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Early Childhood and Early Intervention Projects and Initiatives Related to Preparing Personnel

Articulation and Transfer of Credit Agreements

The Bureau of Community Colleges has information about current articulation and transfer of credit agreements throughout the state. This office has produced a document entitled *Shaping the Future: A Five-Year Plan for Iowa's System of Community Colleges*, which may be obtained by contacting Evelyn Anderson (see below).

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Childcare — Activities for Getting Children Ready to Learn

Childcare providers attend workshop sessions with children in their care. Project partners: EARC, Early Head Start; HOPES, PAT program and Elementary Administration and Kindergarten teachers.

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Childcare Funding: Daycare for Children with Disabilities

Jefferson / Keokuk Empowerment set aside \$3,000-5,000 per year for individualized training to care for a child, a piece of equipment or minor home alterations so care can be available.

Contact: Susan E. Hooper

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Email: shooper@iastate.edu

Child Care Health Consultants

Nurses trained in ITERS and ECERS help guide childcare providers address health and safety issues.

Contact: Sally Clausen

Phone: (515)281-6071 / (800)383-3826

Email: sclausen@health.state.ia.us

Web site: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/fch/fam_serv/hcci/consultants.htm

Children's Health Hotline

ISU extension office

Contact: Margaret Van Ginkel, Polk County Extension office: vangin@iastate.edu

Every Child Reads: Birth to Kindergarten

The project hopes to expand the capacity of early care and education systems, families and selected community members to enhance language, reading, and writing skills of children birth to kindergarten. The 15-hour *Getting Ready to Read Literacy Training* has three modules: Language, Reading and Writing. Each module includes videotape examples of the strategies, peer practice, and homework assignments. College credit and Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) are available for the 15-hour training. A work team from the Department of Education, State Library, and Iowa Public Television meet monthly to implement a plan that was developed in 1999 by a statewide consortium.

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www.empowerment.state.ia.us/GeneralInfo/Ev_Child_Reads/every_child_reads.htm

Head Start—Community College Professional Development Projects

14 Head Start agencies provided resources to train community college providers. Some receive CDA, CC credits and apprenticeship certificates.

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Healthy Child Care Iowa

Provides on-site technical assistance, consultation or training for childcare and early education providers on health and safety.

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Web site: <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci>

Heartland Area Education Agency

Two separate series of trainings that address guidance [BRIDGES] and literacy [Literacy 1,2,3] for childcare providers.

Contact: Dr. Jerry Gruba Phone: (515)270-9030 Email: jgruba@aeall.k12.ia.us

Web site: <http://www.aea11.k12.ia.us>

Higher Education Training on IDEA [for four-year colleges and universities]

Preservice faculty who prepare educators are provided with modules to infuse into existing curriculum.

Contact: Norma Lynch Phone: (515)2881-6038 Email: Norma.Lynch@ed.state.ia.us

Higher Education Database [for four-year colleges and universities]

Electronic database of preservice faculty to notify them of training opportunities / resource information.

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Inclusion Consultant for Childcare

Provide on-site consultation to childcare providers, including resource connecting and training opportunities. Affiliated with Child Health Specialty Clinics and Departments of Health and Human Services.

Contact: Ann Riley Phone: (319)384-6865 Email: ann-L-riley@uiowa.edu

Iowa Compass

A resource coordinating service for individuals with disabilities. It is located at the University of Iowa, Center for Disabilities and Development.

Contact: Jane Gray, Director Phone: (319)353-8777 or 1-800-779-2001

Email: jane-gray@uiowa.edu

Web site: <http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/iowacompass/>

Iowa Early Care and Education Professional Development Project

Group working to provide information relevant to all individuals caring for children in Iowa. Building a statewide system of professional development. Professional development guide, including the core competencies, will be available on the web site after March 12, 2002.

Contact: Kerry Moore Kroneman Phone: (515)255-0990

Email: kmoorekron@aol.com

Web site: http://www.iowai.org/upgrades/iowa_earlycare/

Iowa Early Hearing Detection and Intervention System

Resources, information and a network of hearing health care professionals.

Contact: Lenore Holte, Project Coordinator Phone: (319) 356-1168

Email: lenore-holte@uiowa.edu

Marsha Gunderson, Consultant Phone: (712) 366-3284

Email: mgunderson@iadeaf.k12.ia.us

Web site: <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/IAEHDI/>

Iowa Program for Infant Toddler Caregivers

Professional development statewide training system for childcare providers, parents and early childhood professionals. Affiliated with the Iowa Department of Education and Department of Human Services.

Contact: Beth Beals Walling Phone: (515)281-5246 Email: bwallin@dhs.state.ia.us

Web site: <http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/ACFS/pitc/pitc.asp>

Iowa SCRIPT

Project focuses on systematic change in preservice education. Affiliated with Department of Education, SCRIPT includes participants from Loras College, UNI, ISU, UIA, CHSC, agencies and families.

Contact: Mary Schertz Phone: (515)281-5433 Email: Mary.Schertz@ed.state.ia.us

Web site: <http://www.uni.edu/highnam/>

Iowa SCRIPT Mini Grants

Infusing family voices across unified curriculum by helping faculty connect with families to present in class. Affiliated with Early ACCESS and Iowa State University.

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Least Restrictive Environment Sites at Community Colleges

Iowa Western Community College and AEA-13 place children with disabilities in training classrooms, where team teachers provide support services, such as speech.

Contact: Val Jensen Phone: (712)322-7354

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Marshalltown Community College—Resource & Referral / Head Start

Child Care Resource and Referral and Head Start work with the community college to offer Every Child Reads, ChildNet and Welcome to Child Care for credit. Earned credit is accepted as an elective in the child development program.

Contact: Pat Brown Phone: (641)752-7106 ext. 384 Email: patbrown@iavalley.cc.ia.us

National Network for Child Care

Web site for professionals and families who care for children and youth. Expansive site that shares information from many U.S. land grant universities' Cooperative Extension programs.

Contact: Leisa Osterreich at ISU—La Baren Hall

Web site: <http://www.nncc.org/homepage.html>

Resource Family Project—Loras College

Students are linked with a family who has a child with a disability as part of their coursework. Students spend 10 hours with the family [5 of those are spent learning from the family about support networks; 5 hours are spent in repayment to the family—respite care, finding resources, etc.]

Contact: Bill Stumpf Phone: (563)556-4725 Email: wstump@mwci.net

Shared Visions At-Risk Preschool Programs

Iowa at-risk preschools receive quality early intervention.

Contact: Nancy Schnurr Phone: (515)281-7844
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3-4-5 Thrive

Iowa Dept. of Education guidelines for promoting inclusion for preschool-aged children

Contact: Mary Schertz Phone: (515)281-5432
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Web site: <http://www.state.ia.us/educate/ecese/cfcs/thrive345/index.html>

T.E.A.C.H. Project: Teacher Education and Compensation Helps

Link continuing education with increased compensation and require that recipients and their sponsoring child care programs share in the cost.

Contact: Marla Sheffler Phone: (515)883-1206
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Teacher Training Program for Students who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing

As of spring 2002, a teacher training program for students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing is being established at the University of Iowa.

Contact: Marsha Gunderson Phone: (712)366-3284 (v/tty)
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Team Nutrition

Iowa Department of Education's Bureau of Nutrition provides training on integrating nutrition and physical activity into early childhood care and education programs.

Contact: 515-281-4758
Web site: http://www.state.ia.us/educate/ecese/fn/team_nutrition/index.html

University of Northern Iowa---Co-teaching Courses

Parents and providers co-teach courses. This is affiliated with Early ACCESS.

Contact: Gina Green / Donna Raschke Phone: (319)232-6671
Email: gina.greene@episervice.org

University of Northern Iowa Program in Visual Disabilities

Masters' program in visual disabilities is a womb-to-bomb program and early intervention and early childhood preservice training will be part of the overall program.

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