

CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL OF CENTRAL IOWA

STORY COUNTY 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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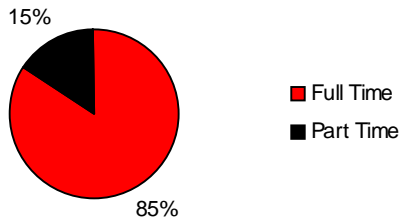
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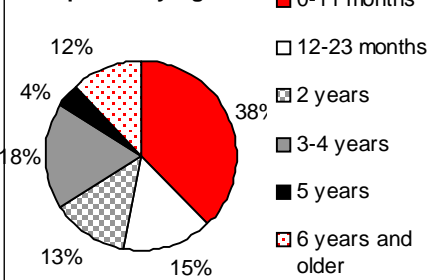
CHILD CARE NEEDS

1,940 referrals to early care and education options were completed in FY 08.

Full Time-Part Time Requests

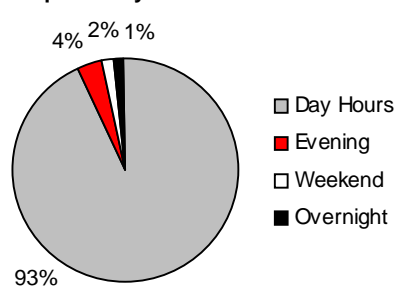


Requests by Age

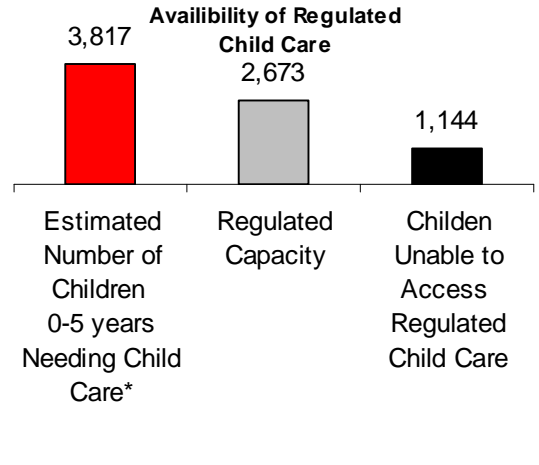
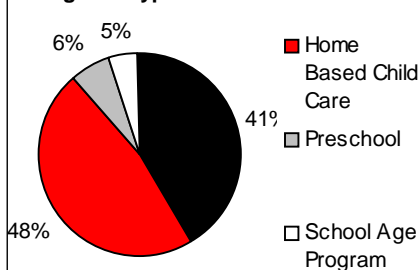


"I wanted to follow-up with you personally to say that I found your services extremely helpful! This is my first time through the childcare search process, and this gave me some great insight."
- Story County Parent

Requests by Shift



Requests by Program Type



Quality Child Care: Supply and Demand

Parent Referral Counselors report an increase in the number of parents asking questions regarding **quality indicators**: Is the program licensed or registered? Is the home provider ChildNet certified? Which ones have a QRS rating?



The number of programs pursuing these indicators increased during FY 2008. There are four accredited centers and one accredited preschool in Story County. Fourteen Child Development Homes were ChildNet Certified, a level 2 QRS requirement. **Nineteen programs have a QRS rating, a 73% increase from FY07.** One Child Development Home was awarded a Level 4 and one preschool earned a Level 5. All other QRS rated programs were at Level 3 or below. The number of registered homes in Story County remained stable from FY07 while the number of non-registered homes dropped by 35%.

We can't guarantee that all families with child care needs have access to regulated child care programs meeting the minimum regulatory requirements. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 72% of Iowa's children have working parents. Assuming that 72% of Story County 0-5 year olds need child care because their parents work, **30% of those children do not have access to regulated child care.**

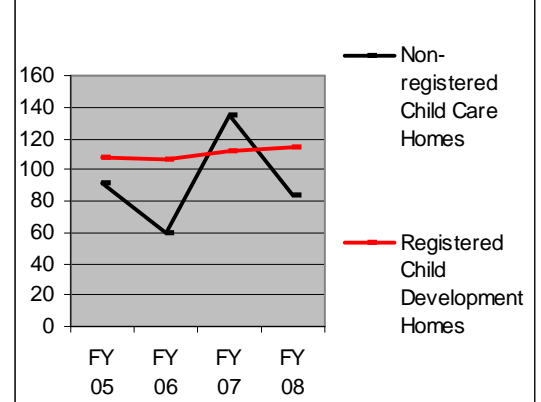
CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

Type of Program	FY 07	FY08
Non-registered Child Care Homes	135	89
Registered Child Development Homes	112	114
Centers	17	19
School Age Programs	12	12

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Types of Programs	FY 07	FY 08
Preschools	18	16
Head Starts	4	4
Shared Visions	1	1
Dept of Education Preschools	NA	10

Home Based Child Care





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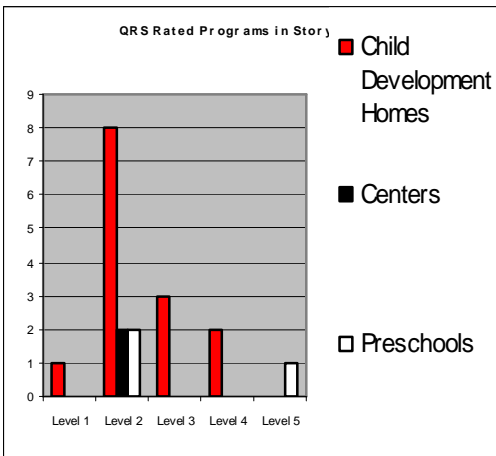
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"Thank you so much for your help and encouragement during the QRS process. You helped me feel that I wasn't out there all on my own."

- Story County Preschool Director

Supporting Quality in Story County!

During FY08 CCR was able to assist child care programs in the following ways:

Scholarships for Professional Development	8	\$509.00
Professional Memberships	5	\$250.00
Quality Improvement Mini Grants	14	\$16,472.39

"The children in my program benefit from the mini grant purchases because they will have the opportunity to learn through their play in centers. The items purchased will allow them to have enhanced learning experiences compared to what was previously available to them."

- Story County Child Development Home provider

Professional Development Opportunities

A total of 498 providers (unduplicated) attended 94 training sessions and/or series offered in Story County. This was a 7% increase over attendance numbers during FY07. Training highlights included:

- Infant Toddler seminar
- Dreams & Realities: Directors—Gatekeepers to Quality Conference
- National Administrators Credential training

Home Consultant Services

Forty seven Home Consultant visits were made to assist Child Development Home providers with State of Iowa Registration applications and compliance with Registration requirements.

Infant Care Network

This program impacts the availability of infant toddler child care by recruiting and mentoring new Child Development Home providers who wish to specialize in infant toddler care. Seventeen member programs received onsite support and consultation services specific to the care of infants and toddlers. 36 infant-toddler spaces and 47 preschool spaces existed in member programs on June 30, 2008.

Foster Care Support Program

Three child care spaces are reserved for children entering the foster care system who need immediate child care. Eleven foster families received assistance with their child care needs. 229 days of care were provided for children new to the foster care system.

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- **Child Development Block Grant**
- **ASSET**

City of Ames

Government of the Student Body at ISU

Story County Community Services

United Way of Story County

- **State of Iowa One Gift Campaign**
- **User fees and donations**

