



Summary of Child Care Awards

ABC Learning Early Childhood Center, Dubuque, Iowa

DHS Award: \$117,950 Child Care Challenge Award: \$75,000 Total Award: \$192,950

The Center will be expanding a current child care facility to increase capacity by 60 child care slots.

Area Substance Abuse Council, Inc., Cedar Rapids, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$29,970

This project will provide much needed play space updates for the Heart of Iowa Childcare Center providing services for children's whose mothers are receiving recovering treatment.

Birdies Nest, Davenport, Iowa

DHS Award: \$202,500 Child Care Challenge Award: \$54,450 Total Award: \$256,950

This project will add a new addition to the current childcare center making space for an additional 65 child care slots.

Breda Day Care Center, Inc., Breda, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$91,340

Funding will support an increase in capacity to serve more families by adding 26 child care slots and making needed health and safety updates.

Burlington Community School District, Burlington, Iowa

DHS Award: \$168,750 Child Care Challenge Award: \$11,250 Total Award: \$180,000

This community partnership will add 80 child care slots as well as strategically partner with stakeholders to address area workforce shortages in the field of teaching.

Cedar Valley Child Care Center, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Child Care Challenge Award (total): \$25,000

This project is a collaboration of numerous public and private organizations including the University of Northern Iowa, The VGM Group, Western Home Communities, Child Care Resource and Referral and Levi Architecture to design and build a new child care facility that will create 230 new child care slots.

Cherokee Daycare /Bright Beginnings, Cherokee, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$4,900

Funding will equip this Center with a needed security system. An additional 60 child care slots will be available.

Children's Garden, Des Moines, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$151,129

This project will pay for an increase air flow system needed in this older facility that was built without air conditioning. Children and staff will benefit greatly from this installation.

Childserve, Inc., Ames, Iowa

DHS Award: \$173,073 Child Care Challenge Award: \$75,000 Total Award: \$248,073

This project will expand the Special Needs Childcare center in Ames and will focus on serving children with a diagnosis of Autism. Capacity will be doubled from 9 children to a total of 18 children.

Columbus Community Childcare Center, Columbus Junction, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$47,306

This project will fund a room conversion within the Center and will allow the Center to increase child care slots by 31.

The Crittenton Center, Sioux City, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$70,547

This project is a partnership with two programs to provide a continuum of child care services to the area. The project will result in 60 additional children being served.

The Easter Seal Society of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$252,318

The creation of this new child development center at Easter Seal's Camp Sunnyside will double capacity from 60 to 120 children. Easter Seal's partner is Hubbell Reality and their Extreme Build.

Families First Learning Center & Childcare, Waverly, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$137,142

This is a new daycare center which will benefit not only those in Waverly, but a much larger geographic area and providing 150 new child care openings.

GLI2/Formative Years Growing and Learning Center, Davenport, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$50,000

This project will fund remodeling areas of the Center which will provide an additional 12 child care slots.

Greene County Early Learning Center, Jefferson, Iowa

DHS Award: \$394,941 Child Care Challenge Award: \$75,000 Total Award: \$469,941

This project will support the construction of a new child care facility in Jefferson specifically to reduce identified child care gaps in Greene County. Strong community partnerships are fueling this project which will provide 145 child care slots.

Grundy Community Preschool and Child Care Center, Grundy Center, Iowa

Child Care Challenge Award (total): \$97,500

This project will fund construction of a new space in the former Upper Elementary School Building. This work will increase the number of child care slots by 36 and is a community wide project.

Helping Hands Preschool & Child Care Inc., Sioux City, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$234,996

Funds will support renovation of space in a vacant building currently attached to the Child Care Center. This will increase capacity by 84 slots.

Highland Park Community Development Association, Des Moines, Iowa

DHS Award: \$562,000 Child Care Challenge Award: \$10,000 Total Award: \$572,000

Grant dollars are helping to raise final funding to complete a birth to 5-year-old child care center. This will provide room for 75 children daily.

Little Falcons Daycare, Parkersburg, Iowa

DHS Award: \$146,450 Child Care Challenge award: \$25,000 Total Award: \$171,450

This project is construction of a new building to offer the Aplington-Parkersburg and surrounding region, affordable child care by creating 71 additional child care slots.

Imagination Station Child Care, Boone, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$22,170

Renovations to this Center will create 8 additional for children already on the waiting list.

Imagine Childcare Learning Center, Newton, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$174,952

This is a new child care center located in the heart of Jasper County. This effort has been led through multiple partnerships and community collaboration and will create 75 child care slots.

Interstate 35 Community School District, Truro, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$78,046

The Little Roadrunner Child Care will be making repairs and adding air conditioning which will allow more capacity resulting in an additional 120 child care slots.

Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

DHS Award: \$35,500 Child Care Challenge Award: \$6,250 Total Award: \$41,750

This project will expand the Infant Cyclone Care Center and will increase infant slots by 8.

Jefferson County Kids, Fairfield, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$365,600

This new child care center in Fairfield will have a capacity of 185 children. Numerous county employers and partners have made donations to this project recognizing the need for this Center to enable them to hire needed employees and grow. This project received a CDBG grant from IEDA last week of \$600,000.

Jumping Monkey Child Care, Council Bluffs, Iowa

DHS Award: \$15,000 Child Care Challenge Award: \$1,009 Total Award: \$16,009

This project will fund additions and renovations to the center and will add three new classrooms and 52 new child care slots.

Key West Early Childhood Center, Dubuque, Iowa

DHS Award: \$189,700 Child Care Challenge Award: \$1,250 Total Award: \$190,950

This project will fund remodeling and renovation of existing space as well as the purchase of much needed equipment and supplies. It will increase capacity by 18 slots.

Lil'Wildcat Education Center, Glidden, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$175,076

Funds are supporting construction of a facility that will double the capacity for child care in Glidden. This will result in an increase of 71 child care slots. This project also recently received \$500,000 in CDBG funds from IEDA.

LilyPad Learning Center, Huxley, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$119,526

The project will fund the purchasing of a large warehouse building that will be renovated to provide 75 new child care slots for the community.

Linking Families and Communities, Fort Dodge, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$330,600

This project is adding an additional 56 child care spaces to an existing center, allowing more parents to seek jobs or continue to work. The current waiting list is over 60 families. This project also recently received \$600,000 in CDBG funds from IEDA.

Little Clippers Child Development Center, Tiffin, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$405,380

Little Clippers is a daycare within Johnson County in the rapidly growing city of Tiffin. The program serves 6 weeks to 12 years of age. They have not had the financial wherewithal to make some much needed improvements in the building and the additional funds will add 20 childcare slots to their capacity.

Little Friends of Living Faith, Clive, Iowa

DHS Award: \$297,519 Child Care Challenge Award: \$25,000 Total Award: \$322,519

This project will build a new handicap-accessible wing connected to the current building. The new construction will include eight new preschool classrooms, a designated special-needs mini-classroom, family meeting areas, and a kitchen for food preparation. New playground areas will be created for each age group as well. The anticipated outcomes for this expansion will expand the number of high-quality inclusive child care spots available in the western Polk and eastern Dallas counties by 96.

Little Knights Learning Center, Dysart, Iowa

DHS Award: \$132,540 Child Care Challenge Award: \$10,000 Total Award: \$142,540

Little Knights Learning Center has developed multiple partnerships including with Union Community School District, the City of Dysart, and Farmers' Cooperative Telephone Company. The school district is leasing ground to build a new center which will result in creating 85 new child care spaces.

Little Panther Daycare, Panora, Iowa

DHS Award: \$174,674 Child Care Challenge Award: \$10,000 Total Award: \$184,674

This project will add another room to the existing location and provide an additional 15 child care slots for the community.

Little Sprouts Daycare, Algona, Iowa

DHS Award: \$175,800 Child Care Challenge Award: \$25,000 Total Award: \$200,800

Funds are supporting the opening of a child care center to serve the Algona area. In partnership with the City of Algona, Algona Chamber of Commerce, and the Kossuth County Economic Development Team the work has been ongoing for a year and a half to make this project a reality. The Center will provide 52 child care spaces.

Marita Theisen Childcare Center, Dubuque, Iowa

DHS Award: \$72,700 Child Care Challenge Award: \$1,000 Total Award: \$73,700

This funding will help finish construction of the child care center providing much needed indoor and outdoor play space.

McNeil Child Care Discovery Center, Fort Dodge, Iowa

DHS Award: \$709,837 Child Care Challenge Award: \$25,000 Total Award: \$734,837

This project will help fund a new structure which will provide for an additional 80 child care slots while keeping the current 170 spots. This center will also provide extended care services for parents working past traditional daycare hours.

Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber Alliance, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

DHS Award: \$173,000 Child Care Challenge Award: \$10,000 Total Award: \$183,000

The Mount Pleasant Chamber Alliance is a public private organization and is spearheaded by the Chamber Alliance, the Mount Pleasant Area Development Commission, area businesses, churches, organizations and individuals. The project will remodel an existing building to create an additional 48 child care spaces.

Mahaska County YMCA, Oskaloosa, Iowa

DHS Award: \$750,000 Child Care Challenge Award: \$67,500 Total Award: \$817,500

The Mahaska County Y is using these funds to expand 2 infant rooms and 2 toddler rooms as part of the Oskaloosa Early Childhood Education and Recreation Center. This will expand slots by 4 infants and 8 toddlers in rooms where there is a critical need for more slots. The project is part of a partnership with the City of Oskaloosa, Oskaloosa Community School District, Head Start and the YMCA.

New Horizon Academy, Pella, Iowa

DHS Award: \$658,439 Child Care Challenge Award: \$25,000 Total Award: \$683,439

Pella Corporation and New Horizon Academy are working together to create a program that meets the needs of Pella Corporation employees and the community needs. This is a large renovation and remodeling project. The final outcome will be a high quality, accredited center that will care for 182 children, an increase of 84 child care slots.

Ann W. Wickman Childcare Development Center - Nishna Valley Family YMCA, Atlantic, Iowa

DHS Award \$203,331 Child Care Challenge Award: \$3,680 Total Award: \$207,011

The YMCA Board of Directors identified some underutilized space in the current building that with some renovation could create 21 new child care slots that could be ready to fill by the end of 2021. Several foundations have provided funds towards the project which will help address the child care desert in this area.

Pekin Community School District, Packwood, Iowa

DHS Award: \$20,000 Child Care Challenge Award: \$8,800 Total Award: \$28,800

This project is designed to construct another building to address the additional child care needed in the community. By doing this they will be able to accommodate 24 new child care slots for 3 year olds.

Project Youth, Rock Valley, Iowa

DHS Award: \$133,870 Child Care Challenge Award: \$75,000 Total Award: \$208,870

The project will allow two previously established childcare facilities to combine (Generations and Jungle Kidz). The combination will increase childcare slots by 74 (a more than 70%) increase than each center currently has individually.

Red Oak Child Development Center, Red Oak, Iowa

DHS (total) Award: \$193,580

This project will add two more classrooms to the current childcare center and add 30 infants and toddlers. This will increase our capacity and licensing from 100 to 130.

Schleswig United Church of Christ, Schleswig, Iowa

DHS Award: \$102,350 Child Care Challenge Award: \$10,000 Total Award: \$112,350

The proposed project would construct a childcare/education center in the community of Schleswig, Iowa. The Crawda Regional Center will be a licensed childcare center through Iowa Department of Human Services and will add 53 childcare slots to the community.

Little Hawks Child Care Center, Manilla, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$101,240

This project recently received an additional \$300,000 in CDBG funds through a program with IEDA. Funding for this project will go towards the procurement of items that will be used on a day-to-day basis when the childcare center is operating. These items include: classroom materials like white boards and desks, cabinetry and cubbies for children to hang their coats, and items necessary for the infant room like cribs and changing tables.

Rock Rapids Kids Club, Rock Rapids, Iowa

DHS Award: \$48,441

This project will be used by the Rock Rapids Kids Club to complete a playground on their campus and will provide a larger, safer area for children to play outdoors.

Romper Stompers, Dubuque, Iowa

DHS Award: \$456,900 Child Care Challenge Award: \$10,000 Total Award: \$466,900

This project will allow Romper Stompers to establish a second childcare center in the downtown Dubuque area called Romper Room and will expand available slots by 108 children.

Bedford Tinker Tots Daycare, Bedford, Iowa

DHS Award: \$69,020 Child Care Challenge Award: \$10,000 Total Award: \$79,020

This project involves the construction of a new facility for Tinker Tots to provide childcare for children beginning at six weeks old, a half-day preschool for children ages three through five, and school-age care that includes programs for before and after school, no school days, and summer childcare and will increase current capacity by 25.

Belmond Colts Corner Daycare Project, Belmond, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$303,870

The City of Belmond recently received a \$500,000 CDBG grant for Build a Better Belmond to renovate the existing Ramsay school building for a new childcare facility and provide 155 additional childcare spaces in the community and adding 24 to 32 new full and part-time jobs in the community.

Stepping Stones Preschool and Childcare, Avoca, Iowa

Child Care Challenge Award: \$30,000

This project involves an expansion of an existing facility by acquiring the building adjacent to the facility and by rehabilitating that space and rehabilitating additional space in our center that is currently not utilized. The expansion would add 30 additional slots.

St. Timothy Preschool and Childcare, Hudson, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$149,089

This project will add a Toddler room to an existing facility, allowing the center to serve 30 more children ages 2.6 to 3 years of age and allow families with children in different locations to utilize one location that is close to home.

Stanton Child Resource Center, Stanton, Iowa

DHS Award: \$9,388 Child Care Challenge Award: \$50,000 Total Award: \$59,388

The Stanton Child Resource Center Expansion Project is to construct a new center with 11,134 square feet, additional classroom space which would accommodate an additional 49 childcare slots for children. This initiative is led by the Stanton Child Resource Center Board of Directors, Stanton Community Development, Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, the Stanton Community School District, and the Stanton Area Industrial Foundation.

Stepping Stones Childcare, Slater, Iowa

DHS Award: \$125,000 Child Care Challenge Award: \$75,000 Total Award: \$200,000

This project is to turn the only in home provider in Slater into a fully developed childcare center in the community. The in home provider has space for 6 kids but a center would offer space for 142 children between the ages of 6 weeks and 10 years of age.

Sunflower Childcare Center, Decorah, Iowa

DHS Award: \$750,000 Child Care Challenge Award: \$10,000 Total Award: \$760,000

This project is to build a new childcare center that will increase existing childcare slots from 120 to 215 and replace an aging facility. The center serves Winneshiek County and they have 130 children on their waiting list with more parents calling almost daily who need childcare immediately. The center will meet a critical shortage in the area.

Theodore's Academy and Preschool, Sioux City, Iowa

DHS Award: \$51,700 Child Care Challenge Award: \$7,355 Total Award: \$59,055

This project is designed to expand space in a new facility that reached capacity very quickly. It is hoped the expansion will result in reducing or eliminating the wait list.

Tiger Tots, Madrid, Iowa

DHS (total) Award: \$10,500

This project will allow for refurbishing and update of an existing childcare facility to increase safety and available space within the facility.

The Learning Center, Charles City, Iowa

DHS Award: \$750,000 Child Care Challenge Award: \$25,000 Total Award: \$775,000

This project will add additional square footage and expand the number of slots by 87, insure for continued DHS best practices in each age level room; expand the Before and After School age program; provide a "mildly sick" care room; install new technology for parental use and engagement; further the partnership with the school district to foster and support young adults' choice of "early childhood education" careers and increase child care employment at the Center by more than 50 percent.

Elma Early Childhood Center Project, Elma, Iowa

DHS Award: \$111,884 Child Care Challenge Award: \$4,120 Total Award: \$116,004

This project by the Elma Early Childhood Center (EECC) project includes 3 non-profit partners on one site -- the City of Elma, the Elma Public Library, Elma Community Complex Committee, and BRIDGE Organization, Inc. (a non-profit community betterment corporation). The project will increase capacity at EECC by 15 & hire 5 new staff.

Wee Child Care Center, Davenport, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$42,215

This project is to finish a new facility within the city limits of Davenport, Iowa and provide the furnishings and supplies necessary to complete a previously started new construction project. The new facility will serve 40 children.

Wee Saints Daycare, St. Ansgar, Iowa

DHS Award: \$17,581 Child Care Challenge Award: \$1,250 Total Award: \$18,831

The project supports an expansion of an existing facility and will provide 37 additional slots in a community with a population of approximately 1,100.

Williamsburg Community Child Care Center, Williamsburg, Iowa

DHS Award (total): \$202,028

This grant will help expand current operations of a childcare facility and will add up to 86 additional child care slots for children ages 6 weeks through 6th grade.

YMCA of Ottumwa, Ottumwa, Iowa

DHS Award: \$309,600 Child Care Challenge Award: \$25,000 Total Award: \$334,600

This project will fund an expansion and renovation of an existing facility to increase the available child care slots by 50 for children ages 0-5 years.

TOTALS:

DHS Grant Awards: \$12,052,958
Child Care Challenge Grant Awards: \$1,000,414
Combined Total Awards: \$13,053,372
Number of New Childcare Slots: 4,024