



Early Childhood Iowa Story Collection

Who is Early Childhood Iowa?

Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) is an alliance of stakeholders in early care, health, and education that affect children age zero to five in the State of Iowa. Its purpose is to support a comprehensive, integrated early care, health and education system for Iowa. All activities of the system are aligned around a common vision for Iowa: *Every child, beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful.*

What is the Need for Story Collection?

Story collection allows programs to determine whether or not they are making progress and whether their services are truly meeting the needs of families. Stories also allow programs to determine where gaps exist and where opportunities lie for the future ahead. Stories are also great tools to use as part of outreach and educational materials, especially when trying to send a specific message to a target population. Below are the result areas of ECI and priority goals. Use this form as an opportunity to practice sharing your story.

Healthy Children

- Increase access to and utilization of social, emotional and mental health services
- Increase access to and utilization of preventive health care services

Share Your Story:

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

Share Your Story:

Secure and Nurturing Families

- Increase positive relationships between child and parents
- Increase effective opportunities to learn about child development and parenting skills

Share Your Story:

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

Share Your Story:

Secure and Nurturing 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

Share Your Story:

Electronic form is posted on the Early Childhood Iowa Web site:

www.earlychildhoodiowa.org

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