

THRIVING FAMILIES  
**ALLIANCE**

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early childhood  
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**Boost**  
4 Families



**Cass, Mills, Montgomery**

**Annual Report and  
Program Trends  
2020 – 2023**

# Overview

ECI RESULT AREA		COMMUNITY-INDICATORS
	HEALTHY CHILDREN	Low Birth Weight Child Immunization
	CHILDREN READY TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL	Kindergarten Students Meeting Benchmark Proficiency of 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students (Reading and Math) Graduation Rate
	SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES	Crime Rate Unemployment Rate
	SECURE AND NURTURING FAMILIES	Incidence of Child Abuse Child Poverty Rate Teen Birth Rate
	SECURE AND NURTURING EARLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS	Child Care Providers and Spaces by Type Childcare providers rated on the Quality Rating System (QRS or IQ4K)

<b>Priorities</b>	
1	Health status of children.
2	High quality family support and parent education opportunities.
3	High quality preschool environments with capacity to serve all preschool age children within the local Early Childhood Area.
4	High quality childcare environments with adequate capacity.

## TARGET POPULATION:

Children aged 0-5, their families, and prenatal women. Boost 4 Families- Cass, Mills, Montgomery Early Childhood Area, provides funding for services to improve the lives and outcomes directly or indirectly for children, families, and communities.

ECI FUNDING	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Early Childhood Allocation*	\$76,466	\$77,112	\$75,443	\$ 70,949
School Ready Allocation*	\$360,847	\$356,428	\$364,218	\$ 299,717
<b>Total Funds*</b>	<b>\$437,313</b>	<b>\$433,540</b>	<b>\$439,661</b>	<b>\$370,666</b>

\*Totals exclude 5% Early Childhood Admin Allocation and 3% School Ready Admin Allocation

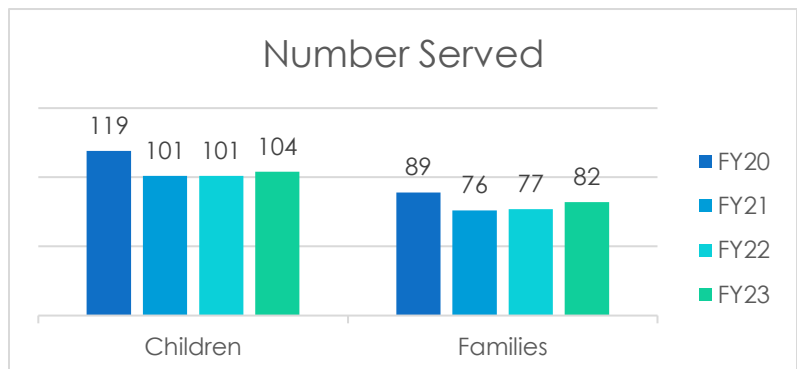
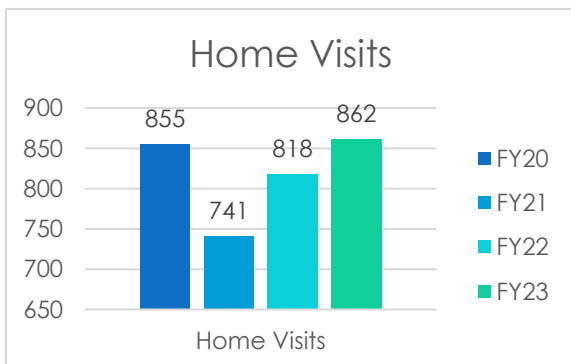
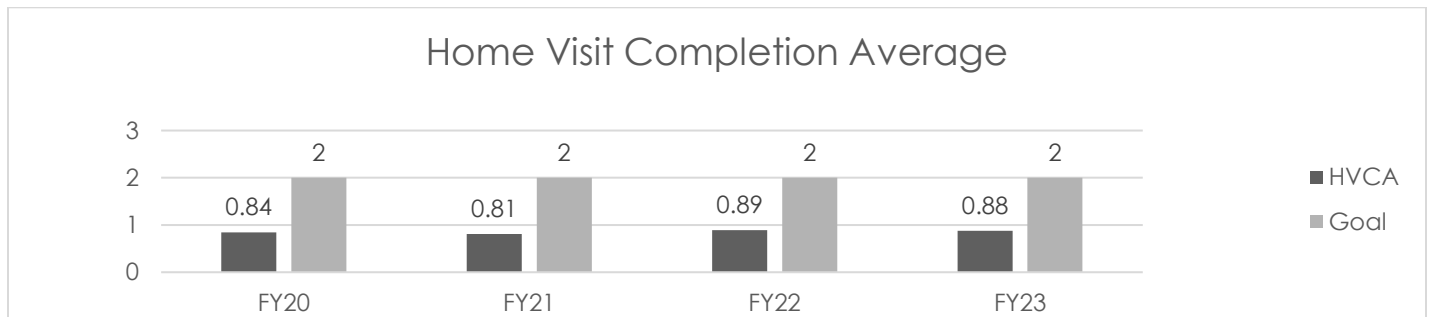
# Family Support

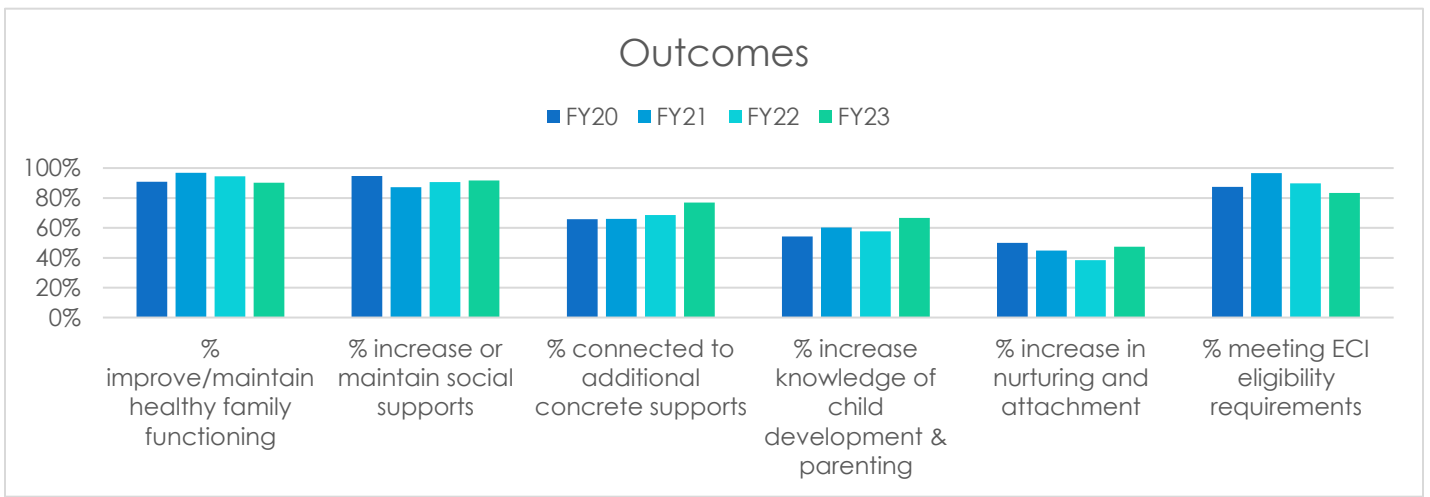
## Service Type: Long Term Home Visitation

(Service Providers: Cass County Public Health, Mills County Public Health, & Southwest Iowa Families)

Performance Measures	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
ECI Funds	\$213,128.36	\$240,426.03	\$258,000	\$238,820
ECI Cost per Child	\$1,790.99	\$2,380.46	\$2,554.46	\$2,296.35
# of Children Served	119	101	101	104
# of Families Served	89	76	77	82
# of Home Visits	855	741	818	862
% of children screened for developmental delay	68.2%	66.7%	74.2%	75.3%
% screened positive for delays	32%	29%	43.5%	37.1%
% of children screened for early intervention or currently in services	66.7%	44.5%	76.6%	76.9%
% of families that improve/maintain healthy family functioning	90.8%	96.8%	94.4%	90.2%
% of families that increase or maintain social supports	94.7%	87.1%	90.7%	91.8%
% of families connected to additional concrete supports	65.8%	66.1%	68.5%	77%
% that increase knowledge of child development & parenting	54.3%	60.3%	57.7%	66.7%
% of families that increase in nurturing and attachment	50%	44.8%	38.5%	47.4%
% of families meeting the ECI eligibility requirements	87.5%	96.7%	89.7%	83.3%
Home Visit Completion Average*	.84	.81	.89	.88

\* New data set to align with state quality requirements, min. requirement is 2 visits per month per family. This data shows the average number of visits received per month, per family.

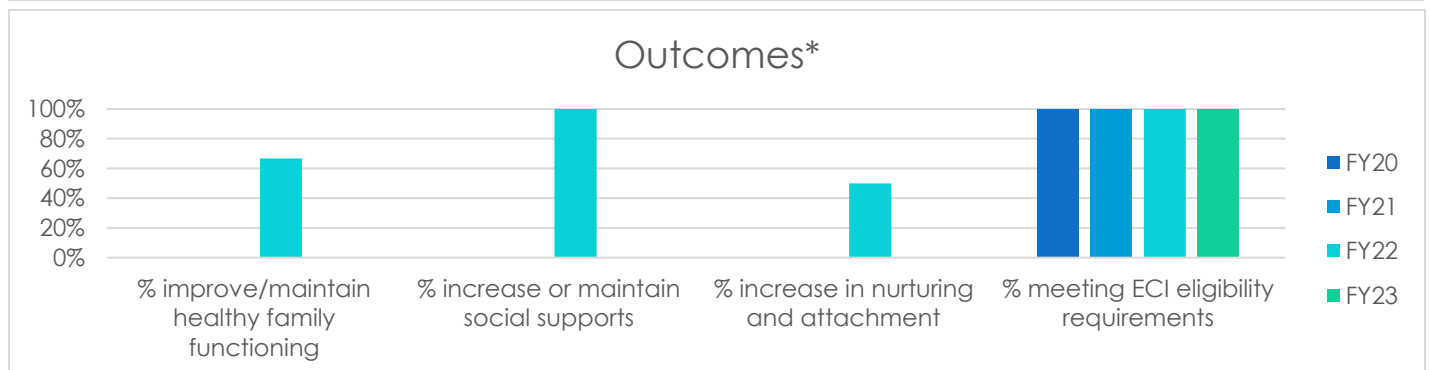
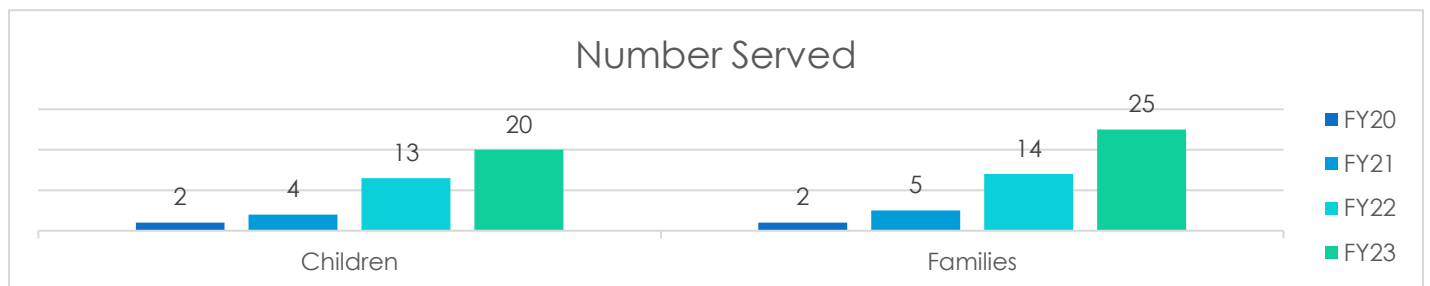




**Service Type:** Group Based Parent Education  
(Service Providers: Southwest Iowa Families)

Performance Measures	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
ECI Funds	\$3,500	\$3,800	\$4480	\$5,500 (DECAT)
Cost per Family	\$1,750	\$760	\$320	\$220 (DECAT)
# of Children Served	2*	4	13	20
# of Families Served	2*	5	14	25
% of children screened for developmental delay	0%	0%	0%	20%
% screened positive for delays	0%	0%	0%	0%
% of families that improve/maintain healthy family functioning	0%*	0%*	66.7%	0%*
% of families that increase or maintain social supports	0%*	0%*	100%	0%*
% of families that increase in nurturing and attachment	0%*	0%*	50%	0%*
% of families meeting the ECI eligibility requirements	100%	100%	100%	100%

\* There are limitations that currently apply to these data points due to changes in the statewide data collection.

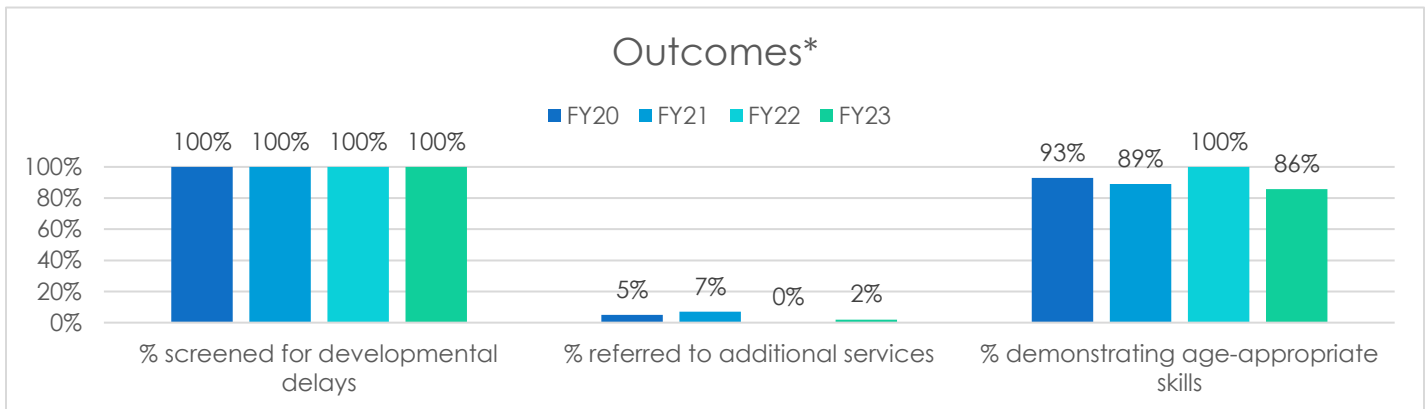
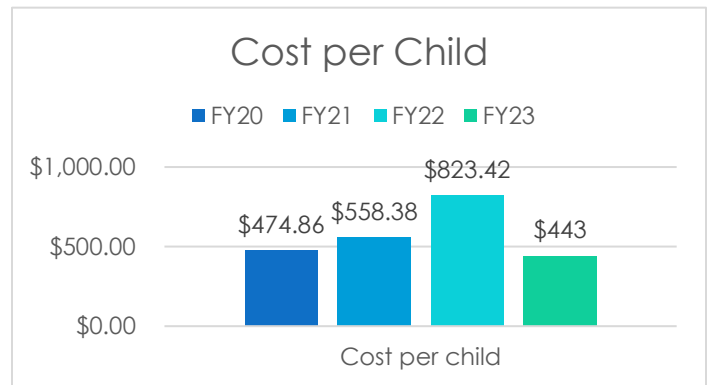
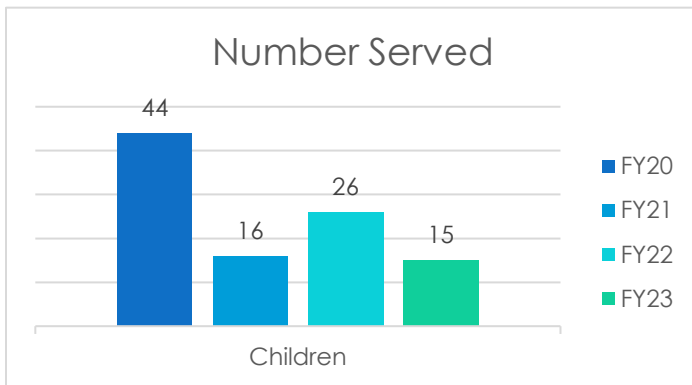


# Preschool Tuition Assistance Program

**Service Providers:** Northwest Early Childhood Center, Griswold Tiger Club, Sunshine and Rainbows, Jack and Jill, Stanton Child Care Resource, St. John Lutheran, Holy Rosary Montessori, Red Oak Lil' Tigers, Kaleidoscope Kids

Performance Measures	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
ECI Funds	\$20,894	\$8,934	\$21,409	\$6,645
Cost per Child	\$474.86	\$558.38	\$823.42	\$443
# of Children Served	44	16	26	15
% of children screened for developmental delays	100%*	100%*	100%*	100%*
% of children referred to additional services	5%*	7%*	9%*	2%*
% of demonstrating age-appropriate skills	93%*	89%*	94%*	93%*

\* Limitations to the data exist due to changes in reporting requirements and accuracy of data submissions.

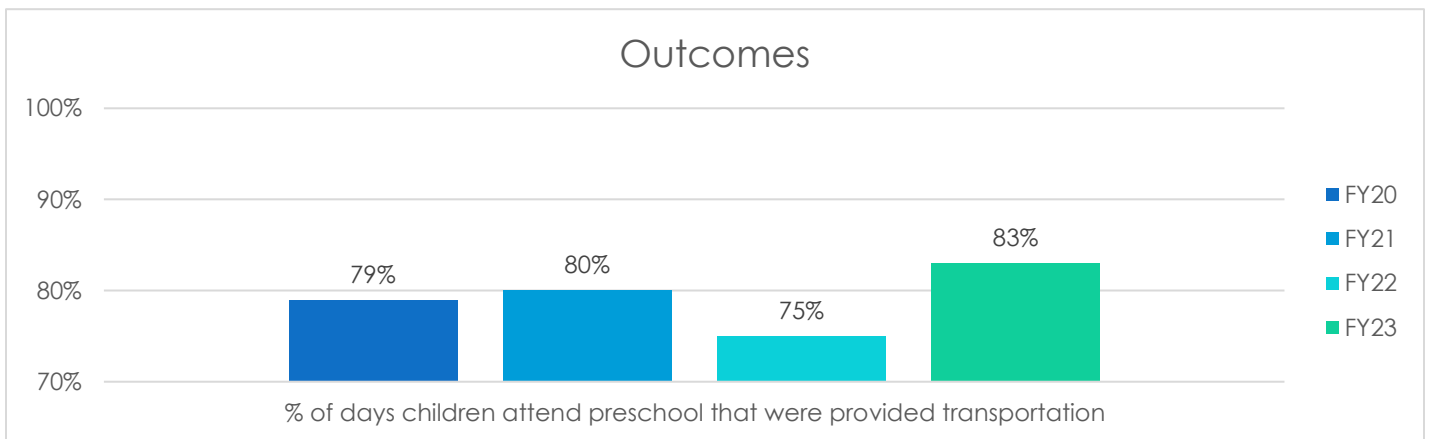
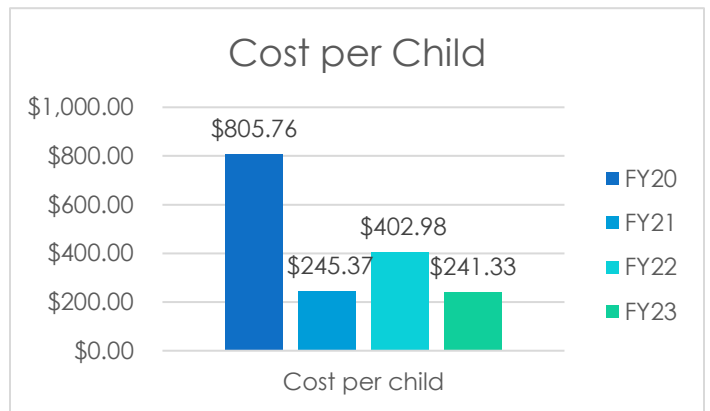
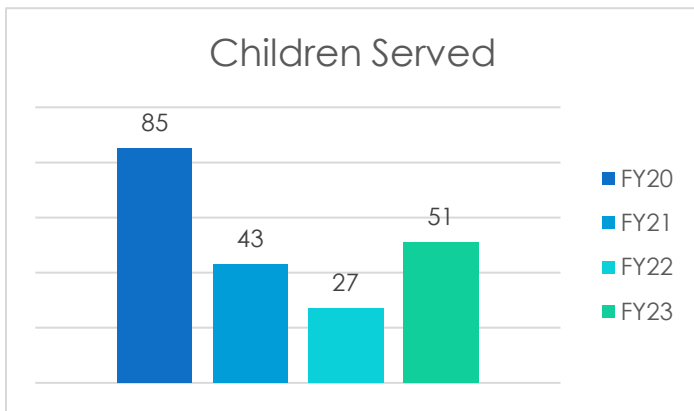


# Preschool Transportation

**Service Provider:** SWIPCO

Performance Measures	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
ECI Funds	\$9,568.50	\$10,551	\$10,880.50	\$12,308
ECI Cost per Child	\$805.76*	\$245.37	\$402.98	\$241.33
# of Children Served	85*	43	27	51
% of days children attend preschool that were provided transportation*	79%*	80%*	75%*	83%*

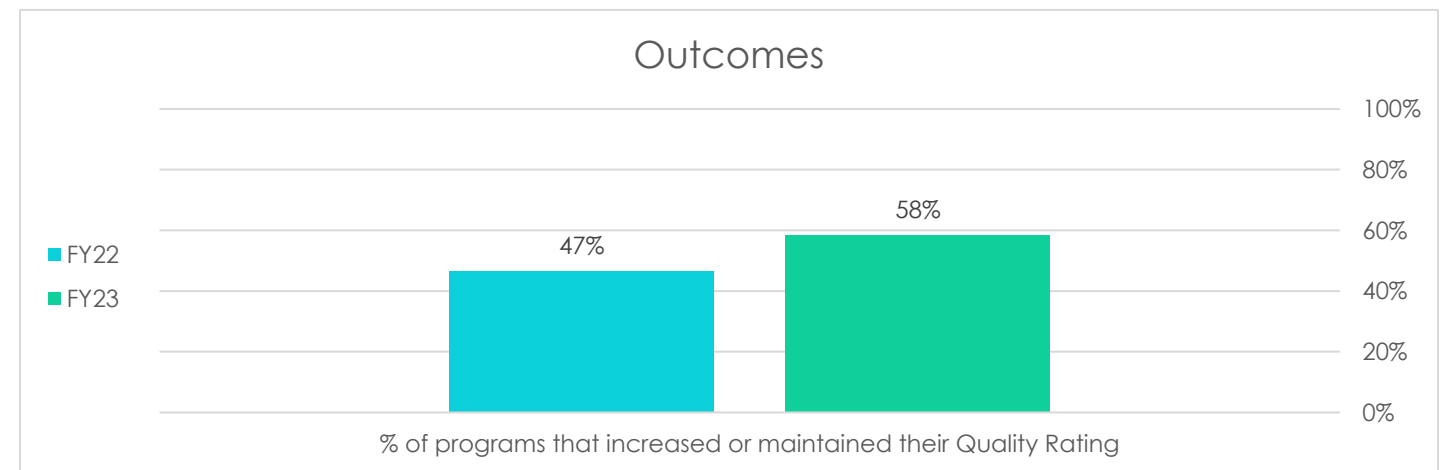
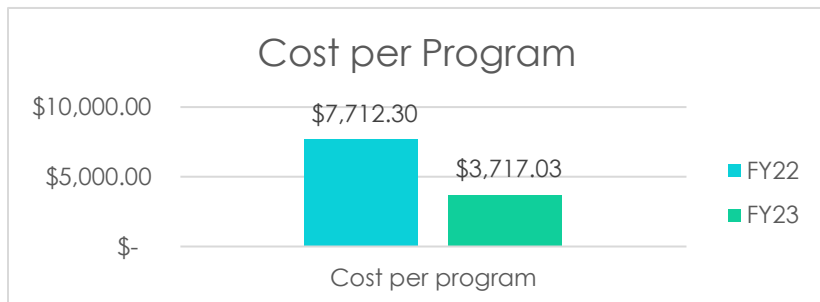
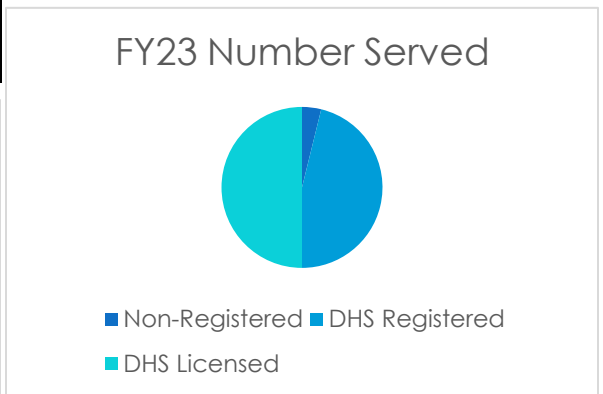
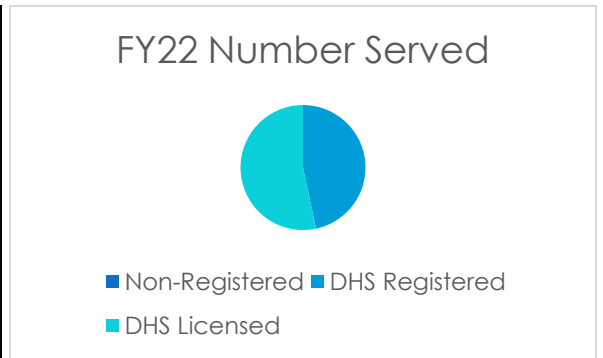
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# Quality Improvement- Child Care

**Service Provider:** Ongoing: Ann W. Wickman Center, West Central Community Action- CCR&R  
 Single Year Projects: Kids Place, East Mills Child Care Solutions, Griswold Child Care Development, Ann W. Wickman, Health and Safety Items, Technology Updates \* Previous Fiscal Year: Stanton Child Care, Sunshine 'N Rainbows, Anita Childcare Center, Red Oak Child Development Center, Southwest Valley Early Childhood Center

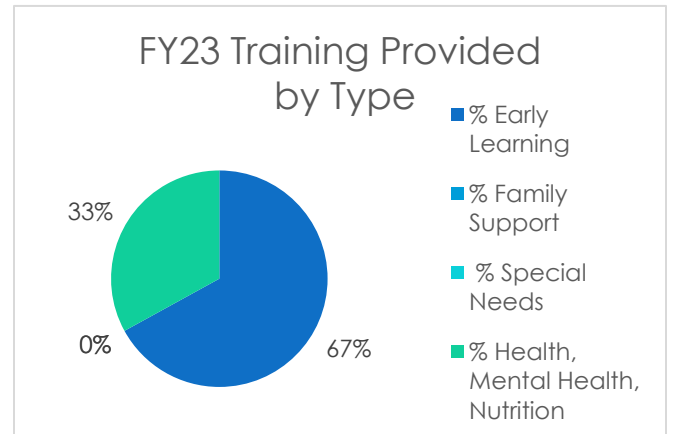
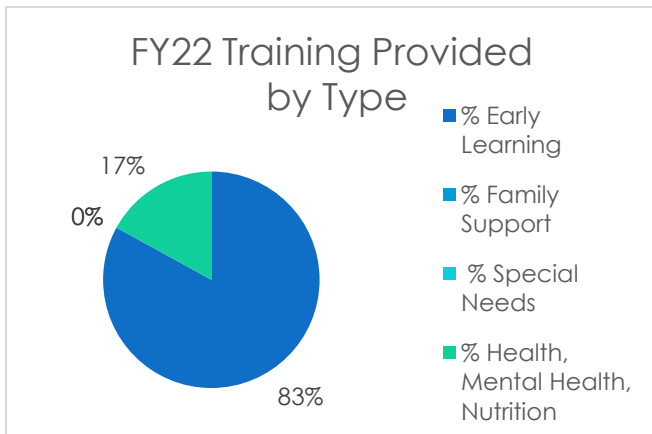
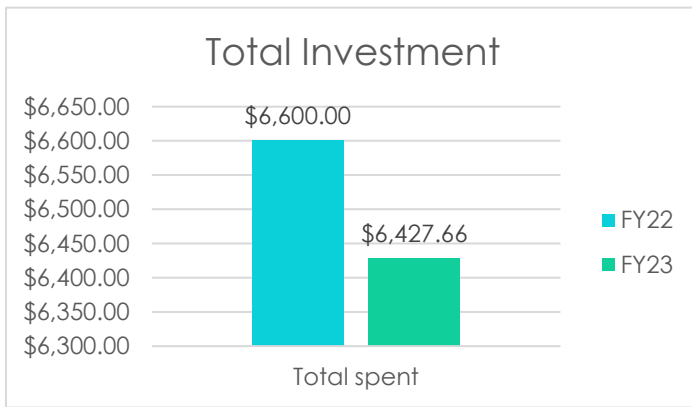
Performance Measures	FY22	FY23
ECI Funds	\$115,684.60	\$96,642.87
Other Funds	-	-
Total Cost	\$115,684.60	\$96,642.87
Number of programs participating	15	26 (duplicated)
Non-Registered	0	1
Non-Registered that became Registered	0	0
DHS Registered	7	12
DHS Licensed	8	13
Cost per program	\$7,712.30	\$3,717.03



# Professional Development

**Service Provider:** West Central Community Action-CCR&R, Iowa State Extension and Outreach

Performance Measures	FY22	FY23
ECI Funds	\$6,600	\$6,427.66
Number of trainings conducted	6	3
# of Early Learning Trainings	5	2
# of Family Support Trainings	-	-
# of Special Needs Trainings	-	-
# of Health, Mental Health, Nutrition Trainings	1	1
Cost per Training	\$1,100	\$2,142.55

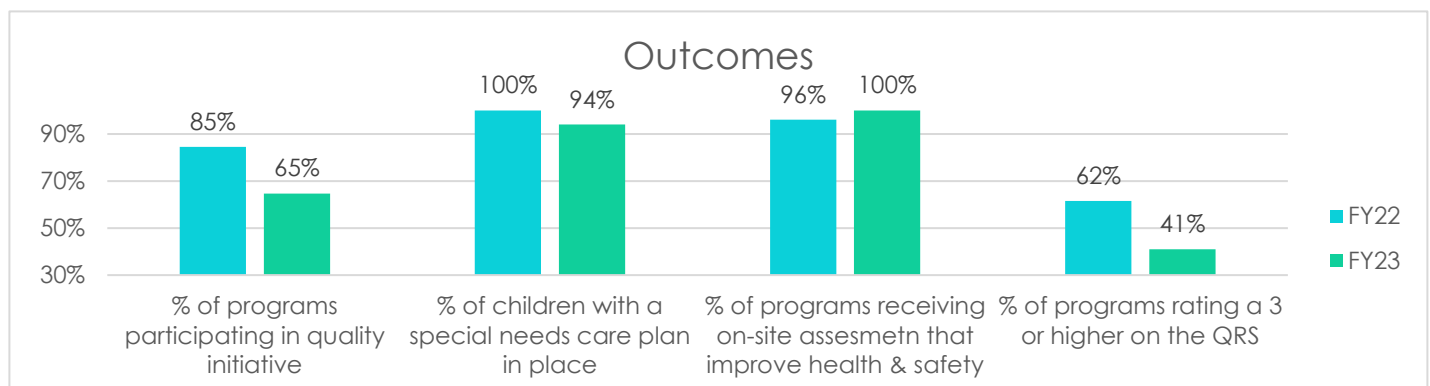
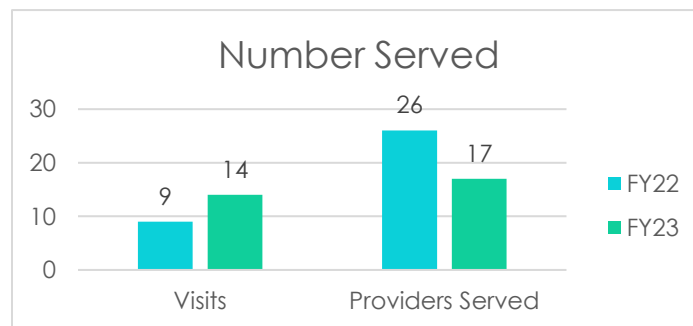




# Child Care Nurse Consultant

**Service Provider:** HCCMS Cass County CCNC (Q1 & Q2), Taylor County Public Health- Montgomery County (Q1 & Q2), MATURA Community Action- Montgomery County (Q3 & Q4)

Performance Measures	FY22	FY23
ECI Funds	\$14,515.40	\$5,679.66
# of visits by CCNC	9	14
# of programs participating with a CCNC (unduplicated)	26	17
QRS 1	3	1
QRS 2	3	3
QRS 3	5	0
QRS 4	7	7
QRS 5	4	0
Non-Registered	0	0
DHS Registered	15	8
DHS Licensed	11	9
# of health and safety trainings	6	4
# of children with special health care needs	12	17
# of technical assistance contacts	69	13
% of programs participating in a quality initiative	84.6%	64.7%
Cost per program served	\$558.28	\$334.10
% of children with special needs with a care plan in place	100%	94%
% of programs receiving onsite assessment that improve health and safety conditions	96.15%	100%
% of program rating a 3 or higher on the QRS	61.54%	41%

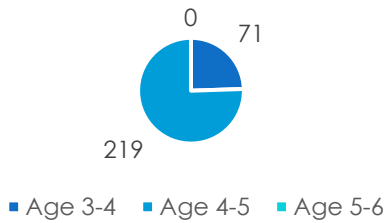


# Preschool Oral Health

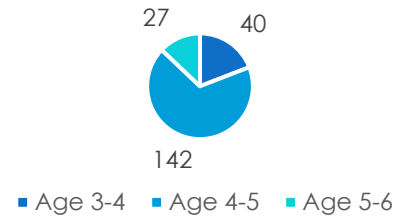
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Performance Measures	FY22	FY23
ECI Funds	\$14,994.08	\$6,053.14
Prenatal	0	0
0-1	0	0
1-2	0	0
2-3	0	0
3-4	71	40
4-5	219	142
5-6	0	27
Screen for Cavities	290	237
Screened and Referred for Follow Up	107	45
Referred for Follow Up and Followed Through	39	2
Cavity Free	239	192

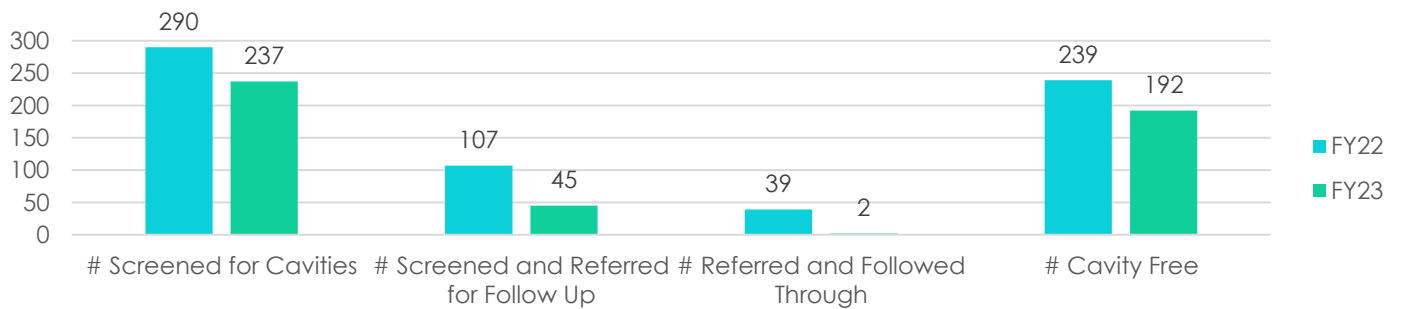
FY22 Children Served



FY23 Children Served



Outcomes



## Projects Not Included In Trend Data- Only Supported One Year

Taylor County Public Health- Montgomery County Maternal Health Nurse:  
Certified Lactation Counselor

Sumer Sandholm, RN, CLS Montg. Co. Public Health RN's time spent in CLS training (@ \$49.36/hr cost x 46.5 hours)	\$ 2,295.24
Mileage for pre-training observations (@ \$0.39/mi x 4 mi)	\$ 1.56
CLS Registration Fee	\$ 670.00
CLS Exam Book	\$ 48.00
<b>Total Expended</b>	<b>\$ 3,014.80</b>

### Health and Safety Items for Childcare Providers

Items	Smoke /CO Detector	Fire Exting-uisher	Evac Crib	Scanning Therm.	Crib Sheets	Changing Tables	Toddler Nap Cot	Laptop	NAEYC member-ships
# of providers	13	10	6	16	72	4	46	9	8
<b>Total amount</b>	<b>\$503.64</b>	<b>\$555.14</b>	<b>\$3594</b>	<b>\$348.9</b>	<b>\$1223.28</b>	<b>\$4516</b>	<b>\$3679.54</b>	<b>\$7347.33</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>

Additional Items purchased for providers totaling \$7,421.58: Storage totes, social emotional learning materials, multicultural materials, printers, webcams (for training purposes), and Environmental Rating Books. These items are all necessary for IQ4K requirements.