coordination
Bellevue Public Library	Bellevue, Iowa	Children's Program (storybook time, summer reading programs, etc.)/ Young Adult Program Attendance (book clubs, reading events, etc.)	Children's Programs 0-12 yrs/ Young Adult Programs 13-18 yrs	3,502/16	\$119,940	F,S,L,P	Last three years 37% of State Funding cuts to Public Libraries	Coordination
Calamus Public Library	Calamus, Iowa	Children's Program (storybook time, summer reading programs, etc.)	Children's Programs 0-12 yrs	29/0	\$4,669	S,L,P	Last three years 37% of State Funding cuts to Public Libraries	Communication
Camanche Public Library	Camanche, Iowa	Children's Program (storybook time, summer reading programs, etc.)/ Young Adult Program Attendance (book clubs, reading events, etc.)	Children's Programs 0-12 yrs/ Young Adult Programs 13-18 yrs	920/334	\$136,563	S,L,P	Last three years 37% of State Funding cuts to Public Libraries	Communication
Clinton Public Library	Clinton, Iowa	Children's Program (storybook time, summer reading programs, etc.)/ Young Adult	Children's Programs 0-12 yrs/ Young	7,382/253	\$1,074,677	S,L,P	Last three years 37% of State Funding cuts to Public Libraries	Coordination

Library	Location	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Children's Program Attendance/ Young Adult Program Attendance	Yearly Funding FY11	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
		Program Attendance (book clubs, reading events, etc.)	Adult Programs 13-18 yrs					
Lost Nation Public Library	Lost Nation, Iowa	Children's Program (storybook time, summer reading programs, etc.)/ Young Adult Program Attendance (book clubs, reading events, etc.)	Children's Programs 0-12 yrs/ Young Adult Programs 13-18 yrs	73/5	\$9,882	S,L,P	Last three years 37% of State Funding cuts to Public Libraries	Communication
Maquoketa Public Library	Maquoketa, Iowa	Children's Program (storybook time, summer reading programs, etc.)/ Young Adult Program Attendance (book clubs, reading events, etc.)	Children's Programs 0-12 yrs/ Young Adult Programs 13-18 yrs	1,622/43	\$256,237	S,L,P	Last three years 37% of State Funding cuts to Public Libraries	Coordination
Preston Public Library	Preston, Iowa	Children's Program (storybook time, summer reading programs, etc.)/ Young Adult Program Attendance (book clubs, reading events, etc.)	Children's Programs 0-12 yrs/ Young Adult Programs 13-18 yrs	2,841/21	\$75,785	F,S,L,P	Last three years 37% of State Funding cuts to Public Libraries	Communication

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Krabbenhoft Public Library	Sabula, Iowa	Children's Program (storybook time, summer reading programs, etc.)/ Young Adult Program Attendance (book clubs, reading events, etc.)	Children's Programs 0-12 yrs/ Young Adult Programs 13-18 yrs	875/15	\$53,786	F,S,L,P	Last three years 37% of State Funding cuts to Public Libraries	Communication
Curtis Memorial Public Library	Wheatland, Iowa	Children's Program (storybook time, summer reading programs, etc.)/ Young Adult Program Attendance (book clubs, reading events, etc.)	Children's Programs 0-12 yrs/ Young Adult Programs 13-18 yrs	695/27	\$45,495	S,L,P	Last three years 37% of State Funding cuts to Public Libraries	Communication

FAMILY SUPPORT AND PARENT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Program Name/Model	Location	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Number of Families Served	Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Lutheran Services in Iowa	Clinton & Jackson Counties	New Parent Program/ Parent Education	Prenatal-5	143	Approx. \$273,024	F,S,E		collaboration
CCR&R	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Family Development & Self Sufficiency	Prenatal-18	FY12 39 families served	Approx. \$127,162	F,S		collaboration
Community Action of Eastern Iowa	Clinton	Early Head Start	Prenatal-2	18 children served	\$302,524	F,E		collaboration

HEALTH SERVICES

Health Service	Location	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Number of Families Served	Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Community Circle of Care	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Information and referral for children/youth with behavioral and emotional challenges	0-18 - 1800 patients served in the CCC 10 county project/25% of those Clinton Clinic	125 new enrollments at the Clinton site FY12	1.5 million for 10 county area	S,F		collaboration
Genesis Visiting Nurses Association	Clinton & Jackson	Lead Screening, immunization, Maternal Health Education	0-18	1624 immunizations 1303 lead tests	\$69,000	F,S,L,P		collaboration
Mercy Medical Center	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Medical care and educational opportunities	Pre-natal - 17 and adults	FY11 - 543 deliveries 116 participants prenatal classes FY12 - 23,313 ER visits	\$27,000 prenatal education			collaboration
I Smiles Dental Program	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Dental Screenings	3-5 year olds	580	Estimate \$134,867	F,S,E		collaboration
Genesis Medical Center	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Health Services/ Education	0-18 and adults	0 births 4477 ER visits (ahadata)	Numerous attempts by phone, email could not obtain info.	No information to report from		collaboration
Jackson County Regional Health Center - Home Health Department	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Health Services/ Education	0-18 and adults	49 births 4761 ER visits (ahadata)	FYE10 actual \$13,049,017 IDM	F,S,L,P,E		collaboration

Health Service	Location	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Number of Families Served	Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Bridgeview Mental Health Center	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Mental Health Services	0-18 and adults	4000 individuals served in FY12	FY12-13 \$2.8 million	F,S,L,P		coordination
Women's Health Services	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Emphasis on obstetrics/gyn ecology, prenatal care, family planning services	Prenatal through adult	3200	1.4 million	F,S,L,P		communication
Jackson County Service Data - DHS Division of Mental Health and Disability Services	Jackson	Variety of services provided to children and adults with mental illness, mental retardation, developmental disabilities	0-18 and adults	FY11 818 unduplicated # individuals served by COA and Disability type	FY11 \$1,687,202.23	S,F		contribution
Clinton County Service Data - DHS Division of Mental Health and Disability Services	Clinton	Variety of services provided to children and adults with mental illness, mental retardation, developmental disabilities	0-18 and adults	FY11 3730 unduplicated # individuals served by COA and Disability type	FY11 \$6,121,260.55	S,F		contribution

OTHER SERVICES/PROGRAMS

Service/Program	Location	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Number of Families Served	Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Gateway IMPACT Coalition	Clinton & Jackson Counties	Prevention & education services	All ages	Varies year to year	\$375,000	S F		collaboration
Regional Transit Authority	Jackson County	Public Transportation	All ages	Varies year to year	\$10,000	S F		communication
MTA – Municipal Transit Administration	Clinton County (only city)	0 through adult, public transportation	FY12 468,613 fixed route riders	FY12 individual riders	Varies year to year, based upon formulas and ridership	F,S,L		communication

SECTION IV: COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board is engaged in a process through which we participate in an interdependent system with our community partners to develop and maintain a collaborative system of needs-based services, implemented at the earliest possible point of intervention that strengthens families and communities. We strive to meet the needs of local children birth to five years of age and their families while meeting the specific goals established by the Iowa legislature. We have very effective, long standing partnerships which continue to support our vision that every child, beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful.

We do this by participating together, collaborating on multiple programmatic levels and strategically pooling resources. Below is a list of activities attended monthly and quarterly which supports our statement:

- Monthly meetings, site visits, program audits, financial audits of current contract holders – Lutheran Services in Iowa – New Parent Program/Parent Education, CCR&R – Child Care Consultant/QRS, Community Action/Operation New View - Head Start, Visiting Nurses Services - I Smiles Dental Screening, Preschool Scholarships – 20 individual preschools in Clinton and Jackson Counties, YWCA – Spanish Translator Services/Second Shift Child Care, Jackson County Regional Health Center – Child Care Nurse Consultant, WIC (Women, Infant and Children)
- Our Board Members represent business partners, Juvenile Court Services, mental health professionals, elected officials, parents and Department of Human Services Staff which enhance our ability to collaborate and pool resources in our area. The knowledge our Board Members bring to the table is an asset that is often underestimated by others.
- Attend Clinton County Community Partnerships for Protecting Children meetings
- Attend Jackson County Community Partnership for Protecting Children meetings
- Attend Clinton County Prevent Child Abuse Meetings
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- ECI Coordinator also Coordinates the Clinton/Jackson DECAT Board
- Member of the Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholders Alliance
- Member on the Early Childhood Iowa Governance Component Work Group
- Attend numerous legislative forums, coffees and individual meetings with local legislators
- Quarterly and yearly host and participate in parent forums, provider meetings and community meetings to discuss and gather specific information about a variety of issues and concerns facing our ECI Area.
- Attend local Board of Health meetings

- Attend District Seven Children’s Justice Team Meetings
- Multiple times during the year we collaborate with other agencies, foundations and non-profit groups to support grant writing efforts by providing information and offering Coordinators time to these efforts.
- The Clinton/Jackson ECI Board Members and Coordinator attend and present at numerous community fairs, expos, trainings and provide individual group presentations on a variety of topics including but not limited to our ECI Programming.
- We work closely with our local AEA, YWCA, United Way, WIC, Preschool staff (school district, non-profit, profit and faith based) and our two Foundations in Clinton and Jackson County in order to collaborate and pool our resources to best meet the needs of children in our area.
- A representative from Lutheran Social Services in Iowa and Community Action/CCR&R regularly attend our Board Meetings.

Through these connections our Early Childhood Iowa Board becomes part of these systems which impact and support our families:

- Department of Human Services – Clinton and Jackson Counties
- Workforce Development
- Public Health Agencies
- Community Mental Health Centers
- Iowa State Extension
- Community Circle of Care
- Area Education Area - Support services for children with delays
- Mercy Hospital, Clinton County – Period of Purple Crying education
- Community efforts in Clinton and Jackson Counties to provide every child, 0-5, access to the Dolly Pardon Imagination Library, a universal literacy program
- Community and DHS Family Team Meetings
- Local churches which provide meeting rooms for parent education, ECI meetings, etc..
- Local public transportation staff to support better service to our citizens

The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board provides funding to support a Child Care Nurse Consultant and a Child Care Consultant. We do this so that early care environments in our area have the support and access to staff to address the spread of infectious diseases, prevent child injuries and put health emergency protocols in place. Our Child Care Nurse Consultant and Child Care Consultant work together to provide assistance to our area center and in home providers with assistance with medication

and care for children, 0-5, with special health needs.

Our Child Care Nurse Consultant also:

- Provides outreach, assessment and education to local child care providers
- Improves availability and access to quality health care services
- Completed the Iowa Training Project for Child Care Nurse Consultants
- Provides quarterly newsletters and other outreach mailings to providers
- Provides assessments that are part of Healthy Child Care Iowa's Quality Rating System(QRS). These include: Injury Prevention Checklist, Child Record Review, Health and Safety Assessment
- Provides follow up consultation
- Provides local trainings on SIDS Prevention, Period of Purple Crying, Healthy Footsteps, Medication Administration
- Identifies and develops special needs care plans for children who have an identified special health need.

SECTION V: REVIEW AND EVALUATION

The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board meets ten times a year and the Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Executive Committee meets eleven times a year. The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Coordinator meets monthly with individual Board Members, Contract holders, community members, local legislators and potential ECI Board Members. The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board has a long history of highly committed citizen members; we continue that today.

Our local ECI Board agendas and ECI Board minutes reflect review of:

- a. Monthly program expenditures, balances and percentage of funds expended
- b. Monthly and Quarterly review of individual program performance
- c. Annual program site reviews are completed by Coordinator and findings are reported to the Board
- d. The Board Members participate in an annual meeting, which includes:
 - *Board elections
 - *Annual review of Community Plan including: community wide indicators, trends data and analysis
 - *Identified priorities and funding decisions
 - *Process of awarding funds
 - *Process of contracting
 - *Review of bylaws
 - *Board Self Evaluation
 - *Board Evaluation by current contract holders and community members
- e. Board Members annually review and acknowledge their role and responsibility
- f. Board Members annually review issues of confidentiality and conflict of interest
- g. Yearly review of Annual Report prior to submission by the Board
- h. Yearly review of Annual Report review completed by the ECI State TA Team
- i. Annual performance evaluation of the ECI Coordinator completed by the Board
- j. Providers and community members are welcome at our Board Meetings and are free to contact Board Members and / or the Coordinator at any time

APPENDIX – Clinton/Jackson Area Boundaries/Services Out of Area Policy

Policy ID: 1.6	Title: ECI Area Boundaries/Services Out of Area Policy
<p>Policy: Geographic areas for Early Childhood Iowa are defined by the boundaries of Clinton and Jackson Counties.</p> <p>The Board will entertain requests for consideration for services for children and their families not living within the Clinton/Jackson ECI Area Boundaries.</p>	
<p>Procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Board Coordinator shall make contracted programs aware of geographic boundaries and boundaries will be noted in program contracts.• If contracted programs are contacted by an individual or entity regarding services for someone outside of the Clinton/Jackson ECI area, referrals are made to the ECI area where the individual resides by the contracted program with the guidance of the Clinton/Jackson ECI Coordinator.• In the event that an individual is not eligible for services in their ECI area and/or chooses to utilize services in the Clinton/Jackson ECI area while not meeting current eligibility, the contracted program shall contact the ECI Coordinator to explain the current situation and request consideration for waiver to the current policy or eligibility area.• The Coordinator shall then discuss the consideration for waiver with the Executive Committee.• The request for consideration for waiver will be placed on the Agenda at the next Board meeting for full Board consideration.• The individual(s) requesting the consideration for waiver will be invited to attend and share information at the Board meeting where the item is on the agenda.• The Coordinator will then work with the contracting program to make the individual aware of the Board's decision.	
Effective Date: 8/22/11	Approved by: Clinton/Jackson ECI Board

APPENDIX Clinton/Jackson ECI Assessment Results

The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board conducted a community assessment during the FY11 and FY12 funding year. Five different kinds of surveys were used for this community assessment with a total of one hundred and sixty-six actual surveys returned.

Survey #1 – Community Environment Survey

Question: How well do you think Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Area is doing in impacting these elements?

	Poor	Fair	Moderately Well	Well	Very Well
Services promoting healthy births			30%	50%	20%
Child access to health care	10%		10%	50%	30%
Child access to dental care		10%	10%	40%	40%
Services encouraging healthy nutrition		10%	10%	50%	30%
Early intervention services for at risk children			50%	40%	10%
Support home environments		10%	30%	50%	10%
Cognitively stimulating homes	10%	10%	40%	30%	10%
Access to high quality child care/ed./social/cognitive dev.			10%	70%	20%
Child care connected to other services		20%		50%	30%
Families access to primary services		10%	10%	50%	30%
Families have access to services reducing social isolation		10%	50%	40%	10%
Access to services responding to child abuse/neglect/crisis		30%	10%	40%	20%
Increasing family income and assets		30%	30%	40%	
Expanded economic opportunities	10%	20%	40%	30%	
Neighborhoods with strong social connections	10%	10%	40%	40%	
Expanded neighborhood resources	10%	10%	40%	40%	
Safe, attractive neighborhoods		10%	30%	50%	10%
Affordable housing in stable neighborhoods	10%	40%	20%	30%	
Effective early childhood education programs				70%	30%
Programs include appropriate screening/services				70%	30%
Support for accreditation of programs			20%	50%	30%
Links between early childhood education prog./resources			50%	30%	20%
Offering options to parents			10%	70%	20%
Community awareness of early care/education	10%		10%	60%	20%
Appropriate compensation for early child care workforce	10%	10%	50%	20%	10%
Access to professional development options	10%		40%	30%	20%

Sufficient recreational opportunities for children	10%	50%	30%	10%
Involvement in faith community in promoting child wellbeing	20%	30%	40%	10%
Workplace commitments to families	20%	40%	30%	10%
Family-friendly business environment		60%	30%	10%
Community leaders make children a priority	10%	40%	40%	10%

Written Responses to these questions

How well does your community rate as you review most of your responses:

2=10%/3=30%/4=50%/5=10%

Positive Attributes of Clinton/Jackson ECI Area:

- The School Districts are very good.
- Teachers seem to really show a genuine concern for all students.
- Opportunities for education
- Strong family ties
- Community supports
- Our County still has the “small town” feel
- We are very lucky to have such great schools
- Small town atmosphere – children have a strong sense of belonging
- Great Child Care Centers and Preschool facilities
- Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Preschool Scholarships
- Effective early childhood education programs available
- Preschool class sizes are reasonable
- Low incidents of violent crime
- Lions Clubs
- Provision of preschool with wrap around childcare at Delwood Community School

Agencies/organizations which should be partnered with to improve services for child and families in the Clinton/Jackson ECI Area:

- Department of Human Services
- Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa
- Lutheran Services in Iowa
- Hillcrest Family Services
- School Districts
- Community Circle of Care
- Juvenile Court Services
- Law Enforcement agencies
- Area Substance Abuse Council
- Religious community
- Medical professionals
- Iowa State University Extension
- Area Education Association
- Public Health
- Libraries
- Child Care Resource and Referral

Identify major gaps in services or resources in the Clinton/Jackson ECI area for children (0-5) and their families:

Funding for programming
Dental Services in Clinton
Local Mental Health Services
Obesity prevention programs
Informing “everyone” what is available in our communities
Adequate housing
Lack of housing
Lack of jobs
Financial help for those that just miss cut offs for help from DHS, ECI and other agencies
The length of time it takes to place a child with special needs an /or accommodations in the appropriate program
Parenting classes for parents of children, 0-5
Welcome baskets for new families
Welcome Home baskets for babies and new parents to provide information/books

Identify gaps in services/resources for children 6-18 in the Clinton/Jackson ECI Area:

After school activities
Funding for programming
In home support services for families/children with behavioral, mental health and drug issues
Tutoring services
Intervention at an early age
We live in a town that borders both Clinton and Jackson Counties. It is difficult to obtain a library card because of this.

Identify needs in our area to make Clinton and Jackson Counties an ideal place for raising young children:

Increased regulation of non registered child care home providers
Increased green spaces, bike trails and more bike friendly communities
Low cost (no cost) youth activities
Better communication with all families on activities available in our two counties
A better connection/teamwork between the schools and the child care centers/preschools. It is important for communication to be there and for us to work together as a team and not as competitors.
Jobs
Community sponsored events that allow families to attend with little or no cost
Better paying jobs
The buildings in our small town need to be refurbished and this makes our town look unwelcoming.

Survey #2 – Community Priority Survey

Prioritize or add to these identified needs of children, 0-5, based on your knowledge and experience of your local community, your friends and family. Using a 1 to 8 scale, 1 being the most important:

(62 respondents)

- Priority #1 43/62 Access to medical care
- Priority #2 35/62 Access to quality preschools (scholarships, quality rating systems to evaluate preschool environments)
- Priority #3 30/62 Access to quality Child Care (registered child care homes, child care home and nurse consultant)
- Priority #4 25/62 Access to parent education classes (in home visitation programs to new parents, Parents as Teachers)
- Priority #5 23/62 Access to dental care
- Priority #6 21/62 Access to mental health care (resource and referral information for young children with serious emotional disturbances)
- Priority #7 18/62 Ongoing professional development for early childhood professionals (teachers, social workers, para professionals)

Survey #3 – Parent Forum

Question - Why did you choose to participate in the home visitation program?

- Something for me to do and someone to talk to. I suffered from post partum depression and thought of the home visitor as a support. She was someone to talk to and helped me get through the depression.
- It broaden my support group, was a resource connection and learned new information.
- More information for me to give to other parents and to assist me in advocating for children.

Question - What is the best thing a program can do for you?

- Help in setting realistic goals
- Information on numerous resources
- Meeting in own space-more comfortable
- Easier on the children
- Groups were also a good time to get out for the adult and expose children to a social setting.

Question - What kind of impact did the program have on you?

- I felt like a better parent
- Knowledge about resources and made me more comfortable about accessing resources.
- Liked the flexibility of the program

Question - What circumstances would make you want to leave the program before you have completed the program?

- When workers leave their position. The parent was aware that circumstances cause staff to leave.
- If the worker was not meeting your needs
- Moving out of the service area.
- Changing of workers tempted one family to drop-continuity a big issue.
- Classroom issue with child in a difficult situation (bullying). The staff went above and beyond so the parent felt dropping the program not necessary.
- Different dispositions/personalities between workers and family members.
- Young inexperienced worker telling the parent about parenting.

Question - What are your stresses at home? Are there are other services that would help with these stresses?

- Medical issue of a child and medical issue of parent.
- Special needs of a child
- Housing needs
- Anger issues
- Transportation for the family. No transportation out in the county. MTA services in Clinton are not the answer to everything. The length of time riding the bus, the hours the bus is available, can only do certain appointments at certain times. Getting groceries while caring for young children is a nightmare.
- RTA is available for certain appointments but again appointments must be made within a certain time frame; all day event; must feed everyone who is going.
- Courses on time management-how to handle demands on a family's time
- Courses on money management
- Respite care
- Isolation
- Transportation needs

Question - What other things do you wish the program would do for you that maybe they have not done so far? (ie more group activities, provide items like diapers, provide client assistance such as help paying utilities, rent, provide transportation, etc.)

- Diapers
- Necessity pantry items-items food stamps can't buy.
- More classes(referring to Preg Center)-There is an issue of can't bring children and convenience of hours for classes
- Stork's nest helpful but getting points is difficult. There is not a smooth transition of baby items to older children. There are a limited number of items available.
- Cost of camps for older children.

Question - Do you feel you have access to counseling if needed, medical, dental, etc.? If not, what are the barriers.

- Dental-Didn't enjoy experience with dentist locally that could be used so had to go out of town for one the parent was comfortable with. Transportation is an issue.
- Dental care that works well with children who have special needs.
- TMS Travel reimbursement through DHS is difficult to use especially the call of 3 days ahead to qualify.
- One parent used cab service and felt that worked well.
- Going to IA City to see a specialist
- Counseling –For an assessment, which is the first step to receiving services, there is a waiting list. Help for an adult parent who needs help is not available
- Tele-med-conferencing-one parent accessed and felt it was a positive experience.
- One parent felt that Clinton had some great resources but one resource doesn't know the other resource.
- Quad Cities has good resources but becomes more difficult to access and can't always use them due to the fact they are only available for Scott County residents.

Survey #4 – Preschool Staff/Child Care Center Staff/In-home Child Care Providers Survey

Question – What are the barriers to participating in the Quality Rating System (QRS) and / or maintaining your current QRS level?

Answers:

- money for staff training
- staff time to complete paper work
- money for purchasing emergency plan items
- conflicting instructions from the QRS booklet from the State.
- As the only full time person on staff who is the director and teacher, I don't have the time to participate. My seven hour day is filled with teaching duties and requirements of the State wide grant and DHS.
- Time is a factor for me during the school year
- Time and money (to make updates and changes)
- Educated staff- lack of funding to pay them to provide all of the trainings required when you have a large staff.
- Location and times of trainings provided through the DHS website
- We choose not to participate in the food program and that is required to go to the next level.
- We do not have the funds available to participate

Questions – How could the Clinton/Jackson ECI Board support you in your efforts to obtain and/or maintain a QRS level?

Answers:

- The ECI Board Members should learn more about what time and details it takes to complete a QRS status. Financial support for staff time to work on QRS, staff training, specific to our QRS needs, example ECERS & ITERS.
- Continued ECI Board support
- No concerns
- ECI Preschool Scholarships
- Training opportunities ECCERS locally National Administrators Credential recertification hours locally
- Not make being a participant of the food program a requirement
- Send details about QRS and what is needed to obtain the levels. Also it would be good to know that you receive money for participating
- All ready working on my QRS level and used the Child Care Nurse Consultant visit for points
- We need funding for items that would move us up a QRS level

Question – How could the Child Care Nurse Consultant and/or the Child Care Consultant support you in obtaining and/or maintaining a QRS level?

Answers:

- Both of these are fantastic PLEASE, PLEASE KEEP THEM!!!! These are both great resources. We rely on their expertise regarding regulations.
- Continue to support these positions with ECI funding
- I have been contacted by the Child Care Nurse Consultant, she is very helpful
- They have been very supportive and have offered assistance
- Give trainings

Question – Please add any other comments or suggestions you would like to give the Clinton/Jackson ECI Board Members regarding QRS levels.

Answers:

- Some of our greatest improvements involving best practices were not recognized by the rating scale.
- Thank you for your support with all early childhood programs
- Continued support
- QRS is not really needed if you are participating in the voluntary program through the state.
- We meet DHS and QPPS requirements. I don't need one more thing added to my plate
- I believe that the QRS program pushes centers and home providers to not accept minimum requirements as acceptable standards. Sometimes it is not financially affordable to do best practice and it takes time to get there.
- Thank you for giving us this opportunity to share our information with you

Survey #5 - Contractor holders and community members ECI Board Function Survey

Question: What is your relationship with the ECI Board	Response Percent			
Clinton/Jackson ECI Contract Holder	62%			
Clinton/Jackson Community Member	38%			
Questions: Indicate how you feel the Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board functions by selecting	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	N/A
We have shared and clearly understood vision	85%	11%	0%	4%
Members understand and agree on goals and obj.	80%	9%	0%	11%
Members are clear about their role	72%	13%	0%	15%
We have effective decision making procedures	82%	7%	0%	11%
We are able to manage conflict	49%	21%	0%	30%
Leadership is effective and shared when appropriate	80%	9%	0%	11%
Plans are well developed and followed	83%	9%	0%	8%
Members communicate with each other	58%	23%	0%	19%
Our external communication is open and timely	80%	13%	3%	4%

Acronyms Relating to Early Childhood in Iowa

AEA – Area Education Agency
AR – Annual Report
QR – Quarterly Report
CCR&R – Child Care Resource and Referral
CCNC –Child Care Nurse Consultant
Co. – County
C/J ECI – Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa
ECIA – Early Childhood Iowa Area
ECI – Early Childhood Iowa
FaDSS – Family Development and Self-Sufficiency Program
IA – Iowa
IDE – Iowa Dept. of Education
IDHS – Iowa Dept. of Human Services
IDPH – Iowa Dept. of Public Health
ISU Extension – Iowa State University Extension
LOE – Levels of Excellence
NAEYC – National Association for the Education of Young Children
QPPS – Quality Preschool Program Standards
QRS –Quality Rating Scale
RFP – Request for Proposal
W.I.C. – Women, Infant, and Children
YMCA – Young Men’s Christian Association
YWCA – Young Women’s Christian Association