



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



**Audubon
County**

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

www.partnerships4families.org

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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:

THE CHILDREN'S NEST
712-563-3641

Our mission is to provide an environment for children that fosters healthy living, social growth and learning through positive interactions, imaginative play and individual development. Serving children 4 weeks old to school age. We are located in a wing of the senior care center at 714 N Division St. in Audubon.



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,T,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 or 712-830-9442

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.

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**

Audubon County Nest: An Education and incentive program for prenatal women. Earn free baby items.
641-747-3972

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

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: Audubon County Public Health.
712-563-2226

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 **712-92-2832**

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

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