

# Families and communities Together

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**Vision Statement:** *“Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful”*

**Mission Statement:** *FACT Empowerment enhances community resources to meet the needs of families and young children with quality support and services”*

## **Empowerment Indicators:**

- # of children enrolled in Hawk-I and Medicaid
- % of kindergartners who had a preschool experience
- Employment Rate
- # of confirmed child abuse for children 5 years and under
- # of licensed and registered child care slots (*licensed capacity*)
- # of licensed and/or Dept of Ed preschool slots (*licensed capacity*)
- % of participating child care providers at each level of the voluntary QRS system
- % of participating preschools at each level of the QRS System

## **Empowerment Guiding Principles:**

- Collaboration promotes the most effective and efficient use of resources.
- Citizen involvement strengthens a community’s ability to face challenges and create positive outcomes.
- Empowered families make healthy decisions to enhance their quality of life.
- Healthy families are the foundation of strong communities.

## **Empowerment Priorities:**

- Family support opportunities
- Professional development opportunities
- Preschool enrichment opportunities, including access to and quality
- Child care enrichment opportunities, including quality and capacity building
- Supportive of research based and/or evidence based practices
- Demonstrate performance measures for input, output, quality/efficiency, and outcomes

### **Did You Know**

It costs more the longer a child is in the system.  
A detailed analysis in 2000 of 220 highly complex DHS cases showed that for the average child, Iowa spent:

- \$9,000 per child during the first year in care
- \$10,000 during the second year
- \$12,000 during the third year
- \$19,000 during the four year, and
- \$38,000 during the fifth year

### **Services Supported by FACT Empowerment**

- ◆Great Starts
- ◆Child Care Nurse Consultant
- ◆Preschool Enhancement Project
- ◆Growing Strong Families
- ◆Family Rewards
- ◆Child Care Quality Project
- ◆Service Coordination and Collaboration

# 2009 Accomplishments and Facts

## Family Support & Parent Education

### Who Were Served:

- ▶ 182 children received developmentally appropriate instruction
- ▶ 110 families participated in parent education opportunities
- ▶ 753 face to face visits were provided either in the their home or in a group setting

### What Difference It Made:

- ▶ 75% of families improved or maintained family functioning, problem solving and communication
- ▶ 95% of families increased or maintained social supports
- ▶ 71% of families were connected to additional concrete supports
- ▶ 80% of families had an increase in knowledge about child development and parenting
- ▶ 64% of families improved nurturing and attachment between the parent and child

### Did You Know?

85% of a child's brain develops in the first three to five years of his or her life? The FACT Empowerment Area is working to build a strong, comprehensive early care, health and education system for children to be healthy and successful.

## Child Care & Preschool

- \*61 children received preschool tuition assistance
- \*73 children received transportation assistance
- \*65 children received dental screenings
- \*91 children received lead screenings
- \*49 children received preschool physicals
- \*81 children received immunizations
- \*5 out of 17 child development homes have a quality rating
- \*5 out of 6 preschools have a quality rating
- \*46 visits were provided by a child care nurse consultant

## Facts About Adair County

### There are:

17 registered child care providers  
6 DHS licensed or Department of Education preschools  
412 children ages 0-5  
92 births

### Are you aware that:

89% of fall 2008 kindergarteners had a preschool experience  
The unemployment rate is 4.7% compared to the state rate of 6.2%  
33% of Adair County children 0-18 are enrolled in Hawk-i and/or Medicaid  
Adair County ranks 28<sup>th</sup> in the state for child abuse  
Over 95% of empowerment funding was spent on direct service to families

### Want to learn more or get involved with early childhood in Adair County?

Visit the websites below  
[www.adairempowerment.org](http://www.adairempowerment.org)  
or  
<http://www.empowerment.state.ia.us>  
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