

“Be gentle...
be positive...
children learn
by example”



Linn County Child Development Center was established in 1969 in response to a need for full day child development services for working families on limited incomes. While the programs primary mission is to serve limited-income families and children with special needs, we also enroll families on private pay basis.



Accredited by
the NAEYC Academy
for Early Childhood
Program Accreditation



A program of Linn County
Child & Youth Development
and Linn County Community
Services

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Linn County Child Development



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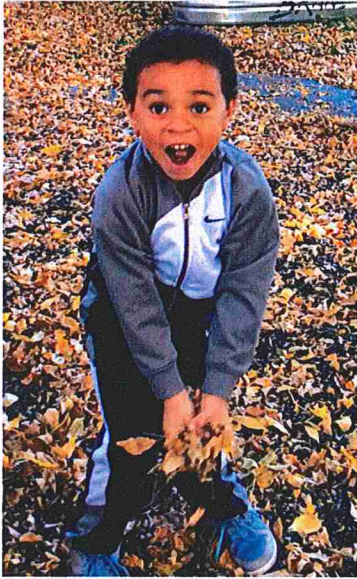
Funding from the Linn County
Early Childhood Iowa Board

A HACAP Head Start
Partnership Site



Funding from Shared Visions
and the State-wide Voluntary
Preschool Program

Linn County Child Development Center



- ◇ **Serves children 3-5 years of age** as a direct service program of Linn County Child & Youth Development Services
- ◇ **Full day services** between **6:30AM-5:30PM** (most children are here 8-9 hours within this time range)
- ◇ **Operates three full day and one half day AM programs** at the center, with a total enrollment of up to 64 children.
- ◇ **Has trained, caring staff**, with well qualified teacher and assistants, Each lead Teacher has a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. Most of our staff have worked here for over 10 years and we have very low staff turnover so children are cared for by a consistent group of teachers and assistant teachers.

- ◇ **Provides a high quality program** that is nationally-recognized. Our center was cited in Hillary Clinton's book "It Takes a Village" as a model program. We were one of the first centers in the state to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).
- ◇ **Offers nutritious, home-style meals** (breakfast, lunch, snack) following Child and Adult Care Food Program Guidelines and prepared on site.
- ◇ **Has special services available for children needing additional help** with speech and language, learning delays or behavior management. **Grant Wood AEA** provides a speech therapist, school psychologist and occupational therapist to our center as needed. The center teachers have endorsements in special education to work with children who have special needs. These professional staff also meet as a team each month to provide input to center staff on child issues



- ◇ **Is housed in a safe, attractive former elementary school** with a large outdoor play area and an indoor gym. Each classroom has a door opening directly to the fenced playground.
- ◇ **Welcomes parents to be involved in the center.** Visiting, volunteering, going on field trips, parent-teacher conferences, serving on advisory board, coming to parent groups, etc.
- ◇ **Offers support to families** through our program supervisor and a small family assistance fund.
- ◇ **Works with parents on the payment for care**, through the following funding options:
 - ◆ **A contract with the Cedar Rapids Community School District** for the "Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program"
 - ◆ **A contract with HACAP** for Head Start services
 - ◆ **An Iowa Department of Education "Shared Visions" grant**
 - ◆ **Extended day and extended year services** (wraparound care) funded by the Linn County Early Childhood Iowa Board.
 - ◆ **State Child Care Assistance** accepted.
 - ◆ **Private Pay options** are also available for families over subsidy guidelines