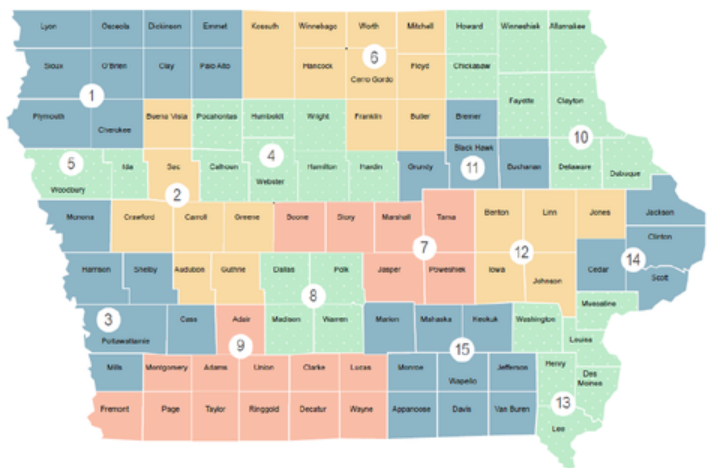


Healthy Child Care Iowa (HCCI) State Fiscal Year 2024 (SFY24)

SFY24 Snapshot

Healthy Child Care Iowa (HCCI) works to improve the quality of health and safety in Early Care and Education (ECE) programs both centers and homes serving infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-aged children and their families. Healthy Child Care Iowa supports local Child and Adolescent Health (CAH) agencies to define the role and responsibilities of the Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC).

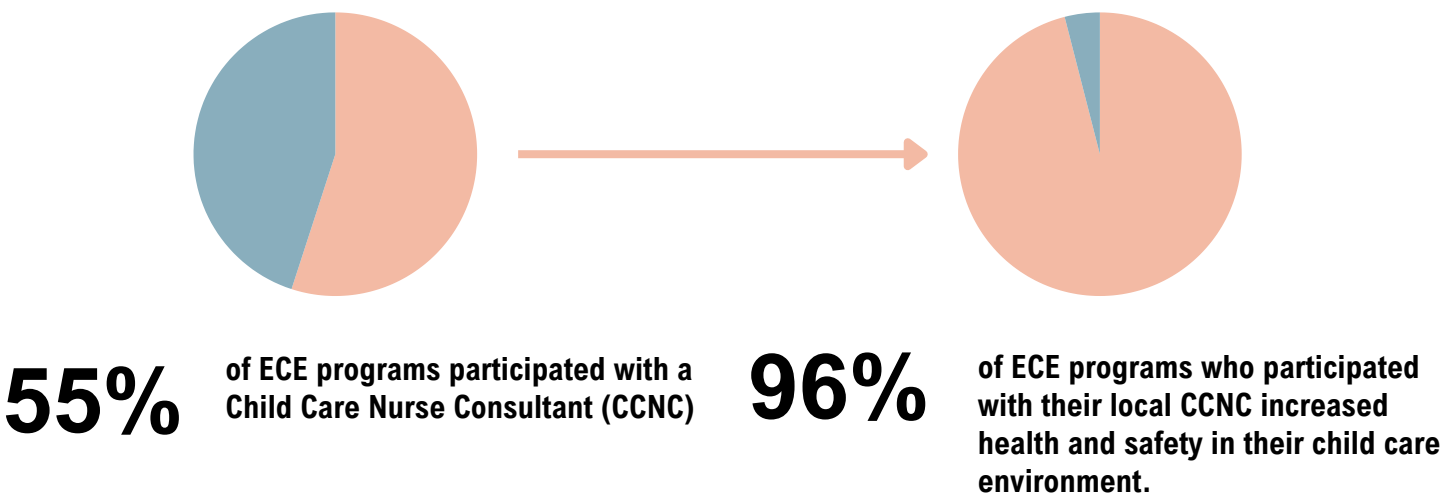


CAH Collaborative Service Areas Map – Local CCNC Services

The CCNC program is evidence-based and helps to ensure that children have access to healthy and safe care. CCNCs build collaborative relationships with child care programs offering their support, knowledge and desire to help them succeed with improving quality in their child care environment. Every child care environment and early childhood professional is unique just as the children that attend their program.

	SFY24 Totals
Visits made by Child Care Nurse Consultants	3,492
Technical assistance provided	8,133
Child care programs who participated with a CCNC	1,919

Child and Adolescent Health (CAH) State Performance Measure #3 Percentage of Early Care and Education Programs who received CCNC Services



Child Care Nurse Consultants



30 Registered nurses with specialized training and vast knowledge of best practices in child care health and safety are employed as CCNCs.

CCNC services are free of charge and are a voluntary service for child care programs. CCNCs provide visits for reviewing child health records, care plans for children with special health needs, medication administration, assessing playgrounds for safety, and completing the Iowa Quality For Kids® required research-based Health and Safety Checklist for Early Care and Education Programs developed by the California Childcare Health Program. CCNCs also provide health and safety trainings for child care providers. These are just few of the valuable services provided to assist providers to improve quality in early childhood programs.

Special Health Needs

CCNCs in SFY24 identified **2,027** special health needs when providing services to child care programs. The number of special health needs has increased over the past 4 years from 458 in SFY21 to 2,027 in SFY24. The increase of children in care with special health needs is not specific to Iowa, increasing numbers of young children with seizures, asthma, insulin dependent diabetes, behavioral and developmental disorders has become a trend nationwide.

Special Health Need	SFY24 Total
Asthma	309
Allergies/Anaphylaxis	807
Seizures	111
Diabetes	44
IEP/ISFP	329
Other	427

90% Of the health needs identified had a care plan in place as a result of CCNC services.

Special Health Needs Care Plans

CCNCs have the skill and expertise to assist child care programs and families to ensure children with special health needs have a care plan in place. A care plan details how the child care provider will keep a child with a special health need(s) safe and healthy while attending child care. Plans are individualized and tailored to each child's unique needs. CCNCs work in collaboration with the child's medical provider to create the plan, then they work with the child care provider and staff to ensure they understand and are able to follow through with the care plan. This includes competency in necessary skills, medication administration (when needed) and individualized emergency procedures. An individualized care plan is an ongoing process that can take time and coordination depending on the complexity of the health needs of the child. Care planning is done with the child care provider, family and child's health care team that may involve several specialists.

Health and Safety Trainings

Health and safety trainings are provided to early childhood professionals. Trainings provided by the CCNC are important for child care professional development and in meeting children's individualized needs. CCNCs offered face-to-face and virtual trainings in SFY24.

289 Health and safety trainings completed **2,518** Providers attended CCNC trainings
98% Of participants gained knowledge from trainings provided by CCNCs

Training Success Story

A child care provider attended HCCI "Caring for Children with Allergies, Anaphylaxis and Seizures" training with the local CCNC. Shortly after taking the class, she was present when a child needed an emergency medication. The provider was prepared to assist and act quickly, applying the information she learned in the training. A few days later she contacted the local CCNC, thanking her for the class she taught. The provider said she felt confident and more comfortable assisting with this emergency after attending the training.



Additional trainings provided by local CCNCs include:

- Back to Sleep-Tummy to Play: Reducing the Risk of SIDS & Promoting Active Tummy Time
- Breast Milk Feeding Promotion and Support in Child Care
- Caring for Children with Allergies, Anaphylaxis and Seizures
- Caring for Children with Asthma
- Immunization and Child Care
- Medication Administration Skills Competency
- Playground Supervision and Sun Safety Iowa Training Program
- The Period of PURPLE Crying
- Universal Precautions

Use the QR codes or links below to learn more about Healthy Child Care Iowa.



HCCI Child Care Nurse Consultant
Performance Measures (2017-2024).



<https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci>

Impact of CCNC Services

There were numerous success stories shared by the CCNCs during SFY24 with positive impacts for child care providers, program environments, children, families and communities.

Impacts of CCNC services from SFY24 include:

Improved children's access to medical homes, enrollment in health insurance, referrals to community and health agencies, toothbrushing and handwashing education for children, Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) and collaboration with Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) consultants as well as Iowa HHS child care regulatory staff.

Provided special health care education to support and ensure access for children with health care needs.

Strengthened environmental health practices such as diapering, handwashing, poison prevention, appropriate sanitizing and disinfecting and identifying hazards in child care environments.

Assisted, encouraged and supported current IQ4K providers and those working on obtaining a rating. CCNCs worked with 817 IQ4K rated programs.

Healthy Child Care Iowa Funding SFY24

Total Funding: **\$2,390,227**

Cost per ECE Program: **\$1,246**

