

# FY14 EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA LAKES REGION NEED

NEEDS	Clay	Dickinson	O'Brien	Osceola	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
	<b>Counties with this concern</b>					
<b>AEA/EARLY ACCESS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>ACCESS TO DIAPHERS/ WIPES</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>BUDGETING CLASSES</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>		
<b>CHILD CARE</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>		infant, special needs, evening, night, weekend

<b>CLOTHING</b>				<b>1</b>		
<b>COORDINATED INTAKE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>COUNSELING</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		Need affordable & free
<b>CULTURAL CHALLENGES</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	Recent CPPC & ECI training	increasing Hispanic population
<b>DENTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>I-Smile</b>	Dentist won't accept Title 19
<b>DIVORCE</b>				<b>1</b>		
<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>		Need for shelters
<b>DRUG, ALCOHOL, SUBSTANCE ABUSE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous	
<b>EMERGENCY RENT ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>1</b>			
<b>FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>		

<b>FATHERHOOD PROGRAMS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	Family Support programs encourage father involvement	Lost funding for "Lifetime Dads"
<b>FOOD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>FOSTER CARE</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>		
<b>HEAD START</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>HEALTH &amp; NUTRITION</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>HOUSEHOLD ITEMS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>		
<b>IDENTIFYING CHILDREN WITH ISSUES</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	more screenings done	
<b>LANGUAGE BARRIERS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	ESL classes	Need access to translators, increase in Hispanic population

<b>LOW WAGES/ UNEMPLOYMENT</b>			<b>1</b>			
<b>MEDICAL SPECIALIST</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>		Need Pediatricians
<b>MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>		
<b>MENTORING</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>		
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			Car Seat Safety Classes	
<b>PARENT EDUCATION</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	Many Family Support programs offer intensive parent education	
<b>PRESCHOOL AND NURSERY SCHOOL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>		
<b>PREVENTATIVE SERVICES</b>			<b>1</b>			
<b>RECREATIONAL FACILITIES/ PROGRAMS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		Need more indoor play areas

<b>RESPITE CARE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	Suggested offering church Bible Schools as opportunities for short term respite	Need emergency respite, funding reduced
<b>RESOURCE DIRECTORY</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	ECI LR expanded to 4 counties in 2014	
<b>SAFE ENVIRONMENT</b>	<b>1</b>					
<b>SAFE WALK TO SCHOOLS</b>	<b>1</b>					
<b>SINGLE PARENTING</b>				<b>1</b>		
<b>SUPPORT GROUPS</b>			<b>1</b>			Needed for special needs families
<b>TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		Need for skill training to be marketable
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	Voluntary Action Center may be able to apply for transportation grant for Dickinson in next year if needed	

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**The ECI LR Needs Assessment was emailed out to numerous social service agencies and businesses that provide input. Input was requested at community meetings in all four counties and on the website. Board members and EC family and community members input as well. Finally, the FY13 Parent Summit results and the Public Health counties were added into the results. 23 responses received, most of which had group input.**

# KIDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

NUMBER OF COMMENTS	STATISTICS	RESOURCES
<b>Number of surveys noting this concern</b>		
<b>1</b>		Northwest AEA, Prairie Lakes AEA
<b>1</b>		Love INC - O'Brien/Osceola, Kids First - First Christian, Spencer; Dream Center
<b>8</b>		Love INC, Cherish Center (Pregnant), low income housing & apartments
<b>5</b>	44% spend more than income, 60% difficulty covering expenses	Love INC, O'Brien/Osceola, ISU Extension
<b>13</b>	50 providers on DHS childcare site - none accept special needs	Child Care Resource & Referral, Hope Haven, Quality raised by Hand in Hand & CCR&R, Blank will train providers & families on special needs, ISU Ext offers provider trainings

<b>1</b>		2nd hand stores; St Joseh, Milford; UDMO
<b>2</b>		SEED group has started this process, new grant coming out in June
<b>5</b>		Compass Pointe, Seasons, LSI, Hope Haven, Cherish Center, Bethany
<b>2</b>		KIDS has Hispanic worker, Love INC
<b>5</b>		
<b>1</b>		NW IA Collaborative Law Professionals
<b>3</b>	No shelters in 4 counties	CAASA, Seasons
<b>8</b>		Compass Pointe, Seasons, family support services, simulation doll presentations by BCBB, KIDS or Hand in Hand
<b>1</b>		Clay County Guardian Angel Fund
<b>3</b>		LSI, KIDS, BCBB, Parent Partners, Seasons, Early Access, Cherish Center, Matura, Early HS, Time Out Nursery, UDMO, YMCA, Atlas



<b>7</b>		Parent Partners lining up several 24/7 Dads sessions
<b>3</b>		UDMO; Love INC; Dream Center; Hope Reform, Spencer; Spirit Lake Fellowship; Living Water church & Crossroads Church, Sheldon; backpack programs in 3 counties, Clay CAC Guardian Angel Fund
<b>7</b>		LSI
<b>3</b>		
<b>8</b>		Issue shared through many family support programs, Public Health, Hospitals
<b>7</b>		Obama Care
<b>1</b>		Love INC, 2nd hand stores, Salvation Army, Spencer
<b>1</b>		Early Access, BCBB, KIDS, AEA, Head Start
<b>2</b>		KIDS has Hispanic worker, Love INC

<b>1</b>		IA Workforce Development, Aventure, Vocational Rehab, Love INC
<b>7</b>		
<b>11</b>		Seasons, Compass Pointe, Hope Haven
<b>8</b>		Positively Spencer Youth, YMCA Kinship, Cherish Center (adult), Love INC (adult), Timber Bay
<b>2</b>		Public Health
<b>9</b>		Boys Town, Love & Logic (Dickinson), Love Inc, Cherish Center, Dad's Group
<b>4</b>		ECI LR preschool Scholarships, SWVP
<b>1</b>		
<b>4</b>		YMCA - non-profit/scholarships, city Rec programs

<p><b>10</b></p>	<p>Child Abuse Prevention money lost after FY15 not evidenced based</p>	<p>Hope Haven; Time Out Nursery, Dickinson</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>		<p>ECI LR website, ISU Extension</p>
<p><b>1</b></p>		
<p><b>1</b></p>		<p>IWALK grant, Clay</p>
<p><b>1</b></p>		<p>Family Support Programs</p>
<p><b>1</b></p>		<p>Atlas; Bereaved Parents, Okoboji; CAASA; Time Out Nursery, Milford; Compass Point; GriefShare, Okoboji</p>
<p><b>1</b></p>		<p>Professional - CPPC group, EIC LR; Job training - see unemployment</p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p>RIDES is \$4 one way</p>	<p>RIDES; transportation vouchers from CPPC &amp; Clay CAC; volunteer drivers - Atlas, Love INC, Voluntary Action Center</p>

<b>179</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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I LR Providers were asked to request  
th Needs Assessments for all four**