

Early Childhood Iowa (Community Empowerment) Timeline

Spring 1998	<p>Empowerment Legislation Enacted \$5.2 million appropriated for School Ready Fund (distributed based on grant process) \$3.8 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund (distributed based on formula upon designation)</p>
September 1998	<p>First 3 Areas Receive Empowerment Designation School Ready Funding distributed through grant process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appanoose, Davis, Lucas & Monroe (A.D.L.M. Empowerment Area) • Lee & Van Buren • Linn
January 1999	<p>16 Areas Receive Empowerment Designation School Ready Funding distributed through grant process Adams; Black Hawk (Cedar Valley's Promise)*; Boone; Buchanan, Delaware & Fayette; Cass, Mills & Montgomery; Clinton & Jackson; Decatur; Dubuque; Emmet; Scott; Hardin; Johnson; Jones; Polk (Human Services Planning Alliance)*; Pottawattamie; Story*</p> <p>* these 3 areas received partial funding January 1, and were fully funded July 1, 1999</p>
January 1999	<p>Designation Process Separated from Funding Process</p>
January 1999	<p>15 Areas Receive Empowerment Designation Adair (Families and Communities Together); Audubon, Carroll, Greene & Guthrie (Partnerships 4 Families); Bremer, Butler, Franklin & Grundy (Communities Empowering Families Collaborative); Buena Vista, Crawford & Sac; Calhoun, Pocahontas & Webster (Linking Families and Communities); Clarke (Family First Empowerment Area); Clay, Dickinson, Osceola & O'Brien (Lakes Area Empowerment); Des Moines, Henry & Louisa; Fremont & Page (Corner Counties Empowerment Area); Hamilton, Humboldt & Wright (Building Families Empowerment Area); Marshall; Muscatine; Ringgold; Taylor; Union</p>
Spring 1999	<p>New Empowerment Legislation (SF 439) Enacted \$10.4 million appropriated for School Ready Fund (distributed based on grant process) \$3.8 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund (distributed based on formula upon designation)</p>
July 1999	<p>4 Areas Receive Empowerment Designation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allamakee, Clayton, Howard & Winneshiek (HAWC) • Kossuth & Palo Alto (PAK Empowerment) • Warren • Woodbury
August 1999	<p>8 Areas Receive Empowerment Designation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cerro Gordo, Hancock & Worth • Cherokee, Lyon, Plymouth & Sioux (Northwest Iowa Community Empowerment) • Harrison, Monona & Shelby • Iowa • Jasper • Jefferson & Keokuk • Mahaska & Wapello • Tama
September 1999	<p>7 Areas Receive Empowerment Designation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benton • Chickasaw, Floyd & Mitchell (FMC) • Dallas • Marion

"Every child, beginning at birth will be healthy and successful."

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poweshiek • Wayne • Winnebago
October 1999	12 Designated Areas Receive School Ready Funding (distributed through grant process) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allamakee, Clayton, Howard & Winneshiek (HAWC) • Audubon, Carroll, Greene & Guthrie (Partnerships 4 Families) • Buena Vista, Crawford & Sac • Chickasaw, Floyd & Mitchell (FMC) • Clay, Dickinson, Osceola & O'Brien (Lakes Area Empowerment) • Hamilton, Humboldt & Wright (Building Families Empowerment Area) • Jasper • Mahaska & Wapello • Marion • Ringgold • Taylor • Union
October 1999	2 Areas Receive Empowerment Designation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cedar • Madison
January 2000	1 Area Receives Empowerment Designation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ida
April 2000	1 Area Receives Empowerment Designation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington
April 2000	All 99 Iowa Counties Now Represented By Designated Empowerment Areas
Spring 2000	Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted \$15.6 million appropriated for School Ready Fund \$6.3 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund
October 2000	27 Designated Empowerment Areas Receive School Ready Funding Based on Formula (45% = 0-5 population at 185% of poverty; 35% = 0-5 population; 20% = base) Adair (Families and Communities Together); Benton; Bremer, Butler, Franklin & Grundy (Communities Empowering Families Collaborative); Calhoun, Pocahontas & Webster (Linking Families and Communities); Cedar; Cerro Gordo, Hancock & Worth; Cherokee, Lyon, Plymouth & Sioux (Northwest Iowa Community Empowerment); Clarke (Family First Empowerment Area); Dallas; Des Moines & Louisa (Caring CommUNITY); Fremont & Page (Corner Counties Empowerment Area); Harrison, Monona & Shelby; Henry; Ida; Iowa; Jefferson & Keokuk; Kossuth & Palo Alto (PAK Empowerment); Madison; Marshall; Muscatine; Poweshiek; Tama; Warren; Washington; Wayne; Winnebago; Woodbury (Siouxland Human Investment Partnership)
Spring 2001	Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted \$15.8 million appropriated for School Ready Fund \$6.3 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund
July 2001	School Ready & Early Childhood Grants Distributed to All 58 Empowerment Areas
January 2002	3 Areas Receive 3-year Redesignation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee/Van Buren • A.D.L.M. (Appanoose, Davis, Lucas and Monroe Counties) • Linn
Spring 2002	Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted \$14.8 million appropriated for School Ready Fund \$6.3 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund
July 2002	School Ready & Early Childhood Grants Distributed to all 58 Empowerment Areas
January 2003	34 Areas Receive 3-year Redesignation

	Adair; Adams; Allamakee, Clayton, Howard and Winneshiek (HAWC); Audubon, Carroll, Greene, and Greene (Partnerships 4 Families); Black Hawk (Cedar Valleys Promise); Boone; Bremer, Butler, Franklin and Grundy; Buchanan, Delaware and Fayette; Buena Vista, Crawford and Sac; Calhoun, Pocahontas and Webster (Linking Families and Communities); Cass, Mills, Montgomery (Boost For Families); Clarke; Clay, Dickinson, O'Brien, and Osceola (Lakes Area); Clinton, Jackson; Decatur; Dubuque; Emmet; Fremont, Page (Corner Counties); Hamilton, Humboldt, Wright (Building Families); Hardin; Johnson; Jones; Kossuth and Palo Alto (PAK); Marshall; Muscatine; Polk; Pottawattamie; Ringgold; Scott; Story; Taylor; Union; Warren; Woodbury
Spring 2003	Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted \$15.8 million appropriated for School Ready Fund \$7.3 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund
July 2003	School Ready & Early Childhood Grants Distributed to all 58 Empowerment Areas
October 2003	2.5% Across the Board Reduction in School Ready Funds
June 2004	.25% Across the Board Restoration in School Ready Funds
Spring 2004	Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted \$15.6 million appropriated for School Ready Fund \$7.2 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund
July 2004	School Ready & Early Childhood Grants Distributed to all 58 Empowerment Areas
Spring 2005	Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted \$25.6 million appropriated for School Ready Fund \$7.2 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund
January 2006	15 Areas Receive 3-year Redesignation Appanoose, Davis, Lucas and Monroe; Lee, Van Buren; Linn; Adams, Black Hawk; Boone; Cass, Mills, Montgomery; Clinton, Jackson; Dubuque; Scott; Johnson; Jones; Polk; Pottawattamie; Story 4 Areas Receive 1-Year Conditional Designation Buchanan, Delaware, Fayette; Hardin; Decatur; Emmet
Spring 2006	Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted \$38.4 million appropriated for School Ready Fund \$7.2 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund
January 2007	15 Areas Receive 3-Year Redesignation Adair; Audubon, Carroll, Greene, Guthrie; Bremer, Butler, Franklin, Grundy; Calhoun, Pocahontas, Webster; Clarke; Clay, Dickinson, Osceola, O'Brien; Hamilton, Humboldt, Wright; Kossuth, Palo Alto; Marshall; Muscatine; Ringgold; Taylor; Union; Warren; Woodbury; 3 Areas Receive 1-Year Conditional Designation Allamakee, Clayton, Howard, Winneshiek; Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac; Fremont, Page; Previous 1-Year Designation Review Buchanan, Delaware, Fayette = Unconditional for remaining two years Hardin = Unconditional for remaining two years Emmet = Unconditional for remaining two years Decatur = New board by fiscal year
Spring 2007	Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted \$38.4 million appropriated for School Ready Fund \$7.2 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund
January 2008	Areas Receive 3-Year Redesignation Benton; Cedar; Cherokee, Lyon, Plymouth, Sioux; Floyd, Mitchell, Chickasaw; Dallas; Des Moines, Louisa; Harrison, Monona, Shelby; Henry; Iowa; Jasper; Jefferson, Keokuk; Mahaska, Wapello; Marion; Tama; Washington; Winnebago 5 Areas Receive 1-Year Conditional Designation

	<p>Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Worth; Ida; Madison; Poweshiek; Wayne</p> <p>Previous 1-Year Designation Review</p> <p>Allamakee, Clayton, Howard, Winneshiek = Unconditional for remaining two years</p> <p>Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac = Unconditional for remaining two years</p> <p>Fremont, Page = Unconditional for remaining two years</p>
Spring 2008	<p>Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted</p> <p>\$40.1 million appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$36.9 million allocated to the local CEA boards)</p> <p>\$7.2 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund</p>
December 2008	1.5% Across the Board Reduction of State General Funds
January 2009	<p>Areas Receive 3-Year Redesignation</p> <p>Adams; Appanoose, Davis, Lucas, Monroe; Boone; Clinton, Jackson; Dubuque; Emmet; Jones; Lee, Van Buren; Linn; Polk; Pottawattamie; Scott; Story</p> <p>5 Areas Receive 1-Year Conditional Designation</p> <p>Black Hawk; Buchanan, Delaware, Fayette; Cass, Mills, Montgomery; Hardin; Johnson</p> <p>Previous 1-Year Designation Review</p> <p>Ida = Unconditional for remaining two years with quarterly check-in</p> <p>Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Worth = Unconditional for remaining two years, with quarterly check-in</p> <p>Madison = 2nd Year Conditional</p> <p>Poweshiek = Unconditional for remaining two years with quarterly check-in</p> <p>Wayne = 2nd Year Conditional</p>
Spring 2009	<p>Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted</p> <p>\$33.4 million appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$32.1 million allocated to the local CEA boards)</p> <p>\$7.2 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund</p>
October 2009	<p>10% Across the Board Reduction of the State General Funds</p> <p>Resulted in a decrease of \$3,015,369 to the CEA boards in the School Ready Fund</p> <p>Resulted in a decrease of \$500,000 to the CEA boards in the Early Childhood Fund</p>
January 2010	<p>Areas Receive 3-Year Redesignation</p> <p>Adair; Audubon, Carroll, Greene, Guthrie; Bremer, Butler, Franklin, Grundy; Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac; Calhoun, Pocahontas, Webster; Clay, Dickinson, Osceola, O'Brien; Fremont, Page; Hamilton, Humboldt, Wright; Kossuth, Palo Alto; Muscatine; Ringgold; Taylor; Union; Warren; Woodbury</p> <p>4 Areas Receive 1-Year Conditional Designation</p> <p>Allamakee, Clayton, Howard, Winneshiek; Clarke; Decatur; Marshall</p> <p>Previous 1-Year Designation Review</p> <p>Black Hawk = Unconditional for remaining two years</p> <p>Buchanan, Delaware, Fayette = Unconditional for remaining two years</p> <p>Cass, Mills, Montgomery = Unconditional for remaining two years</p> <p>Hardin = Unconditional for remaining two years</p> <p>Johnson = Unconditional for remaining two years</p> <p>Previous 2-Year Designation Review</p> <p>Madison = Unconditional for remaining one year</p> <p>Wayne = Unconditional for remaining one year</p>
Spring 2010	At the close of the 2010 legislative session, SF2366 was signed into law making appropriations to backfill FY10 preschool support funds to the CEA boards in the amount of \$877,215.
Spring 2010	<p>Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted</p> <p>\$26.37 million appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$25,287,842M allocated to the local CEA boards)</p> <p>\$6.35 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund</p>
July 2010	Early Childhood Iowa (Iowa Code 256I) merges previously legislated Early Childhood Iowa and Community Empowerment legislations.

	Redesignation process replaced with Levels of Excellence (LOE) Rating System
July 2010	Henry and Washington Counties merge into one ECI area, making 57 areas that cover the state
Fall 2010	Iowa Empowerment Board suspended the redesignation process for one year to allow for the development of the Levels of Excellence Rating System. This also allowed each board to remain at their current designation status until their scheduled LOE review. (This decision was made at the September 2009 Iowa Empowerment Board meeting to provide ample notice to area boards that begin preparation for this process up to a year in advance.)
Spring 2011	Levels of Excellence Rating System was piloted in two ECI areas: Lakes and Polk County
Spring 2011	Legislation Appropriating Early Childhood Iowa Funding Enacted \$23,179,424 appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$21,999,794 allocated to the local ECI Area boards) \$6.25 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund
Winter 2011	12 ECIA boards complete the first cycle of Levels of Excellence Rating System designation reviews.
Spring 2012	Legislation Appropriating Early Childhood Iowa Funding Enacted \$23,179,424 appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$21,999,794 allocated to the local ECI Area boards) \$6.35 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund (of this total, \$6,246,000 allocated to the local ECI Area boards)
July 2012	Benton and Tama Counties merge; Boone and Story Counties merge; Cedar and Jones Counties merge; Clarke, Decatur and Wayne Counties merge; Hardin and Marshall Counties merge; resulting in 45 total ECI areas covering all 99 Iowa counties.
July 2012	Levels of Excellence ratings adopted by the ECI State Board: Probation – Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Worth ECI area; LAKES ECI area; Jefferson, Keokuk ECI area. Compliant - Benton, Tama ECI area; Boone, Story ECI area; Cedar, Jones ECI area; Chickasaw, Floyd, Mitchell ECI area; Clarke, Decatur, Wayne ECI area; Hardin, Marshall ECI area; Polk ECI area; Harrison, Monona, Shelby ECI area. Model – Des Moines, Louisa ECI area.
January 2013	3 area boards that were rated Probation completed all requirements of their improvement plans and were granted Compliant level status for the remainder of the 3-year LOE cycle.
Spring 2013	Legislation Appropriating Early Childhood Iowa Funding Enacted \$23,179,424 appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$21,999,794 allocated to the local ECI Area boards) \$6.35 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund (of this total, \$6,245,000 allocated to the local ECI Area boards) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Source of the Early Childhood funds changed from federal to state within the CCDF fund at DHS
July 2013	Adams, Ringgold, Taylor and Union ECI area boards merge; Iowa and Jefferson, Keokuk ECI area boards merge; Jasper, Marion and Poweshiek ECI area boards merge; resulting in 39 total ECI areas covering all 99 Iowa counties.
July 2013	Levels of Excellence ratings adopted by the ECI State Board: Probation – Mahaska, Wapello ECI area; Pottawattamie County ECI area Compliant – Adams, Ringgold, Taylor, Union ECI area; Appanoose, Davis, Lucas, Monroe ECI area; Cherokee, Lyon, Plymouth, Sioux ECI area; Clinton, Jackson ECI area; Iowa, Jefferson, Keokuk ECI area; Jasper, Marion, Poweshiek ECI area; Scott County ECI area Quality – Johnson County ECI area; Lee, Van Buren ECI area; Muscatine County ECI area Model – Linn County ECI area; Dubuque County ECI area

July 2013	The ECI State Board granted a one year extension to the Together 4 Families ECIA (Bremer, Butler, Franklin, Grundy) in order to meet the LOE requirements.
Spring 2014	Legislation Appropriating Early Childhood Iowa Funding Enacted \$23,179,424 appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$21,999,794 allocated to the local ECI Area boards) \$6.35 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund (of this total, \$6,300,000 allocated to the local ECI Area boards)
July 2014	2 area boards that were rated Probation completed all requirements of their improvement plans and were granted Compliant level status for the remainder of the 3-year LOE cycle.
July 2014	Levels of Excellence ratings adopted by the ECI State Board: Probation – Allamakee, Clayton, Howard, Winneshiek; Cass, Mills, Montgomery; Ida, Woodbury Compliant – Black Hawk; Buchanan, Delaware, Fayette; Fremont, Page; Hamilton, Humboldt, Wright Quality – Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac; Henry, Washington Model – Adair, Dallas, Madison, Warren; Audubon, Carroll, Greene, Guthrie; Calhoun, Pocahontas, Webster; Emmet, Kossuth, Palo Alto, Winnebago
Spring 2015	Legislation Appropriating Early Childhood Iowa Funding Enacted \$23,179,424 appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$21,999,794 allocated to the local ECI Area boards) \$6.35 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund (of this total, \$6,300,000 allocated to the local ECI Area boards)
July 2015	Des Moines, Henry, Louisa, and Washington area boards merge, resulting in 38 total ECI areas covering all 99 Iowa counties.
July 2015	3 area boards that were rated Probation completed all requirements of their improvement plans and were granted Compliant level status for the remainder of the 3-year LOE cycle
July 2015	Levels of Excellence ratings adopted by the ECI State Board: Probation - Bremer, Butler, Franklin, Grundy; Boone, Story; Clay, Dickinson, Osceola, O'Brien Compliant – Benton, Tama; Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Worth; Chickasaw, Floyd, Mitchell; Clarke, Decatur, Wayne; Polk Quality – Harrison, Monona, Shelby Model – Cedar, Jones; Hardin, Marshall
Spring 2016	Legislation Appropriating Early Childhood Iowa Funding Enacted \$23,179,424 appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$21,999,794 allocated to the local ECI Area boards) \$6.35 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund (of this total, \$6,300,000 allocated to the local ECI Area boards)
Spring 2016	Legislation about ECI was passed. SF2299 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) State Board, ECI area boards, and other state and local government agencies provide support, leadership, and facilitation of the growth of individual, community, and state responsibility in addressing the desired results for improving the quality of life in Iowa for young children and their families. •clarify that the ECI State Board must consider a community's current coverage of family support programs and services when responding to an area board's request for a waiver from the requirement to commit at least 60% of state funding to programs with a home visitation component. • removes references relating to a level of excellence rating system to be used in the State Board's designation process for area boards. A designation process is still required by requires the ECI State Board to determine the process. •eliminates the requirement that the composition of an ECI area board include representation from early care interests. "Early care" means the programs, services, support, or other assistance made available to a parent or other person who is involved with addressing the health and education needs of a child from zero

	<p>through age five.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes changes to the duties of an ECI board relating to the development of a comprehensive community plan for children from zero through age five. • amends provisions relating to the school ready children grant program and also eliminates the option that child care services funded by a school ready children grant may include nurse consultants. • provides that once an ECI area board receives a school ready children grant, receipt of continued funding by the ECI area board is subject to submission of the required annual report and the ECI State Board's determination that the ECI area board is making progress, through the use of specific, quantifiable performance measures and locally identified community-wide indicators, toward achieving the desired results and other results identified in the community plan. Each ECI area board is required to participate in the designation process established by the ECI State Board to measure the ECI area's success. If the use of performance measures and community-wide indicators does not show that an ECI area board has made progress toward achieving the results identified in the community plan, the State Board shall require a corrective action plan, provide technical assistance, withhold any increase in funding, or withdraw grant funding. • eliminates the requirement that grant moneys be adjusted for other federal and state grant moneys to be received by the area for services to children from zero through age five. • provides that an ECI area board's designation shall be determined by evidence of successful collaboration among public and private early care, education, health, and human services interests in the area or a documented program design that supports a strong likelihood of a successful collaboration between these interests. • eliminates the requirement that the Department of Management provide information to the ECI State Board regarding the extent and frequency of usage of the ECI internet site or sites and that such information be included in the Board's annual report. • eliminates the Early Childhood funding distribution formula and gives the ECI State Board the authority to change the formula. • References to "home visitation program" in Code Chapter 256I are replaced with references to "family support program", and a conforming Code change is made in Code Chapter 135.106 (Healthy Families Programs). The bill provides that it is the intent of the Legislature to give priority to family support program funding using evidence-based or promising program models, and in order to implement this legislative intent, the bill provides that, by July 1, 2016, 90 percent of state funds expended for family support programs shall be used for evidence-based or promising program models.
July 2016	3 area boards that were rated Probation completed all requirements of their improvement plans and were granted Compliant level status for the remainder of the 3-year LOE cycle
July 2016	Levels of Excellence ratings adopted by the ECI State Board: Probation- Appanoose, Davis, Lucas and Monroe; Cherokee, Lyon, Plymouth, Sioux; Jasper, Marion, Poweshiek; Mahaska, Wapello Compliant- Adams, Ringgold, Union, Taylor; Quality- None Model- Clinton, Jackson; Muscatine; Pottawattamie; Scott
Spring 2017	2 area boards that were rated Probation completed all requirements of their improvement plans and were granted Compliant level status for the remainder of the 3-year LOE cycle
Spring 2017	SF 130 reduced the FY 17 School Ready Fund by 3.75%
Spring 2017	Legislation Appropriating FY 18 Early Childhood Iowa Funding Enacted \$22,162,799 appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$20,938,169 allocated to the local ECI Area boards) \$5.85 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund (of this total, \$5,800,000

	allocated to the local ECI Area boards)
July 2017	2 area boards that were rated Probation completed all requirements of their improvement plans and were granted Compliant level status for the remainder of the 3-year LOE cycle
July 2017	Levels of Excellence ratings adopted by the ECI State Board: Probation- Fremont, Page; Hamilton, Humboldt, Wright; Howard, Allamakee, Winneshiek, and Clayton Compliant- Blackhawk; Buchanan, Delaware, Fayette; Ida, Woodbury; Iowa, Jefferson, Keokuk; Johnson; Lee and Van Buren Quality- None Model- None