

# GPAEA Parent Resource Guide

Great Prairie Area Education Agency

1-800-382-8970

[www.gpaea.org](http://www.gpaea.org)

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## **Iowa Family & Educator Partnership**

Family & Educator Coordinators work through Great Prairie Area Education Agency to provide **services & supports** to **families & educators** that promote communication, cooperation, and effective home & school partnerships.

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## **Women, Infants & Children (WIC)**

A supplemental nutrition program for babies, children under the age of 5, pregnant women, breastfeeding women, and women who have had a baby in the last 6 months. WIC helps families by providing healthy foods, nutrition education, and referrals to other health care agencies.

**800-532-1579** <http://www.idph.iowa.gov/WIC>

## **Child Care Resource & Referral of Iowa (CCR&R)**

Information on available child care providers sliding-fee scale available to parents based on family income.

**1-800-369-3778** [www.iacomunityaction.org](http://www.iacomunityaction.org)

## **Parent Training & Information Center (PTI)**

Provides information, training & support to parents regarding special education issues.

**800-450-8667** [www.askresource.org](http://www.askresource.org)

## **Iowa Department of Human Services**

Assistance programs, waiver information, child welfare and health. [www.dhs.iowa.gov](http://www.dhs.iowa.gov)

*Appanoose County* 888-338-6067

*Davis County* 888-338-6067

*Des Moines County* 800-423-4724

*Henry County* 800-824-4295

*Jefferson County* 800-642-6249

*Keokuk County* 800-407-6250

*Lee County* 888-569-8501

*Louisa County* 800-824-4295

*Mahaska County* 800-407-6250

*Monroe County* 800-407-6250

*Van Buren County* 800-642-6249

*Wapello County* 888-338-6067

*Wayne County* 877-394-1439

## **Youth Emergency Services & Shelter**

**(YESS)** Provides emergency shelter, respite, crisis care, & counseling for children birth - 17. YESS works with families dealing with trouble at school, abuse, drug & alcohol use, divorce & families in need of a support system designed to keep children safe & families together.

**515-282-9377** [www.yessiowa.org](http://www.yessiowa.org)

## **Disability Rights Iowa (DRI)**

A private, non-profit corporation who defend and promote the human and legal rights of Iowans who have disabilities and mental illnesses.

**1-800-779-2502**

[www.disabilityrightsiowa.org](http://www.disabilityrightsiowa.org)

## **Iowa Department of Public Health**

Maternal & Child Health Program, prenatal limited well child care: assist families to access community-based medical services; sliding fee scale, no charge, 185% federal poverty level or Medicaid eligible. **800-383-3826**

<http://www.idph.iowa.gov>

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## **Child Health Specialty Clinic - CHSC**

Provides specialty diagnosis & evaluation, care coordination services, **parent support**, & other services. Sliding fee scale. [index.html](#)

**866-219-9119**     [www.chsciowa.org](http://www.chsciowa.org)

## **Community Action Agencies**

These agencies provide child development (Head Start), family development, substance abuse services & housing stabilization.

### SIEDA Community Action

Appanoose, Davis, Jefferson, Keokuk, Mahaska, Van Buren & Wapello Co.

**1-800- 622-8340**

<http://www.sieda.org>

### Community Action of Southeast IA

Henry, Lee, Louisa, & Des Moines Counties

**319-753-0193**

[www.caofseia.org](http://www.caofseia.org)

## **Transition Iowa**

Website for youth with disabilities approaching the transition from Jr/Sr high school to adulthood. This website provides information and tools for youth, their families and professionals to plan for a successful move to adulthood.

[www.transitioniowa.org](http://www.transitioniowa.org)

## **Iowa Legal Aid**

Provides legal services for low-income persons with emphasis involving basic necessities, fundamental rights, or safety.

**800-532-1275**

[www.iowalegalaid.org](http://www.iowalegalaid.org)

## **Early ACCESS**

A partnership between families with children, birth to age three, and providers from the Department of Education, Public Health, Human Services and Child Health Specialty Clinics. The purpose of this program is for families and staff to work together in identifying, coordinating and providing needed services and resources that will help the family assist their infant or toddler to grow and develop.

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[www.gpaea.org/en/services/early\\_childhood/](http://www.gpaea.org/en/services/early_childhood/)

## **Hawk – I Health Insurance**

Health/dental care coverage for uninsured children of working families.

**800-257-8563**     <https://dhs.iowa.gov/hawk-i>

## **Great Prairie AEA Website**

[www.gpaea.org](http://www.gpaea.org)

- **Information about GPAEA Support Services**
- **Annual Progress Reports**
- **IowaParents.org**
- **Iowa AEA Online**
- **Parent Educator Connection**
- **Student Activities**
- **Help with Homework**
- **Podcast Information for Parents**

To find more information about the Family & Educator Partnership (FEP) click on [Services, Iowa Family & Educator Partnership](#). This will bring up the FEP contact information, training opportunities, FEP newsletters and other information will be posted on this page.