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Early Head Start Projects

Program Overview

This General Fund appropriation is used for the implementation and expansion of Early Head Start pilot projects. These projects address the comprehensive cognitive, social, emotional, and developmental needs of children from birth to three years old, including prenatal support for qualifying families. The projects must promote healthy prenatal outcomes and positive family functioning, as well as strengthen the development of infants and toddlers in low-income families. Priority is given to organizations that have previously qualified for and received State funding to administer an Early Head Start project.

Funding

Early Head Start projects receive a $575,000 General Fund appropriation. The program was first funded in FY 2008 when the Department of Education received a $400,000 General Fund appropriation for transfer to the Department of Human Services for Early Head Start projects to replace expired federal funding. Early Head Start projects were then funded in FY 2009 at $400,000 through a combination of appropriation and allocation. The projects did not receive a State General Fund appropriation from FY 2010 through FY 2013.

Early Head Start is also supported with federal funds. Grantees of federal Early Head Start funding must match 25.0% of the funds received with local and State (nonfederal) sources.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Administrative Code 281

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More Information

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