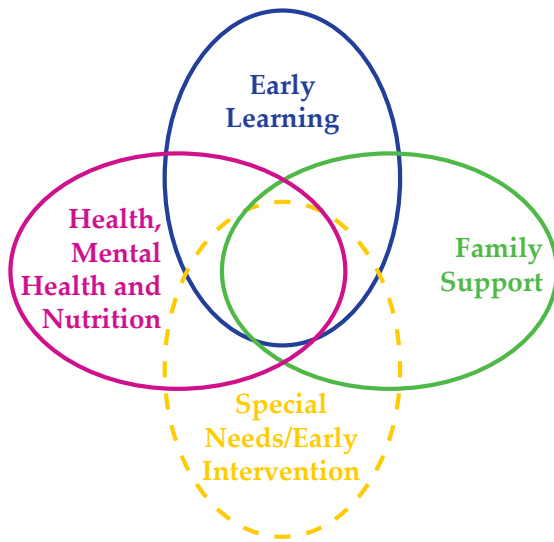




# Early Childhood Iowa 2009 Leadership Priorities



- ★ **Children Ready to Succeed in School**  
Increase access to affordable quality early learning environments for all children.  
Increase the capacity of schools to be ready to meet the educational needs of all children.
- ★ **Secure and Nurturing Families** Increase positive relationships between child and parents.  
Increase effective opportunities to learn about child development and parenting skills.
- ★ **Healthy Children** Increase access to and utilization of social, emotional and mental health services. Increase access to and utilization of preventive health care services.
- ★ **Secure and Nurture Early Care and Education Environments** Increase the number of quality early care and education environments for all children. Increase parent and community demand for quality in early care and education environments.
- ★ **Safe and Supportive Communities**  
Increase the safety of young children and families in their communities. Increase community investment in the early care, health and education system.