

Early Childhood

Young children are the foundation of our community. Guthrie 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 Guthrie County with a list of resources when looking for child care, preschool and early childhood services.

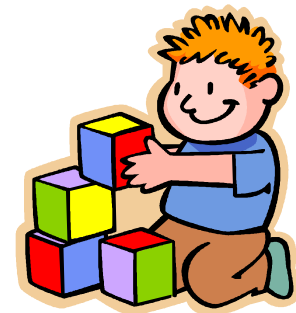
Iowa's early childhood mission is:

Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful.



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What can Guthrie County offer your child birth through 5 years of age?



*Guthrie County
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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. The services help parents make informed choices about aspects of care for their children. Parents are given assistance in finding quality child care including available options and the costs. 800-945-9778 or 888-482-8431 (MATURA)

Child Care Homes Registered

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 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.

Little Panther Daycare & Preschool

601 Panther Dr in Panora 641-755-3003

Little Panther Daycare & Preschool provides high quality, safe, and affordable child care in a loving, nurturing, and stable environment
Monday - Friday 6am - 6pm

Kid Zone Early Learning Center

207 Park Ave Guthrie Center 641-332-2028

The Early Learning Center will strive to enrich the lives of young children in a positive learning and nurturing environment.

Preschool

Adair Casey Preschool 641-746-2241

A-C offers a quality preschool to children ages three and four years of old. Please call for information.

Early Learning Center 641-755-3393

Located at the United Methodist Church in Panora, Call for current program information.

Guthrie Center Preschool 641-332-2720

Located in the Guthrie Center Elementary School, our 3 and 4 year old preschool classrooms make learning fun and exciting for all children including preschoolers with developmental delays and disabilities.

Panther Pals 641-755-2021

Located at the Panorama Elementary School, we provide an AM 3 year old program and 4 year old program in the afternoon, both meet four days a week for three hours. Children engage in problem-solving activities, develop a positive self esteem and learn how to appreciate the differences and similarities among the class members.

West Central CSD Preschool 641-524-2661

The WCV preschool has certified classroom teachers to provide a high quality program for children 4 years of age by Sept. 15th. Free tuition and transportation provided 4 days a week.

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. Classes are held four days a week, four hours a day. Classrooms are located in Guthrie Center, Panora and Coon Rapids.

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. 641-747-3972

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. 641-747-3972

WIC Women Infant and Children 800-642-6330

Immunizations Guthrie County Public Health, 641-747-3972

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

Heartland 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. 800-377-8115 or 712-792-3102

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 608 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 Tuition Assistance for families at some preschools.

Guthrie County Early Childhood Task Force: Meets on a quarterly bases to discuss the needs of young children in Guthrie County. Please call Partnerships 4 Families, 712-790-7437 for time and location. 9-10