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 ward: $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: $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 Crawlda Regional Center will be a licensed childcare center through Iowa Department of Human Services and will add 53 childcare slots to the community.

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: $11,951,718
Child Care Challenge Grant Awards: $1,000,414
Combined Total Awards: $12,952,132
Number of New Childcare Slots: 3,942