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Quality Care For Kids

A newsletter for Scott County Child Care Providers

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National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS) has helpful resources and playground safety information available on their website at https://www.playgroundsafety.org/



Call your Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC) if you have any questions about child health and safety, or any special training needs.



https:// earlychildhood.iowa.gov/

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More information and application materials for the IICC program can be found on the Child Care Resource and Referral website at https://iowaccrr.org/

Investing in Iowa's Child Care (IICC) Program

The IICC is a funding program intended to increase availability of child care throughout the State. The program is administered by Child Care Resource and Referral with funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021. Funding is available for programs that are licensed or registered by DHS or are seeking to be licensed or registered by DHS. There are three types of funding available:

- **Start-up funding:** funding for applicants that are in the process of becoming licensed or registered by DHS.
- **Expansion funding:** funding for child care facilities that are already licensed or registered but want to expand the number of children they are able to care for.
- Urgent Regulatory funding: funding for child care facilities that are already licensed or registered and have an urgent need related to regulations.

Applications are available now and funding is on a firstcome, first-served basis.

Outdoor Play

Opportunities to play and learn in an outdoor setting are an integral part of educating young children. Playground spaces support young children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development. Unfortunately, each year approximately 200,000 children are treated in emergency rooms for playground-related injuries and there has been a heighten risk of environmental exposures to children. UV exposure, sunburns, unsafe playground surface temperatures and burn injuries negatively impact a child's health and well-being.

Healthy Child Care Iowa (HCCI) partnered with the National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS) for the 2-hour DHS approved *Playground Supervision and Sun Safety Iowa Training Program.* Contact your local CCNC to request this training or visit the I-PoWeR Workforce Registry https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/TrainingRegistry/Public/

COVID-19 Resources

Iowa Department of Human Services https://dhs.iowa.gov/COVID19
Healthy Child Care Iowa https://www.idph.iowa.gov/hcci/products
Child Care Resource and Referral https://iowaccrr.org/providers/links/resources2020/