

## Current Empowerment Programs (Continued)

### Early Childhood Programs:

Child Care Consultant—Employed by Child Care Resource & Referral to provide one-on-one home visits to home care providers. Assistance, materials, training and resources available to home care providers are provided.

Professional Development & Provider Support Programs—Child Care Resource & Referral offer training opportunities and education to home care providers, centers and preschools.

Staff Incentives—These were awarded to Kids Corner Daycare and Pied Piper Preschool and Child Care to assist in retaining qualified staff. Incentives are based on attendance, training, and evaluations.



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## Community Partners

Area Education Agency 267  
Baby Face  
Child Abuse Prevention  
Child Care Resource & Referral  
Christ United Methodist Church  
Clients  
Crayon Corner Preschool  
DECAT  
Deer Creek Family Care  
ISU Extension of Tama County  
Kids Corner Daycare  
K-Mart  
Legislatures  
Local Physicians  
Mental Health Clinic of Tama County  
Meskwaki Healthy Start  
Meskwaki Settlement School  
Meskwaki Wellness  
Mid Iowa Community Action & Head Start  
Ministerial Association  
North Tama School District  
Pamida  
Pied Piper Preschool & Child Care  
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.  
Raggedy Ann & Andy Preschool  
School Nurses  
South Tama School District  
Stitch & Go Quilt Group  
Supporting Kids In Prevention (SKIP)  
Tama County Board of Supervisors  
Tama County Libraries  
Tama County Public Health & Home Care  
Tama County Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition  
Tama County Tobacco Coalition  
Tama-Toledo AAUW  
Toledo-Tama Kiwanis  
Traer Presbyterian Church  
United Way  
Women's Health & Education Center

## Tama County Empowerment Funded Programs



~ Our Focus ~  
Families with Children age 0-5

- Healthy Children
- Children Ready to Succeed in School
- Safe, Secure, Nurturing Families
- Safe, Secure, Nurturing Childcare

Programs are available to all Tama County Residents with children age 0-5 years. You may make a referral for a friend, family member or for yourself.

## Current Empowerment Programs

### School Ready Programs:

Home Visitation—Home visits are provided by Tama County Public Health & Home Care to pregnant women and women with children age birth to 5 years to provide parenting education and information.



Health Care Coordination—Tama County Public Health & Home Care coordinates health care and immunizations for children age birth to 5 years.

Lead Care Coordination—Tama County Public Health & Home Care provides lead testing for children age 12 to 60 months. Children with elevated lead levels are followed for further care.

Translation Services—Interpreters are employed by Tama County Public Health & Home Care to assure accurate communication with Hispanic parents.



Stork's Nest—An incentive program coordinated by Tama County Public Health & Home Care that provides support and educational classes for pregnant women and mothers with children birth to 12 months of age.

Points are earned by attending educational classes, for mom and baby doctor visits, and other educational reading, etc. documented by the mother. The points can then be used to purchase items for their babies through the Stork's Nest.

Developmental Screenings—Provided by AEA 267. Screenings are offered for children age birth to 5 years to identify children with delays in one or more areas of their development.

Respite Scholarships—Coordinated by AEA 267 along with collaborative efforts of other home visitation providers. These scholarships provide respite care to families with children birth to 5 years. This service is not for work related childcare.

Happy Bear/Care for Kids—Child Abuse Prevention Services provides sexual abuse prevention programs to all preschools, childcare centers and public and private Kindergarten classes targeting children age 3 to 5 years old, parents, teachers and area professionals.



Infant Toddler Specialist—Mid-Iowa Community Action provides prevention services for children who are at-risk of starting school less ready to learn than their peers. Regular home visitation, child screenings and assessments, and socialization opportunities are provided as well as helping parents to develop the skills they need to provide a positive, well-functioning home environment where the child can grow and develop.



Dental Hygienist—Mid-Iowa Community Action provides regular dental care to children under age 3. Screenings, fluoride and education are provided to Head Start/Early Head Start children and families at WIC and Well Child Clinics. Referrals are made to dentists. Assistance for insurance, transportation and translation is provided.



Family Nutrition Program—Tama County ISU Extension provides families with children age birth to 5 years whose income is below 185% of poverty with nutrition education which includes assessments, setting goals, meal planning, healthy choices, recipes, menu ideas, reading labels, mealtime conversation, as well as other educational information.



Preschool Scholarships—Coordinated by AEA 267 and Mid Iowa Community Action, scholarships are available to families meeting income guidelines at or below 200% of poverty. Scholarships may only be used at contracted preschool facilities.



Preschool Expansion—This was awarded to the Kid's Corner Daycare to expand their facility to include a 3 year old preschool room. This award was based on per child cost and the percent of children served that are at or below 200% of poverty.

Training Opportunities—Awarded to Kids Corner Daycare and Pied Piper Preschool and Child Care to improve each center's knowledge base.

Coordinator—Tama County Public Health & Home Care employs a coordinator to assure activities are geared toward the focus priorities, assure compliancy with state guidelines and requirements, attend local, state and regional meetings, compile and submit reports, inform the board of updates from the state and from provider services, coordinate sub-committees as needed and assure all reimbursements and appropriations meet Empowerment Guidelines.

## Mission

To enhance the quality of life in Tama County by promoting strong, healthy families. Barriers will be overcome and programs and services coordinated through community collaboration.

