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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2025

Fiscal Services Division

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## LEAD-K Program

### Purpose and History

During its 2022 session, the Legislature established the Language Equality and Acquisition for Deaf Kids (LEAD-K) Program in Iowa, including a comprehensive Family Support Mentoring Program that meets the language and communication needs of families (2022 Iowa Acts, chapter [1094](#)). The Family Support Mentoring Program pairs parents who provide their consent with other families of deaf or hard-of-hearing children or with an adult deaf mentor. Parents or guardians of deaf or hard-of-hearing children are able to work with the families and share their experience and knowledge with others.

### Funding

The LEAD-K Family Support Mentoring Program received its first annual General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 in FY 2024.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

2022 Iowa Acts, chapter [1094](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [256B—10](#)

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### More Information

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