

Narrowing the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) issue.
“A Providers Perspective”

Providers of ECCE average a \$14,500.00 annual salary.
Often they work with limited (if any) employment benefits: health insurance and retirement are primary examples.

Providers serve over 150,00 of Iowa’s youngest children, 0 – 5.

The service they provide supports over 79% of Iowa’s workforce.

In Iowa, families that are purchasing this service, pay on the low end \$4,500.00 (as a rule this reflects lower quality programs that adversely affect children’s growth) to \$8,500.00, per child per year.

Ensure that the Quality Rating System provides for significant increases in state reimbursement rates and Provider training incentives for achieving the indicated quality!

Addressing this Iowa issue is a Critical Need!

Brain research overwhelmingly states: The rest of children’s lives – their success in school, in business, in life - are tremendously impacted by the experiences they have these first 5 years of life.

The state dollars that Iowa “puts into the system” ranks us 45th among all states!

Investing in ECCE pays great dividends. All examples are Research based.

- Families are more successful when they must work and children are well cared for.
- Employers do better because employee attendance and productivity are better.
- Communities thrive because they are structured to meet critical community needs.
- Schools save money because there are less remedial expenses.
- Justice systems save money because fewer children are in them!

***Investing in Early Childhood Care and Education
are Economic Investments for All Iowa!***

**- Early Education Benefits Association –
“We Support Providers and the Families they care for!”**

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