



Preschool Collaboration Tool

IOWA SCHOOL BOARDS FOUNDATION

FUNDING STREAMS AND OTHER RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE COLLABORATIVE PRESCHOOL APPROACH

By working together and thinking creatively, schools and communities can create preschool classrooms that are supported through blended funding streams. Benefits of preschool classrooms supported through shared programming and blended funding streams include:

- Meets the needs of children and their families;
- Minimizes transitions for young children;
- Increases children's access to quality preschool;
- Minimizes barriers to preschool access such as transportation;
- Creates more inclusive classrooms thereby minimizing the labeling of children;
- Meets federal and state special education mandates.

Funding Streams

- ❖ Community Empowerment
<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/webmap/default.asp?map=empowerment>
- ❖ Early Childhood Special Education
<http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/863/1068/1/0/>
- ❖ Head Start
Iowa Head Start contact information
<http://www.iowaheadstart.org/iowa/program.html>

Iowa Head Start Collaboration Office
Contact: Tom Rendon at (515) 242-6024 or tom.rendon@iowa.gov
- ❖ Shared Visions Preschool Program
<http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/645/1016/>
- ❖ Title 1, Part A
<http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/659/551/>

Additional Community Resources:

❖ Child and Adult Care Food Program

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federally funded program that provides meal reimbursement to child care centers, adult day care centers, emergency shelters and child development homes for serving nutritious meals.

<http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/365/432/>

❖ Community Development Block Grant Program

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides funding on a competitive basis for facilities providing services to children. Cities under 50,000 and counties are eligible applicants and may apply on behalf of a non-profit organization. Grant funds are available for construction, rehabilitation or acquisition of a building for such services. Applications are accepted once a year, usually in December. For more information contact Hank Manning at 515-242-4836 or see

www.iowalifechanging.com/community.

❖ USDA Rural Development

USDA Rural Development can provide financial assistance for constructing community-based childcare centers, including space for preschools, in communities with populations up to 20,000. Rural Development has provided more than \$20 million in loans, guaranteed loans and grants to more than 50 childcare centers in Iowa. For more information, contact Mark Reisinger, State Director at 210 Walnut Street, Room 873, Des Moines, Iowa 50309 or call 515-284-4663. www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia

❖ National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center

View a mini-bibliography of selected resources on financing early childhood systems to support inclusive options for young children with disabilities.

<http://www.nectac.org/~pdfs/pubs/financemini.pdf>

❖ Other Potential Partners

Think creatively and tap into other community resources and organizations that exist! Many are just waiting to be invited to the table:

- Civic groups
- Local and state-wide business
- Faith-based organizations
- Municipal government
- Philanthropic organizations
- Others in your community?

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