

# Early Childhood

Young children are the foundation of our community. Guthrie County is fortunate to have a variety of quality programs available to families for the care and education of their young children.

The intent of the brochure is to provide residents of Guthrie County with a list of resources when looking for child care, preschool and early childhood services.

Iowa's early childhood mission is:

Every child beginning  
at birth will be healthy  
and successful.



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What can  
Guthrie County  
offer your child

from birth to 5 years of age?

**Guthrie County  
Early Care &  
Education Services**

Additional Information and Resources available at  
<http://www.partnerships4families.org>



## Child Care

### Child Care Resource & Referral

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) provides resources, education and advocacy to support quality child care. They assist families in finding care that meets their needs and talk to parents about quality indicators such as ChildNet and the Iowa Quality Rating System (QRS). Child Care Consultants provide on-site consultation to all preschools, centers, homes and before and after school programs. CCR&R also provides professional development to child care professionals and provides data to community leaders.

800-945-9778 • [www.iowaccrr.org](http://www.iowaccrr.org)

**Non-registered home providers** can care for five or fewer children at one time (including their own) and are not required to be registered. They are mostly unregulated.

**Registered Home providers** may care for six or more children at one time and agree to meet minimum health and safety standards. There are three categories of registration, based on size of house, education level and years of experience.

**Child Care Centers and Preschools** are either licensed by the Iowa Department of Human Services, or regulated by the Iowa Department of Education (if in a school building). These programs must be in compliance with standards set forth by their respective departments.

For more information about the various types of care and early education, contact Child Care Resource and Referral at [712-792-9266](tel:712-792-9266). For referrals, call [800-945-9778](tel:800-945-9778).

### Little Panther Daycare & Preschool

601 Panther Dr in Panora 641-755-3003

Little Panther Daycare & Preschool provides high quality, safe, and affordable child care in a loving, nurturing, and stable environment. Mon-Fri 6am - 6pm. [www.littlepantherdaycare.com](http://www.littlepantherdaycare.com)

### Kid Zone Early Learning Center

207 Park Ave Guthrie Center 641-332-2028

The Early Learning Center will strive to enrich the lives of young children in a positive learning and nurturing environment.



## Preschool

### Adair Casey Preschool

641-742-3310

A-C offers a quality preschool to children ages three and four years of old. Please call for information. [www.accs.k12.ia.us](http://www.accs.k12.ia.us)

### Guthrie Center Preschool

641-332-2720

Located in the Guthrie Center Elementary School, our 3 and 4 year old preschool classrooms make learning fun and exciting for all children including preschoolers with developmental delays and disabilities. [www.guthriecenterschools.com](http://www.guthriecenterschools.com)

### Panther Pals Preschool & Head Start

641-755-2021

Located at the Panorama Elementary School, we provide class options for three and four year olds through a partnership with Head Start. Children engage in problem-solving activities, develop a positive self-esteem and learn how to appreciate the differences and similarities among the class members. [www.panorama.k12.ia.us](http://www.panorama.k12.ia.us)

### West Central CSD Preschool

641-523-1018

The WCV preschool has certified classroom teachers to provide a high quality program for children 4 years of age by Sept. 15th. Free tuition and transportation provided 4 days a week. [www.w-central.k12.ia.us](http://www.w-central.k12.ia.us)

### Head Start

712-792-9266 Ext. 400

New Opportunities, Inc Head Start 3-5 provides center based preschool services for children 3-5 years old. Classes are held four days a week, four hours a day. Classrooms are located in Panora and Coon Rapids. [www.newopp.org](http://www.newopp.org)



## Early Childhood Services

**H.O.P.E.S.-Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success:** A home visitation program for families with children prenatal to 3. [641-747-3972](tel:641-747-3972)

**Early Head Start:** A home visitation program for income eligible families. [712-792-9266](tel:712-792-9266) Ext. 400

**Babies Nest:** An education and incentive program for prenatal women. [641-747-3972](tel:641-747-3972)

**WIC** Women Infant and Children [800-642-6330](tel:800-642-6330)

**Immunizations** Guthrie County Public Health, [641-747-3972](tel:641-747-3972)

**Child Health Specialty Clinics** Medical services for children with special needs. <http://childhealthspecialtyclinics.org> [712-792-5530](tel:712-792-5530)

**Heartland AEA/ Early Access** Iowa's interagency system of early intervention services for children with or at risk of developmental delays. It is a central point of entry for families to obtain information and services that will be beneficial for their child's development. [800-377-8413](tel:800-377-8413) or [641-747-2212](tel:641-747-2212)

**Parent Time Out** Gives parents a break from parenting. [800-999-5101](tel:800-999-5101) or [712-792-6440](tel:712-792-6440)

**FRC Waiver Program** Serving children and adults with special needs. [800-999-5101](tel:800-999-5101) or [712-792-6440](tel:712-792-6440)

**Department of Human Service** located at 608 N Court Suite C in Carroll [866-202-5968](tel:866-202-5968)

**New Opportunities Family Development Center** Services for income eligible households. [www.newopp.org](http://www.newopp.org) [641-747-3845](tel:641-747-3845)

**Partnerships 4 Families Preschool Assistance:** Partnerships 4 Families Early Childhood Iowa Area offers Preschool Tuition Assistance for families at some preschools.

**Guthrie County Early Childhood Task Force:** Meets on a quarterly basis to discuss the needs of young children in Guthrie County. Please call Partnerships 4 Families, [712-775-7926](tel:712-775-7926) for time and location. 10-14