CCR&R of Southwest Iowa receives funding through the Department of Human Services (DHS) from state and federal appropriations and from local Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) areas. These funds provide child care providers, families, and communities the services they need to enhance the upbringing of Iowa's children. These services include consultation visits, trainings and quality incentives. With more funding, CCR&R of Southwest Iowa can improve the unmet child care needs in the area.

In Fiscal Year 2022, our top priorities included supporting programs that were re-opening or struggling to stay open while also engaging in the recruitment of new programs.

Child Care Consultants: 5
Child Care Programs: 463

Together we will support child care services in Southwest Iowa, serving 17 counties. The 2021-2022 year was filled with investment in Iowa child care programs.

- We administered over $2,700,000 to providers in fifteen counties through the “Investing in Iowa Child Care” project.
- We administered over $105,500 to providers in nine counties through the “Reach For The Stars” quality improvement project.
- We administered over $26,000 to providers in ten counties through the “Go-NAPSACC” nutrition and physical activity project.
- We delivered over thirty individual training series or class topics to providers in the region. The trainings were offered by CCR&R online, in-person, or a hybrid model to local sites from a primary training location. The trainings were delivered by instructors and or Child Care Nurse Consultants with funding investments from Boost 4 Families, Corner Counties Early Childhood Area, H/M/S Early Childhood, Partnerships for Families, Quad Counties for Kids, the Iowa Department of Public Health, and the Child Care Development funding from the Iowa Department of Human Services.

With gratitude to the many funders in Southwest Iowa, Deb Martens and the Region 3 Team

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21 APPLICATION PACKETS
CCR&R serves as the entry point for all initial applications for Child Development Homes and Child Care Assistance providers. We offered 565 technical assistance supports with 21 new applications submitted to DHS.

4,568 CONSULTATION & TA
Child Care Consultants are responsive to support the needs of child care providers. Consultation and technical assistance were offered both in-person and virtually.

869 TRAINING CERTIFICATES
CCR&R is committed to offering high-quality, foundational professional development to child care providers through in-person or virtual classes.

56 VIRTUAL TRAINING HOURS
We are excited to share that during the last year, we have been able to increase our online training services by offering virtual professional development.

125 QUALITY RATING SYSTEM
Child Care Consultants helped programs finalize applications for Iowa's Quality Rating System, ending March 31, 2022.

5 IQ4K IOWA QUALITY FOR KIDS
Iowa's new Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) rolled out in April 2022. We are excited to have processed five applications in three months.

82 PARTNERSHIPS
Our Community Development Specialists worked with community partners, businesses and agencies looking to find child care solutions for their local areas. We offered 82 presentations.