



Partnerships 4 Families is the local Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) area that serves Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie Counties. ECI Areas, which represent all 99 counties in Iowa, enable local citizens to lead collaborative efforts involving early care, education, health, and human services on behalf of the children, families, and other citizens residing in the area. Their mission is to achieve the following results:

- Healthy children,
- Children ready to succeed in school,
- Safe and supportive communities,
- Secure and nurturing families, and
- Secure and nurturing early learning environments.

Our Vision is:

*Every Child, Beginning at Birth,
Will be Healthy and Successful.*



Audubon, Carroll, Greene
and Guthrie Counties

www.earlychildhood.iowa.gov

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**Guthrie
County**

What can Guthrie County offer your child

from birth to 5 years of age?

**GUTHRIE COUNTY
EARLY CARE &
EDUCATION SERVICES**



Additional Information and Resources available
at

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.

Parent Referral: 855-244-5301 • Region 3: 712-755-7321
www.iowaccrr.org

Child Care Home providers care for five or fewer children at one time (including their own) and are not registered. CCR&R can refer them if the provider passes an Iowa Abuse Registry Check. They are mostly unregulated and only visited if Department of Human Services (DHS) receives a complaint.

Child Care Homes Approved to Accept Child Care Assistance payments can care for five or fewer children at one time (including their own). They are not registered. Providers have to take twelve hours of health and safety training and pass record checks. DHS visits them once a year.

Child Development Home providers are registered. They may care for six or more children at one time. They agree to meet minimum health and safety standards and pass record checks. DHS visits them once a year.

The Iowa Department of Human Services licenses child care centers and some preschools. Centers and preschools must comply with standards set forth by their respective departments.

Licensed Centers in the county include:

KID ZONE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

207 PARK AVE • GUTHRIE CENTER

641-332-2028

LITTLE PANTHER DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

601 PANTHER DR • PANORA

641-755-3003

www.littlepantherdaycare.com

EXPLORATION AND LEARNING STATION

116 N. DIVISION ST • STUART

515-523-1150



PRESCHOOL

ADAIR CASEY PRESCHOOL

641-742-3310

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

GUTHRIE CENTER PRESCHOOL

641-332-2720

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

LITTLE PANTHER DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

641-755-3003

Little Panther offers 3 and 4 year old preschool. Preschool is included with full time daycare enrollment but also offered to the public as well. Little Panther Preschool is committed to providing positive learning experiences for each child in preparation for early success and school readiness.

PANTHER PALS PRESCHOOL & HEAD START

641-755-2021

Located at the Panorama Elementary School, we provide class options for three and four year olds through a partnership with Head Start. Children engage in problem-solving activities, develop a positive self-esteem and learn how to appreciate the differences and similarities among the class members.

www.panorama.k12.ia.us

WEST CENTRAL CSD PRESCHOOL

641-523-1018

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.

www.w-central.k12.ia.us

HEAD START/EARLY 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 Panora and Coon Rapids. www.newopp.org

The **Partnerships 4 Families website** has more information about Local Agencies and links to the agencies' websites:
www.partnerships4families.org



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**

Babies Nest: An education and incentive program for prenatal women. **641-747-3972**

Maternal/Child Health and 1st Five: Providing support & access to various services for income eligible pregnant moms and families, including breastfeeding assistance. **800-642-6330**

WIC: Supplemental nutrition program for Women Infant & Children under the age of 5 **800-642-6330**

Immunizations: Guthrie County Public Health **641-747-3972**

Child Health Specialty Clinics: Care coordination and telehealth opportunities with University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics pediatric specialist for children and youth with special health care needs. www.chsciowa.org **712-792-5530**

Heartland AEA/ Early Access: 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. **800-377-8413**

Parent Time Out/Crisis Child Care: 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 608 N Court, Suite C in Carroll. **866-202-5968**

New Opportunities Family Development Center: Services for income eligible households. www.newopp.org **641-747-3845**

Guthrie County Early Childhood Task Force: Meets on a quarterly basis to discuss the needs of young children in Guthrie County.

Please email Partnerships 4 Families p4fchildren@gmail.com for time and location or for any questions on early childhood services.