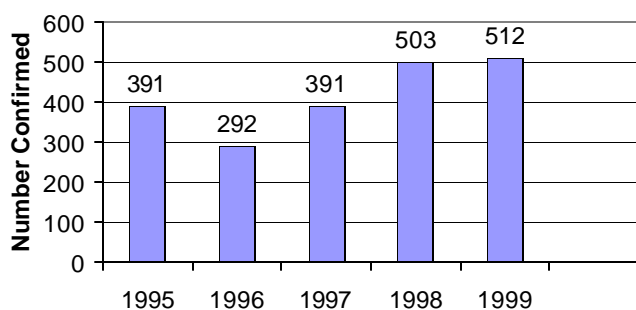


# Secure and Nurturing Child Care Environments

Research shows that high quality child care environments are positively related to children's later language, math, and behavior skills. Empowerment early childhood funds are targeted for specific quality enhancement activities. Technical assistance through training and mentoring helps child care providers deliver better care and education. Through Community Empowerment efforts, the numbers of centers, teachers, and family child care providers who participate in quality improvement activities have increased.

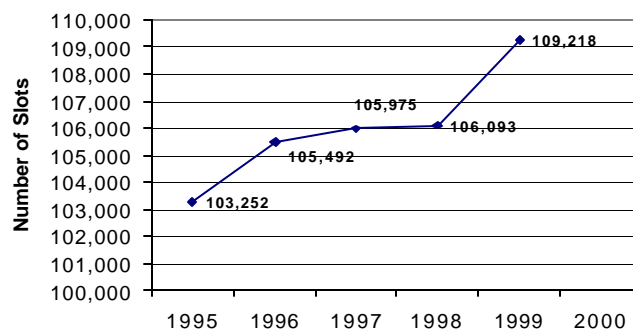


**Child Abuse in a Child Care Setting**



Confirmed abuse includes children age 0-17 in a child care setting, including baby-sitting.

**Availability of Child Care**



The number of "slots" or "spaces" represents a growth in state wide capacity of licensed and registered child care providers.

# Progress Towards Results from Community Empowerment Areas

## Secure and Nurturing Child Care Environments

### Adams County

**Local Identified Need/Priority:**

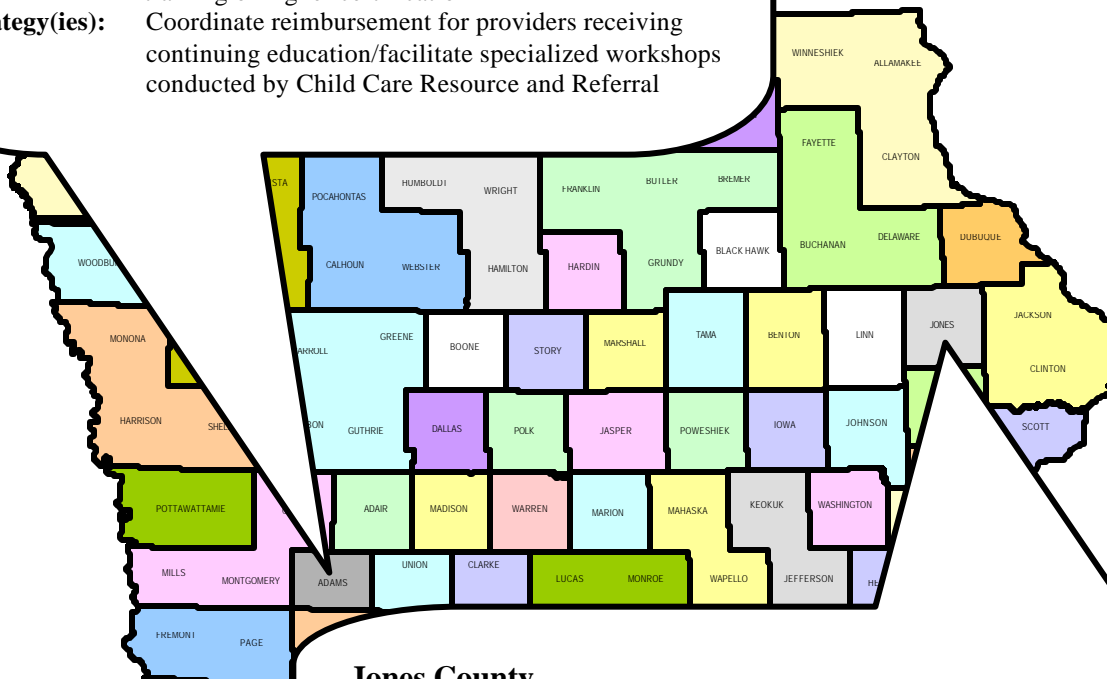
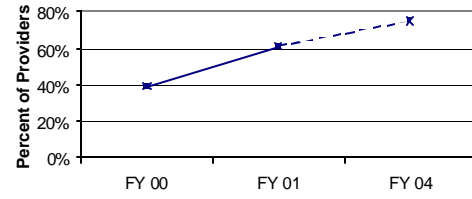
Provide warm and responsive care giving environments to all children using out-of-home services

**Local Indicator:** Percent of child care/preschool providers with Child Development Associate (CDA) training or higher certification

**Goal:** By FY '04, 75% of providers will have CDA training or higher certification

**Strategy(ies):** Coordinate reimbursement for providers receiving continuing education/facilitate specialized workshops conducted by Child Care Resource and Referral

**Providers with CDA or Higher Certification (Adams County)**



### Jones County

**Local Identified Need/Priority:**

Increase capacity and quality of child care

**Local Indicator:** Number of registered providers

**Goal:** 20% increase in the number of registered providers by FY '04

**Strategy(ies):** Use of a child care home consultant to provide education and to promote registration and licensing

**Increase Number of Registered Child Care Providers (Jones County)**

