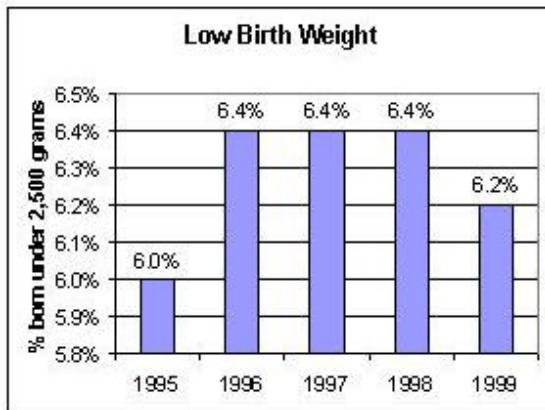
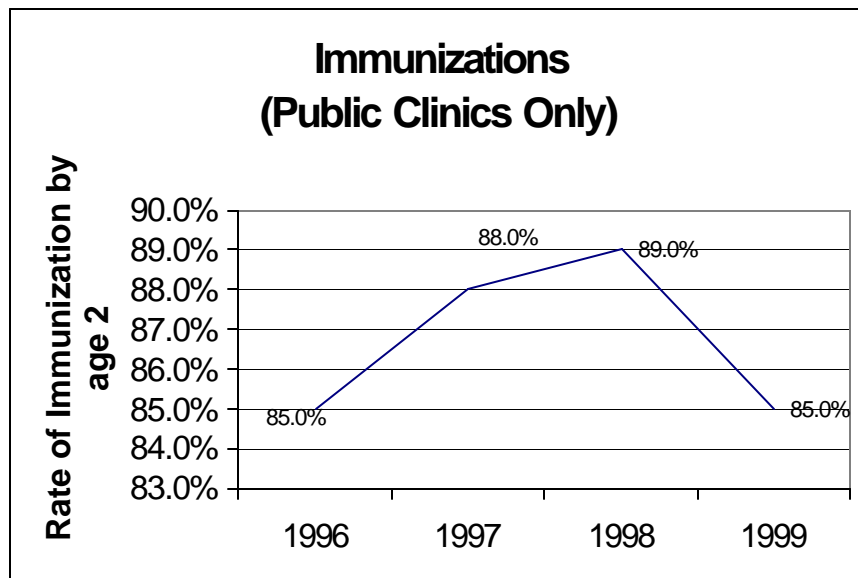


Healthy Children

To learn and grow at optimal rates, children need to be healthy. Community Empowerment supports a variety of activities to make health services available to pregnant women, infants and young children. Communities have implemented services to identify health and developmental problems early when interventions can be more effective. Home visitation, prenatal care and well baby exams including immunizations and lead screens, and parent education have been expanded through Community Empowerment.



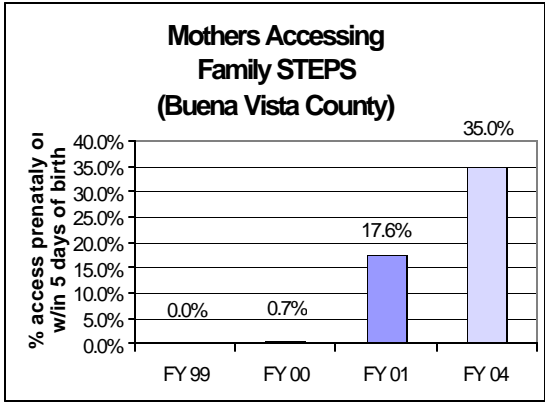
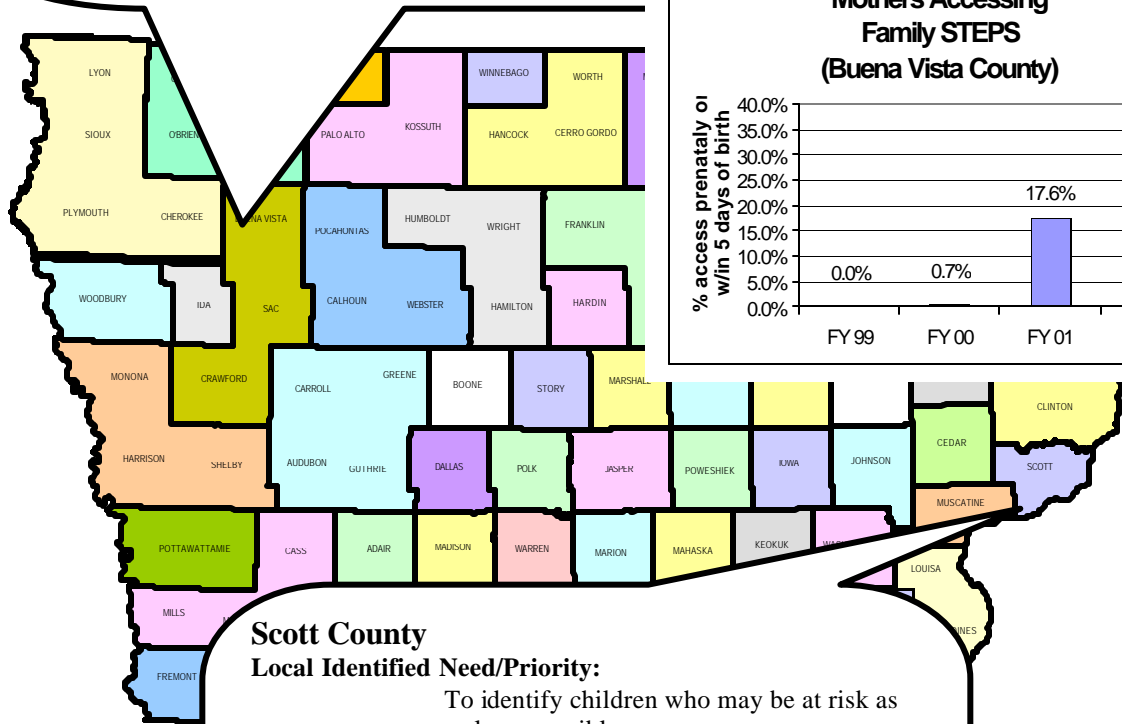
The 2001 Kids Count ranked Iowa as 10th best in the nation.



Progress Towards Results from Community Empowerment Areas

Healthy Children

Buena Vista/Crawford/Sac Counties
Local Identified Need/Priority: Improved child health, safety and development
Local Indicator: Percent of mothers accessing Family STEPS prior to or within 5 days of birth
Goal: By FY'04, 35% of mothers will access Family STEPS prior to or within 5 days of birth
Strategy(ies): Family STEPS in-home family support program, for families expecting a child or with a child 0 - 5 years



Scott County
Local Identified Need/Priority: To identify children who may be at risk as early as possible
Local Indicator: Percent of children born at Genesis Medical Center participating in the Universal Assessment
Goal: Increase number and percent of children screened
Strategy: Use of Universal Screening Assessment and referrals made to health promotion visits as indicated by assessment

