

# 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.



  
Address: Carroll, Greene  
and Carter Counties  
Support by:  
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What can  
Greene County  
offer your child

from birth to 5 years of age?

**Greene County  
Early Care &  
Education Services**

Additional Information and Resources available at  
<http://www.partnerships4families.org>



## Child Care

### Child Care Resource & Referral

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) provides resources, education and advocacy to support quality child care. They assist families in finding care that meets their needs and talk to parents about quality indicators such as ChildNet and the Iowa Quality Rating System (QRS). Child Care Consultants provide on-site consultation to all preschools, centers, homes and before and after school programs. CCR&R also provides professional development to child care professionals and provides data to community leaders.

800-945-9778 • [www.iwaccrr.org](http://www.iwaccrr.org)

**Non-registered home providers** can care for five or fewer children at one time (including their own) and are not required to be registered. They are mostly unregulated.

**Registered Home** providers may care for six or more children at one time and agree to meet minimum health and safety standards. There are three categories of registration, based on size of house, education level and years of experience.

**Child Care Centers and Preschools** are either licensed by the Iowa Department of Human Services, or regulated by the Iowa Department of Education (if in a school building). These programs must be in compliance with standards set forth by their respective departments.

For more information about the various types of care and early education, contact Child Care Resource and Referral at **712-792-9266** or **800-945-9778**. For referrals, call **800-945-9778**.

### Greene County Early Learning Center

515-386-2092

Our mission is to offer high quality, affordable, early care and education experiences to help prepare young children for school. We have earned 4 stars on the DHS's Quality Rating System. Serving children 2 weeks to 12 years from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon-Fri. [www.gcelc.com](http://www.gcelc.com)

### Tracey'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.



## 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, Pied Pipers is a preschool program for children age 3 by September 15.

### East Greene Pre K

515-738-5721

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

### Paton-Churdan Preschool

515-389-3111

Paton Churdan Community School offers a preschool program for children who are three or four years of age by September 15th 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. **515-386-3228**

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

**HOPEful Beginnings:** An education and incentive program for prenatal women. **515-386-3228**

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

**Maternal/Child Health :** Providing support & access to various services for income eligible pregnant moms and families, including breastfeeding assistance GCMC Public Health. **515-386-3228**

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

**Child Health Specialty Clinics:** Medical services for children with special needs. <http://childhealthspecialtyclinics.org> **712-792-5530**

**Prairie Lakes AEA/ Early Access** Iowa's interagency system of early intervention services for children with or at risk of developmental delays. It is a central point of entry for families to obtain information and services that will be beneficial for their child's development.

<http://www.aea8.k12.ia.us>  
**515-386-8188**

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

**FRC Waiver Program** Serving children and adults with special needs. **800-999-5101** or **712-792-6440**

**Department of Human Service** located at 866 N Court Suite C in Carroll. **866-202-5968**

**New Opportunities Family Development Center** Services for income eligible households. [www.newopp.org](http://www.newopp.org) **515-386-2719**

**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.10-13