

# Early Childhood

Young children are the foundation of our community. Greene County is fortunate to have a variety of quality programs available to families for the care and education of their young children.

The intent of the brochure is to provide residents of Greene County with a list of resources when looking for child care, preschool or early childhood services.

*Iowa's early childhood mission is:*

**Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful.**



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**What can we offer your child birth through 4 years of age?**



*Greene County  
Early Care  
&  
Education  
Services*

## Child Care

### Child Care Resource and Referral

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) lends a helping hand to those who care for and about children. CCR&R provides a variety of services for parents, child care providers, and community groups. Our services help parents make informed choices about all aspects of care for their children. Parents are given assistance in finding quality child care. For instance, parents will be given free information and consultation on available child care options and cost factors. 800-945-9778

### Greene County Early Learning Center

"Quality Care in a Learning Environment"

515-386-2092

Our mission is to offer high quality, affordable, early care and education experiences to help prepare young children for school. We serve children 4 weeks to 12 years. Our hours of operation are 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Tracy's Tots Day Care Center

515-389-3133

Children will enjoy daily crafts, music, story time, recess, nutritious snacks and hot meals and transportation are provided. Children from age 2 weeks to 12 years are cared for at a site located adjacent to the Paton-Churdan school.

### Child Care Homes

Iowa uses a system for regulation of child development homes known as registration. The three different registration categories of child development homes are based on the number of children in care, the space available for child care, and the provider's education and experience. Providers self-certify with the DHS that their child development home meets the minimum requirements for registration. Iowa registration law limits the number of children a provider home may care for. If a provider chooses not to be registered they can only care for up to five children.

## Preschool

### Jefferson-Scranton Preschool

515-386-3178

Jefferson Scranton School District offers a preschool program for children who will be four by September 15.

### Pied Pipers Preschool

515-386-2092

Pied Pipers Preschool provides fun, educational experiences encouraging each child to become an enthusiastic learner. Located at the Greene County Early Learning Center.

### East Greene Pre K

515-436-7721

East Greene Community School offers a preschool program for children who are four years of age by September 15<sup>th</sup> of the current school year.

### Paton-Churdan Preschool

515-389-3111

Paton Churdan Community School offers a preschool program for children who are four years of age by September 15<sup>th</sup> of the current school year.

### Head Start

712-792-9266 Ext 400

New Opportunities, Inc. Head Start 3-5 provides center based preschool services for children 3-5 years old. A positive safe learning environment is created for the children in a classroom setting. Classes are held four days a week, four hours a day. Children in Greene County attend the classroom in Jefferson.

## Early Childhood Services

**H.O.P.E.S. Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success:** A home visitation program for families with children prenatal to 5, that provides parenting education and enhancement. Promotes school readiness. 515-386-3228

**Early Head Start:** A home visitation program for income eligible families. 712-792-9266 Ext 400

**Stork's Nest:** An education and incentive program for prenatal women. 515-386-3228

**WIC** Women Infant and Children 800-642-6330

**Immunizations Clinic:** Greene County Medical Center Public Health, 515-386-3228

**Child Health Specialty Clinics:** Medical services for children with special needs. 712-792-5530

**Prairie Lakes AEA/ Early Access** An interagency system of supports and services for eligible children age birth to five. It is a central point of entry for families to obtain information and services that will be beneficial for their child's development. 515-386-8188

**Parent Time Out** Gives parents a break from parenting. 800-999-5101 or 712-792-6440

**Special Care for Special People** Serving children and adults with special needs. 800-999-5101 or 712-792-6440

**Food Assistance, Family Investment Program, Medicaid or hawk-i:** Contact the Carroll Department of Human Service Office located at 866 N Court Suite C in Carroll 866-202-5968 or 712-792-4391

**Partnerships 4 Families Preschool Assistance** Partnerships 4 Families Early Childhood Iowa Area offers Preschool Assistance at participating preschools. 712-775-7926

### Greene County Early Childhood Task Force

Meets on a quarterly basis to discuss the needs of young children in Greene County. Please call Partnerships 4 Families, 712-775-7926 for time and location. 9-10