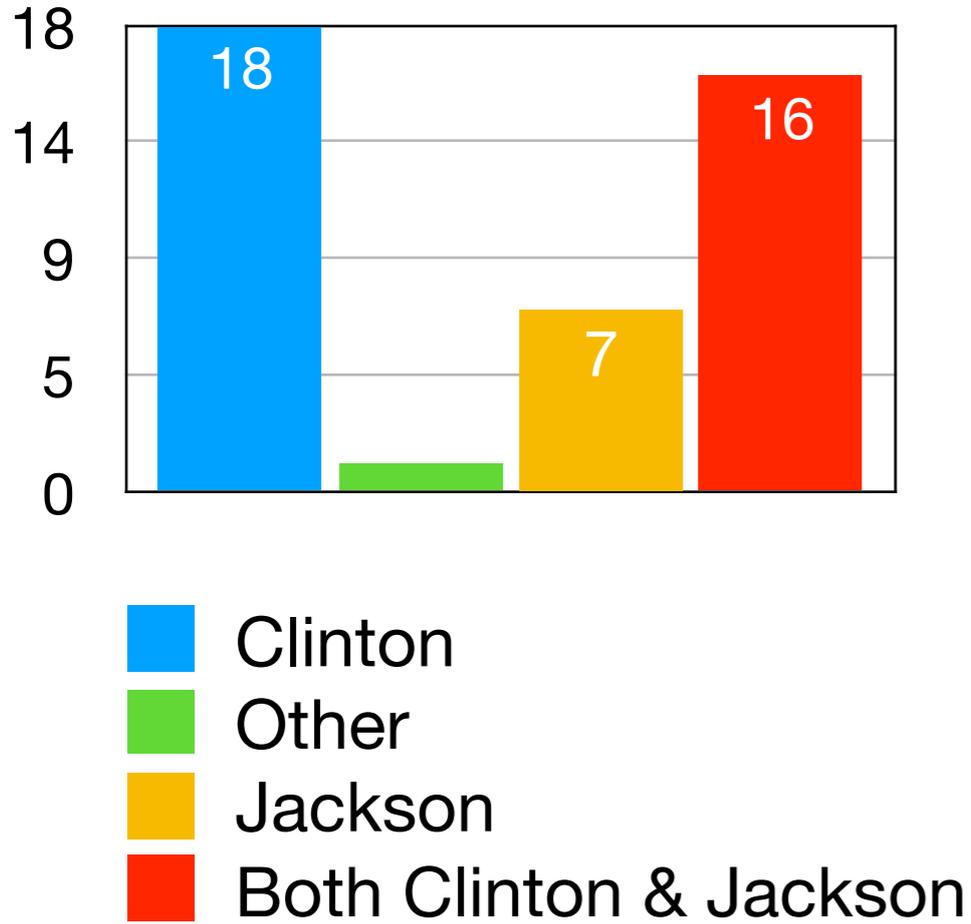


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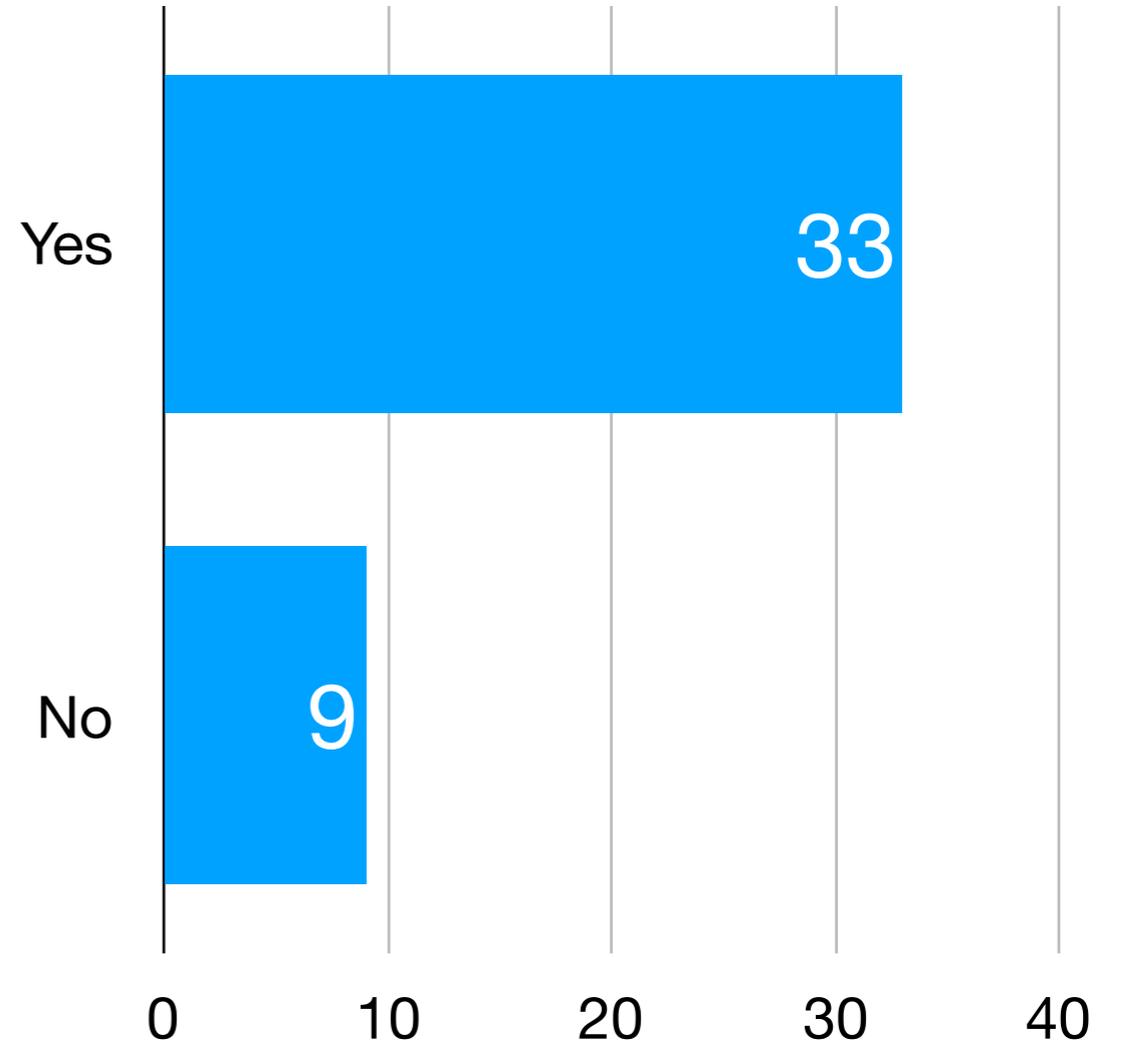
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Which county or counties does your agency serve?



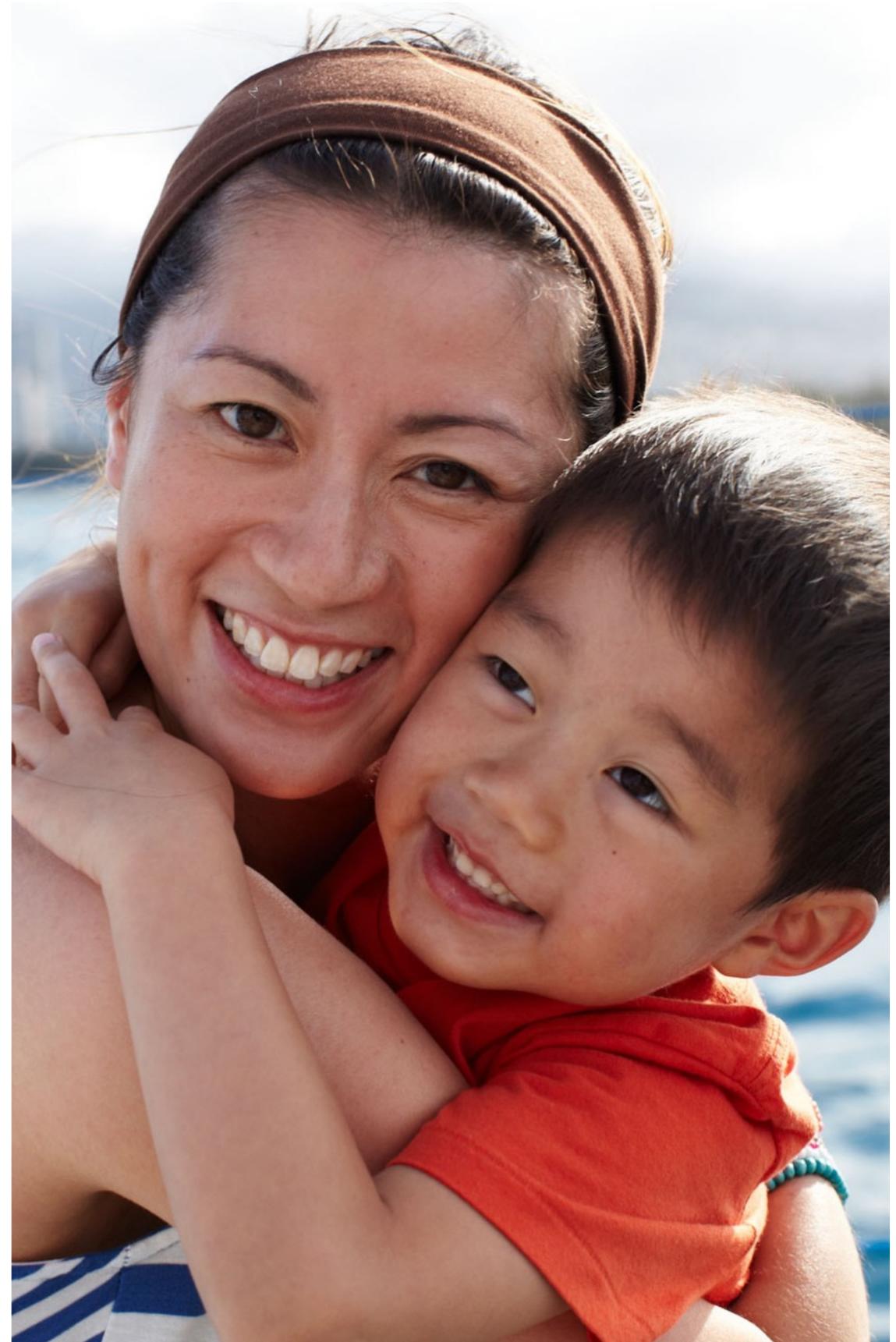
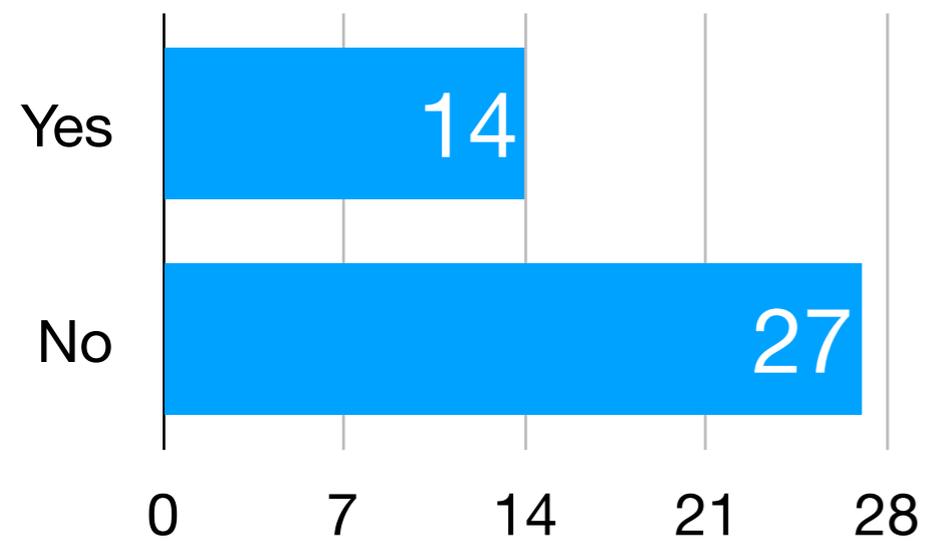
Does your agency provide services or programming for families with children 0-5 years old?



If you answered yes, what service or program do you provide for families with children 0-5 years old?

- **Early Childhood Development**
- **Parenting Resources**
- **Child care**
- **Free books to children**
- **Preschool**
- **Bright Beginnings**
- **Maternal/Child Health**
- **Mental Health Counseling**
- **Immunization Clinics**
- **DHS Services - Promise Jobs, TANF**
- **Substance Abuse**
- **Training - Prevention Programming**
- **Hightower Place for women and children**
- **Head Start**
- **Clinic & Care Coordination Services - 0-5 special health care needs**
- **Foster Care support & licensing**
- **OB/GYN**
- **Employment & Career Pathway Counseling - FIP**
- **Budgeting**
- **DV & Sexual Assault**
- **Mentoring Programs**

Do you provide literacy services to children 0-5 years old?



If you provide literacy services to children 0-5 years old, please list what kinds of literacy programming you provide. How many hours a week do you provide literacy services?

Where are your literacy services provided?

- **Imagination Library**
- **Read books to children**
- **Provide events, or provide literacy activities at booth**
- **Frog Street - 30 hours in classroom**
- **Literacy activities everyday in preschool**
- **Read books, use puppets, songs, & rhymes: morning message**
- **Reading, writing, speaking, & listening skills are part of daily activities**
- **Provide books, paper, writing utensils**
- **Children are encouraged to communicate using words; listening & following directions**
- **Services provided in child care**
- **4-year-old preschool program-90 minutes**
- **Library**
- **Read often**
- **Preschool 12.5 hours a week**
- **Preschool 6 hours a week**
- **Head Start - part of our curriculum; 6 hours a day Mon-Fri**
- **4 year old students in Bellevue attend 15 hours a week; 3 year olds attend 6 hours.**

How do you reach families to let them know about your programs or resources?

- Outreach and referral partners
- Newsletters
- Word of mouth
- Other agencies
- AEA Early Learning
- Libraries in Clinton County
- Mercy & Genesis Hospital Brochures
- Facebook / Social Media
- Going to facilities, schools, & community
- Referrals from families, doctors, schools, agencies
- Insurance Companies
- Phone, email
- Posters
- Child Care Resource & Referral
- Radio
- Church bulletins
- Private FB page for families enrolled
- Promise Jobs - DHS
- Newspaper
- Mailings
- Pantry Program & Christmas toy registration
- Law Enforcement
- Yearly Open House
- Advertising
- CPPC events
- Community Events
- DHS
- Community Partners

What type of marketing/messaging has proven most successful in reaching parents?

- Incentives
- Books are free with instructions to parents with questions to ask children
- One-on-One conversations with parents
- WORD of MOUTH
- One parent who is a cheerleader for the program
- Providing financial assistance to help survivors of sexual abuse or domestic violence

What do you think are the most important resources for families with children 0-5 years?

- Stress reduction
- Child care - monetary support
- Books/Reading
- Socialization
- Health/wellness
- School readiness
- Help with behaviors
- Medical care
- Mental health
- Resource referral
- Parent education in nutrition, exercise, and literacy
- Services for parents, including drug treatment, mental health, and parent skills training
- Knowledge of child development, brain development
- Childhood trauma
- Respite care for parents in crisis
- Housing, food, & education
- Where to go with parenting questions/concerns
- Literacy
- Toilet training
- Self care
- Basic needs
- Playtime with family
- Early learning experiences
- Discipline ideas
- Depression/anxiety
- Special needs access
- Single families - support
- Transportation
- Flexible child care
- Social-Emotional Supports
- Quick turnaround between contact & services

What do you think children 0-5 need, but are not receiving from their parents and community supports?

- Parental Support so they can be present for their children, not stressed about food, housing, & utilities
- Early interventions
- Quality parenting
- Quality child care
- Child care in the counties
- Love and support for them to take time and spend time with their children
- Behavior strategies for social and individual settings
- Behavior supports for parents
- Mental health and addiction assistance
- social/emotional parenting skills for parents
- Engaged DHS
- Family/Community bonding opportunities
- Parenting classes
- Post-pregnancy support (diapers)
- Time to play & have fun
- READ
- Programming in rural areas
- Speech therapy needs
- Educational toys
- Problem solving help
- Conflict resolution
- Time and attention
- Safe living environments
- 0-3 networking for parents
- Consistent literacy
- Parents refusing resources
- Parent/child interactions

What are your greatest needs in serving CHILDREN 0-5 years old?

- People who want to assist families and will commit
- Available child care
- Face to face trainings
- Positive people for families to relate to
- Socialization, love, and positive reinforcement
- Parents to read and talk to their children; bathe and discipline children
- Mental health and drug addiction
- Sober, attentive caregivers
- Safe & healthy parents able to meet needs
- Bonding & emotional development 0-5
- Early interventions
- Lack of local providers to serve needs
- Parents who want to get involved in child's education
- Stable home environments
- Ideas and help with behavior management
- \$ to purchase materials, specifically math & literacy
- Outdoor gross motor ideas & supplies
- Assistance with uncooperative parents & defiant children
- Access to expert advice when development or behavioral concerns and interventions are needed
- Provider self-care & support
- Employees who will work for wage we can pay
- Supplies to enrich learning
- Finding, keeping & paying for quality help
- Funding and support
- 2nd Shift
- Transportation, housing, & food
- Teachers need guidance meeting educational needs, special needs
- Parent support groups
- Access to quality & effective programs to meet mental health, substance abuse, and parenting needs

What are your greatest needs in serving PARENTS with children 0-5 years old?

- Lack of quality child care
- poor pay
- Getting children involved with parents; interacting and education
- A way to get parents to see the importance of talking/reading, interacting with children, taking care of health/wellness, correcting behaviors
- Referrals
- Engagement strategies
- Funding for parents to take classes
- Access to quality and effective programs that meet mental health, substance abuse, and parenting needs
- Parent participation
- Parent support groups
- Showing importance of education
- \$ to attend meetings & appointments
- Need personal relations training, customer service policies, and contract help
- Parent survey
- Funding/benefits for staff
- Drop in or crises childcare
- Rural transportation
- Ability to communicate with parents
- Parent cooperation

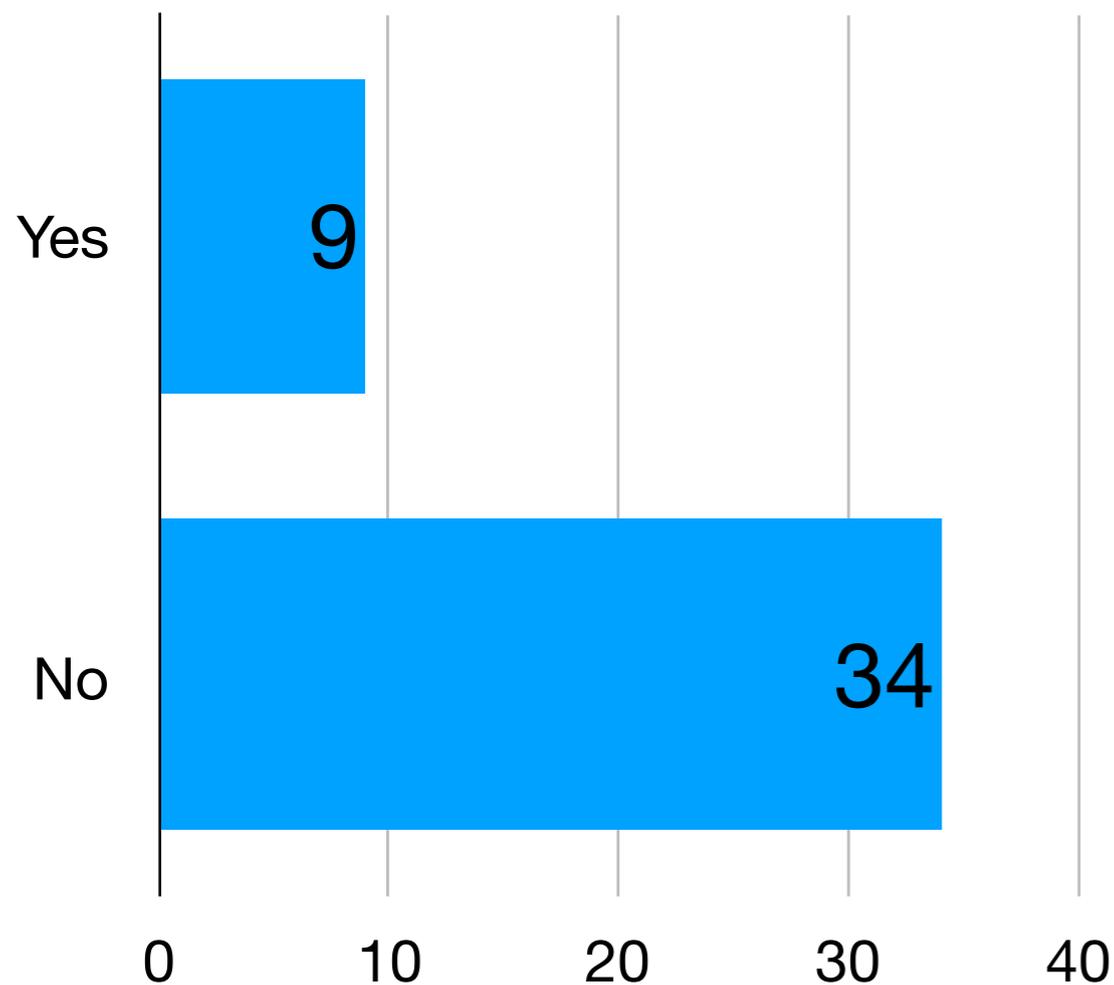
Is there programming, that is not already happening in Clinton/Jackson Counties, that would benefit children 0-5 years old and their families?

- **Parent groups, classes and more free activities**
- **Requirement that all child care centers and homes have CCNC visits yearly:
home care
1 visit
centers
2 visits**
- **Libraries provide services to child care centers**
- **Parenting groups with educated adult in charge to help parents learn while having fun**
- **Mental health and substance abuse assistance**
- **1st Five Program**
- **Referral line for Drs' offices to connect parents with resources**
- **Social-Emotional learning skill program for parents and children**
- **Prenatal and postnatal classes that include information about alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs**
- **Head start in more communities**
- **Autism therapy services**
- **Community play groups**
- **More AEA visits to child care homes/centers to identify early development, check milestones, recognize needs, and provide support**

What community collaborations could be started or strengthened that would benefit families?

- Informing businesses about child care
- Libraries/child care
- Bridges Out of Poverty Training
- Health care, mental health, and substance abuse treatment
- Mental Health education in child care & preschools
- AEA in child care centers more for early interventions
- Inter-generational Programs; retired community members and preschoolers together
- Support groups
- Family nights open to all families
- Child Care
- Community education around trauma, lifelong outcomes of child abuse/neglect, how to help

Does your agency currently receive funding from the Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board?



**Does your agency currently receive funding from other sources for children 0-5 years old?
If yes, from what sources?**

- Clinton County Board of Health
- Genesis VNA
- Iowa Department of Public Health
- United Way
- DeWitt Lion's Clubs
- Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP)
- Grants
- Agency funding
- In-Kind vouchers, volunteering vouchers
- Title 5 Funding
- State funding
- Child Care Assistance from DHS
- Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- QRS \$ for reaching levels
- Child Care Resource & Referral
- Community School District
- Head Start
- Special Education funding for 3-5 year olds

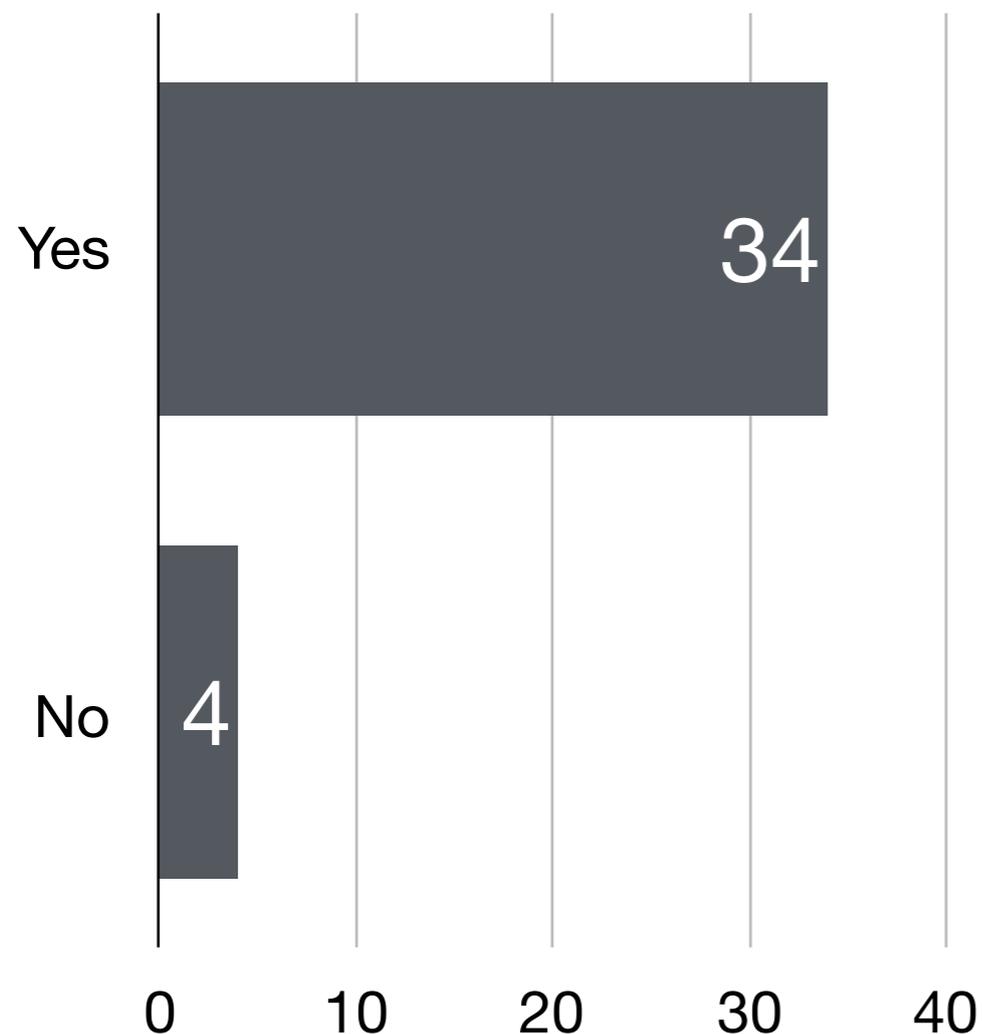
**What do you think children 0-5 years old need the most from our community?
How can the community provide this?**

- Involvement and positive interactions
- Modeling positive parenting
- Compassion supports
- Safe places
- Something like the Discovery Center, but clean and free
- More library programming like music
- Volunteers at child care centers
- More child care centers in Jackson & Clinton Counties
- Collaboration in grant writing
- Sense of belonging in the community
- Free, affordable family activities
- Sensory & educational experiences

What do you think puts children 0-5 years old at risk for child abuse and neglect?

- Parents are in survival mode-cannot be present
- Parent apathy
- Poor parenting skills, no role models
- Substance abuse
- Teen pregnancy
- Lack of resources
- Mental health and substance abuse
- Violence
- Poverty
- First aid/CPR
- Lack of employment, housing, financial resources, education
- Stress
- Lack of self-care knowledge
- Divided families
- Lack of parental self-regulation
- People in and out of households
- Transportation
- Trauma and ongoing symptoms
- Working poor-minimum wage isn't enough
- Lack of supervision
- Unregulated child care
- DHS understaffed & underpaid
- Lack of stability
- DV help for perpetrator
- Community not understanding needs

Have you heard of Adverse Childhood Experiences?



If yes, what has your agency or school done to address ACEs, Trauma Informed Care, and promoting resilience in your employees and the families you serve?

***Training**

***Added proponents to programming to assist families and staff**

***Connections Matter Training**

***Attend Trauma Informed Alliance in Clinton Cty.**

***PBIS to child care providers**

***Talking to children**

***Personal development days for all staff to understand and treat cases**

***Education**

***Awareness into our program**

***Therapists teach resilience skills and help process**

***ACEs**

***Provide mentoring**

***Discuss with families & educators**

***Provide informational on ACEs & Resiliency**

***Workshops**

***Provide educational materials to read**

***Importance of relationships**

***Youth Mental Health Training**

***Small group education and discussion**

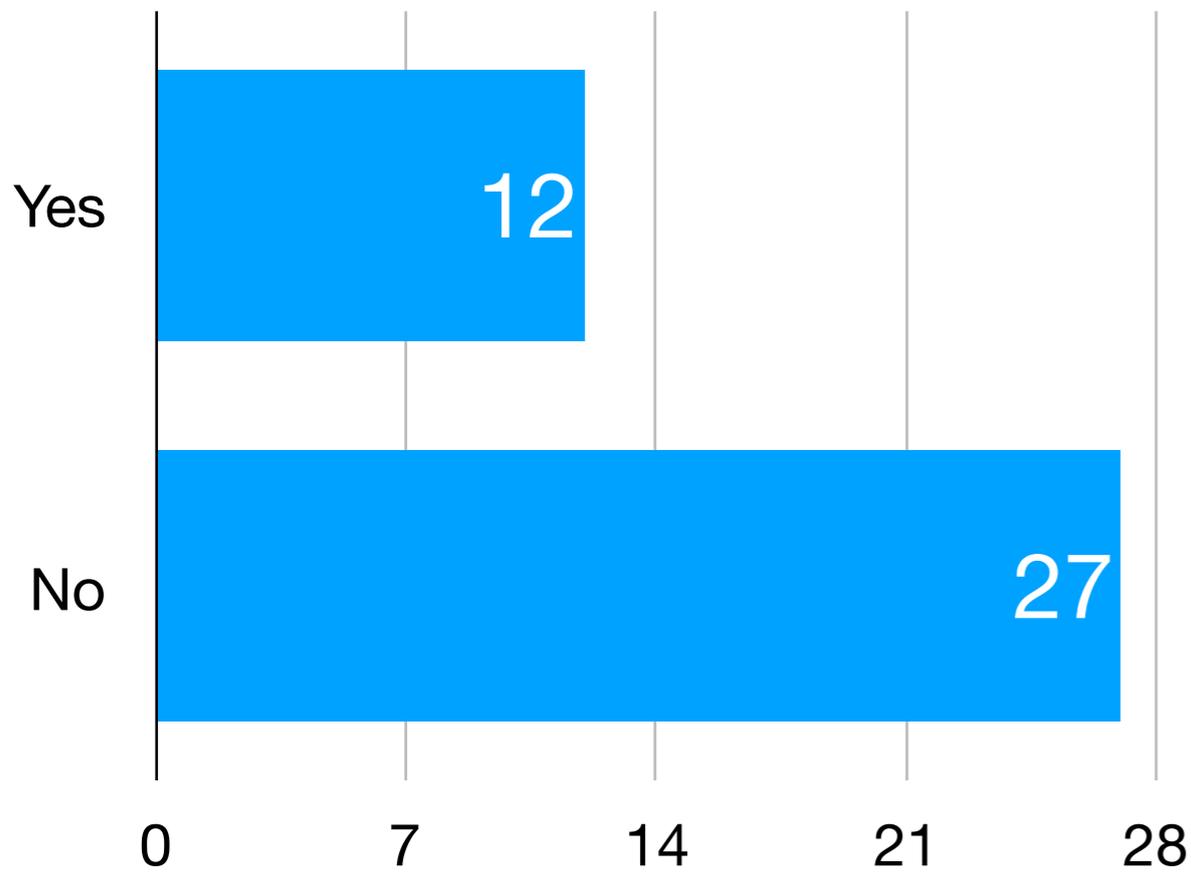
***State-level training being developed- will roll out requirements**

***Help parents**

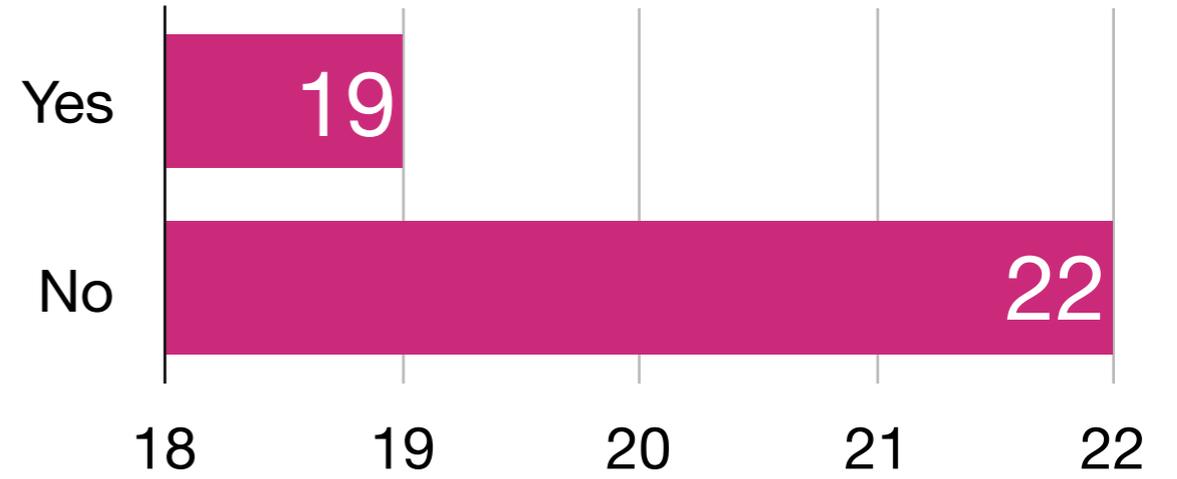
***Understand ways to help**

***Social-Emotional Screener**

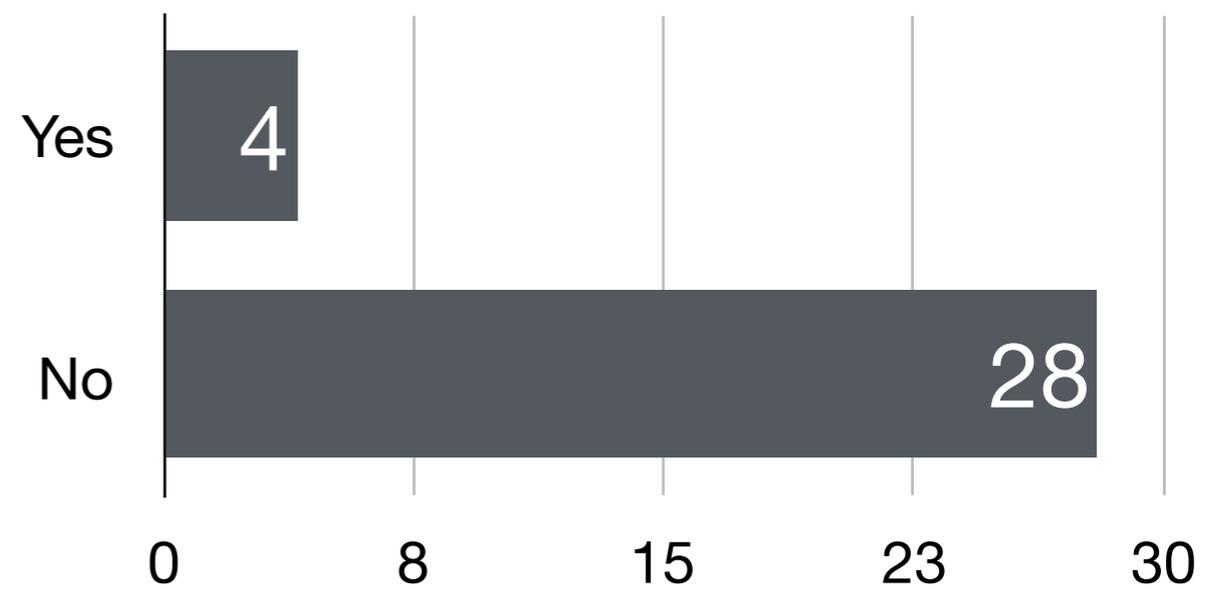
Do you host family nights at your agency or school?



Do you provide child care or preschool programming?



If you provide preschool programming, are you currently receiving preschool scholarship funding from the Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board?



If you provide preschool or child care programming, are you struggling with negative behaviors from the children? If so, what behaviors are they, and how do you address them?

- Poor verbal skills
- Hitting scratching
- Pinching
- Tantrums
- Not listening
- Not sharing
- Poor socialization
- Unable to transition
- Unable to manage anger
- Disrespect for adults
- Autism behaviors
- Lack of self-control
- Anger
- General wildness
- Biting
- Aggressive behaviors
- Refusal to listen
- Defiance
- Anxiety
- Outbursts
- Physical
- Sadness
- Inappropriate talk
- Pictures/sign language
- Ways to self-regulate
- Model good behavior
- Classroom mgt.
- Talk to child about what they can do instead
- Time out
- Refer to AEA with parent consent
- PBIS - Children learning to identify and manage emotions to avoid conflicts
- Partner with parents

What do you think causes negative behaviors from children?

- Children need attention
- Don't know how to express feelings
- Family issues
- Poor verbal skills
- Developmental delays
- Learned behaviors
- Lack of communication skills
- Poor parenting
- ACEs
- Genetic predisposition to mental illness
- A need is not being met
- Lack of parenting supervision / guidance
- Too much screen time
- Not enough conversations
- Fear
- Familial disorders
- Habit-forming behaviors
- Dysregulation and lack of how to self-regulate
- Lack of sleep lack of appropriate discipline at home
- Parents stressed
- Children not being taught they can't have everything
- Domestic Violence
- Substance Abuse
- Inconsistency
- Inexperienced Parents
- Parents using screens to quiet/calm children
- Home environment
- Lack of basic needs being met; sleep, food, clothes; loving, caring, supportive caregivers; engaging activities
- Time
- Lack of communication skills
- Having to grow up too soon
- Changes at home
- Lack of positive role modeling/teaching other choices
- Insecure living environments

Have you suspended toddlers because of negative behaviors?

Yes	2
No	29

If you provide child care or preschool programming, do you have adequate substitute teachers or caregivers? If not, what would help you with this situation?

Better pay

General substitute pool

Background checks are expensive

Subs have to stay in one place or go from school to school filling out paperwork

People need enough hours to survive

To be able to train younger individuals to help assist qualified teachers/child care workers

Less training for back up workers, not teachers/less strain on providers



What training or education would help you, your agency, your school, or your community to better understand today's current issues that are adversely affecting our children 0-5 years and their families?

- **More Adverse Childhood Experiences-help staff look beyond behaviors**
- **Many staff want to be told the answer to behavior, don't understand the behavior is just a symptom of the real problem**
- **Autism awareness**
- **Practice in changing our behaviors**
- **Connections Matter**
- **Parent/child bonding**
- **Child-directed interactions**
- **Financial literacy**
- **Parenting education**
- **Youth Mental Health**
- **Literacy & Math**
- **Development of little boys-emotional, academic**
- **Working with mixed-age groups**
- **Resources for parents to use**
- **Supportive care to children/families**
- **Educate the community about drugs, poverty, DV, violence**
- **Support groups for parents-hotlines**
- **Identifying strategies to help kids have good child care experiences**
- **Resources for parents**
- **Dealing with aggressive behaviors**
- **Rural limits of transportation**

What is happening in our community that is positively affecting children 0-5 years old and their families? This could be a program, event, group, etc. Please share what is working :)

- Library
- Pregnancy center
- PBIS Trainings
- WIC-helps connect families to resources
- Lincolnway
- Imagination library
- Head Start -Maquoketa
- Food assistance
- Ericksen Center
- YWCA
- Sawmill Museum
- Discovery Center
- Mental health providers
- AEA
- VNA Programs
- LSI
- Parent supports
- Head Start
- Sports programs
- Swimming
- Child care centers offer great quality services regardless of ability to pay
- Churches
- Operation New View-Maquoketa
- Chamber holds family events
- Agencies collaborating
- DeWitt child care - registered and non-registered; support children with developmental and behavioral needs
- Parent Pals
- 2-generation policy changes
- Developing relationships between families and officers
- Preschool scholarship grant from ECI
- CPPC - bringing agencies together to share and collaborate

Thoughts??

Questions??

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