



March 2022 Monthly Musings

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Implementing Shared Services for Child Care Businesses: Update

Early Childhood Iowa, in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Human Services, and with technical assistance from Opportunities Exchange, is launching a multi-phase Shared Services project with proven success in other states. This project is in response to a recommendation in the Governor's Child Care Task Force Report. Shared Services is a framework or management structure that allows child care businesses to pay attention to providing high quality teaching and learning, while simultaneously making sure that business and administrative tasks are performed well.

To keep stakeholders in Iowa's child care system, such as child care providers, early care and education organizations, etc., informed about the progress of the Shared Services project, we will provide monthly updates. Monthly updates will be provided via Monthly Musings and archived updates will be made available via the ECI website under [Workforce Supports](#).

- [March 2022 Shared Services Public Update](#)

EC-PBIS FY21 Annual Report

The Early Childhood Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports ([EC-PBIS](#)) [FY21 annual report](#) is now available!

Inside I-Smile

The I-Smile dental home initiative connects Iowa children and families with dental, medical, and community resources to ensure a lifetime of health and wellness. The [2021 Update on Children's Oral Health](#) in Iowa features the partnership between Early Childhood Iowa and local I-Smile programs.

FY23 MIECHV Expansion RFP

The Iowa Dept of Public Health has released the FY23 MIECHV Expansion RFP. You can find the MIECHV Expansion RFP Funding

Opportunity ID#448822 at [IowaGrants](#). To view it on IowaGrants, go to the IowaGrants home page <https://www.iowagrants.gov/index.jsp>

From the Main Menu, click on 'Grant Opportunities' from the left side. You do not log in to view this.

Make sure to open all the documents and links that go accompany the RFP.

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