

## Early Childhood

Young children are the foundation of our community. In Audubon County we are fortunate to have a variety of quality programs available for families to care and educate their young children.

The intent of the brochure is to provide residents of Audubon 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.



What can  
Audubon County  
offer your child

from birth to 5 years of age?

**Audubon 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.iowaccrr.org](http://www.iowaccrr.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**.



## Preschool

### Audubon Preschool

(712)-563-3751

Audubon Community School offers a preschool program for children who are four years of age by September 15th of the current school year. Morning and afternoon sessions meet M,Th,Fri and follow the Audubon School calendar.

### St John Christian Preschool

(712)-563-3333

St John Preschool offers a Christian based education for children 3 or 4 years of age, with the focus being school readiness skills. Morning sessions meet Monday through Thursday.

### Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton Preschool

Elk Horn

(712)764-4616

Exira

(712)268-5318

Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton CSD offers preschool for children who are 4 years old by September 15 of the current school year. Preschool is in session Monday-Friday from 8:00 am - 1:30 pm and follow the school calendar.

### Head Start

(712)-792-9266 Ext. 404

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 within Audubon County attend the Audubon Head Start Classroom.



## 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 3. **641-747-3972**

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

**Nest Education** and incentive program for prenatal women. **712-304-0077**

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

**Immunizations** Audubon Co Public Health. **712-563-2226**

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

**Heartland 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. **800-377-8413** or **641-747-2212** or Carroll Office **712-792-3102**

**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. **712-792-6440**

**Department of Human Service** 608 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) **712-563-2777**

### Partnerships 4 Families Preschool Assistance

Preschool Tuition Assistance to families. Assistance is based on income and family size. **712-775-7926**

**Audubon County Early Childhood Task Force:** Meets on a quarterly basis to discuss the needs of young children in Audubon County. Please call Partnerships 4 Families, **712-775-7926**, for time and location. 10-14