

**Cerro Gordo, Hancock, and Worth County Empowerment Area  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Location:  
AEA 267, Liberty Room**

**April 21, 2009  
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Action =A, Information =I</b>		<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
1:00 PM	A	I	Call to Order	B. Amosson
1:05 PM	A	II	Order of Business 1. Consent Agenda • Approval March 17, 2009 Minutes • Approval of Agenda – April 21, 2009	B. Amosson
1:08 PM	I	III	Financials 1. Revenue and Expenditures	C. Williams
1:12 PM	I I I	IV	Local Empowerment Board Programs 1. Preschool Scholarship Program 2. Preschool Survey 3. Preschool Training Funds	C. Williams
1:22 PM	A I A A A I A A I	V	New Business 1. 2009 Budget-Allocating final remaining funds 2. 2010 Budget-State Update 3. 2010 Budget Alteration Local 4. RFP Updates-Evaluation 5. RFP Evaluation Committee Nominations 6. 2010 RFP Status 7. Charlie Brown Letter To Board Chair 8. Board Member Update 9. Community Empowerment-Presentation of Local and State	C. Williams
2:10 PM	I	VI	Public Input and Announcements	All
2:20 PM	A	VII	Adjourn	All
2:20 PM	I		Program Presentation-Steben's Children Theater (ABCD Drama)	Sally Pressly
2:50 PM	I		Program Presentation-Head Start Transportation	Diane Casto

*Next Meeting: May 19<sup>th</sup> from **1:00 – 2:30** Liberty Room.*

**Vision: Working Together So Every Child is Happy, Healthy and Ready to Learn.  
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**Empowerment Board of Cerro Gordo, Hancock and Worth Counties  
Minutes of March 17, 2009**

**Members Present:** Bob Amosson, Kristie Parks, Mary Greiman, Laura Cerny, Karen Crimmings, Gary Van Hemert, Susan Schlitter, Sis Greiman (for Ted Hall), Linda Prestholt, Jeff Creger.

**Members Absent:** Ron Osterholm, Deb Quintus, Mark Evers, Mary Ingham,

**Visitors:** Margie Jensen, Janet Gartin, Tami Foley, Peggy Funk, Wendy Taylor, Laurie Westcott, Molly Stockberger, Karen Smith, Nancy Dunn, Brian Hanft, Sally Pressley, Leslie Smith, Diane Casto.

**Coordinator:** Cody Williams.

Preschool Transportation Presentation by Head Start had to be postponed.

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bob Amosson at 2:01 P.M. It was determined that a quorum was present.
- B. Order of Business:**
  - 1. Approval of Consent Agenda:** Susan Schlitter made a motion to approve the March 17, 2009 consent agenda, seconded by Kristi Parks, motion carried.
- C. Financials**
- D. Revenue and Expenditures-Review**
  - 1. The Financial Report** was reviewed.
- E. Local Empowerment Board Programs**
  - 1. Preschool Scholarship Program:** We have received in the office as of 03/09/2009 151 applications or requests for applications. As of 03/09/2009 we have 138 children approved for services, with a total of \$99,165 allocated to these scholarships. 3 families are waiting on more information to verify if family qualifies. We have denied 3 families; 2 families were denied due to residence out of the three counties, and 1 denied for too high of income. We have closed 5 scholarships due to families moving out of the area or attending public school. Our budget for the 2008-2009 year is \$100,000 + \$7,000, and have \$835.00 left to allocate to families. As of 02/06/2009 we have paid out \$63,510 to preschools for the month of September to March.  
Current Active Families-Does Not include closed files  
88 Cerro Gordo \$69,375  
34 Hancock \$19,050  
11 Worth \$9,545  
We have received 14 pre-applications for the 2010 scholarship.
  - 2. Outdoor Learning Environments:** As on 03/09/2009 we have delivered all products to the 18 providers that have received the grant. Total amount given to the providers is \$7,569.19, which is about \$420.51per provider. This includes Grant products and activity book for each provider. The training costs for products and supplies were \$719.62. Total cost for program is \$8,288.81. Funds left are \$1,424.11, moved \$164.73 in SR to funds needed to be allocated. Left \$1,259.38 in EC in line item. Recommended to leave in Line item to carry forward to next year for program.
  - 3. Awareness Campaign:**  
March: US 65 St. 9 Jct. Manly
  - 4. Preschool Survey:** As of 03/09/2009, we have 297 surveys returned and entered. Still missing a few surveys from a couple of preschools. Preschools that have not reported at all (have contact via letter and phone, but have not received information): Charlie Brown West town and East Town.
  - 5. Preschool Training Funds:** AEA 267 will be providing a creative curriculum the first part of June. We hope to partner with them and provide curriculum print for each participant, and possibly a stipend for the teachers' time. More information to come once planning is complete.

**F. New Business:**

1. **Bylaws-Update 2<sup>nd</sup> Read:** Motion to approve the changes to the by laws and waive the third reading was made by Karen Cummings and seconded by Jeff Creger. Motion carried and by laws were approved.
2. **Remaining Funds To Be Allocated:** Laura Cerny made a motion to take \$2,000 from the \$107,000 in preschool school scholarship and move it to funds to be allocated. Kristi Parks second the motion and the motion carried. Fund left to be allocated until final disbursement is received, just in case of current year cuts.
3. **2010 Budget Update:** Motion to approve the budget, Gary Van Hemert and seconded by Karen Cummings. Motion carried.
4. **Mason City School Family Support Program Application & Contract:** Laura Cerny made a motion to approve the contract and move forward with this program, seconded by Susan Schlitter. Gary Van Hemert abstained from the vote. Motion carried.
5. **2010 RFP & Evaluation Process-State TA:** Janet Gartin, Dept. of Management, gave a presentation on how to better our RFP process.
6. **2010 RFP Approval release of March 18<sup>th</sup> and Posted Schedule:** Cody has updated our web site to be more detailed about the funding process and dates. Motion to approve the schedule, application and scoring, with the scoring piece to be determined by a committee that will meet and finalize scoring sheets prior to the conference on April 1<sup>st</sup>, made by Jeff Creger, seconded by Kristi Parks. Motion carried. Committee members include; Linda Prestholt, Laura Cerny, and Mary Greiman.
7. **Strategic Planning w/Board-State TA:** included with the two previous items.

**G. Public Input and Announcements:**

1. Karen Smith from Family Connections shared about new collaboration with Albert Lee Medical Center.
2. Diane Casto current progress with the family support program.

**H. Adjourn:** Jeff Creger made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Kristi Parks, The meeting was adjourned at 03:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Greiman, Secretary  
Cody Williams, Coordinator

## 08-09 School Ready Funding Revenues and Expenditures Fund 013

	2008-2009 Amount Received	2007-2008 Carry Over	2008-2009 Projected Total Revenue	Mar-09	Apr-09	Total Expenses	Total Remaining	Percent Expelled
<b>Family Support and Parent Education Services for Children 0-3</b>								
Family Connections	\$ 109,801.00	\$ -	\$ 109,801.00	\$ 8,971.63	\$ 19,517.57	\$ 70,494.73	\$ 39,306.27	64.20%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 109,801.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 109,801.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,971.63</b>	<b>\$ 19,517.57</b>	<b>\$ 70,494.73</b>	<b>\$ 39,306.27</b>	<b>64.20%</b>
<b>Family Support and Parent Education Services for Children 0-5</b>								
Family Connections	\$ 146,984.00	\$ -	\$ 146,984.00	\$ 12,009.78	\$ 26,127.01	\$ 94,367.08	\$ 52,616.92	64.20%
Parent Education Program	\$ 65,962.00	\$ -	\$ 65,962.00	\$ 3,301.99	\$ 10,466.18	\$ 15,845.46	\$ 50,116.54	24.02%
Mason City-Parent Education Program	\$ 37,692.00	\$ -	\$ 37,692.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,692.00	0.00%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 250,638.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 250,638.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,311.77</b>	<b>\$ 36,593.19</b>	<b>\$ 110,212.54</b>	<b>\$ 140,425.46</b>	<b>43.97%</b>
<b>Preschool Programming Support for Low Income Families</b>								
Preschool Scholarships	\$ 105,000.00	\$ -	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 12,230.00	\$ 6,180.00	\$ 74,680.00	\$ 30,320.00	71.12%
Head Start/4-yr Preschool Transportation	\$ 97,742.00	\$ 190,867.19	\$ 288,609.19	\$ 28,058.33	\$ 32,963.78	\$ 176,450.67	\$ 112,158.52	61.14%
Oral Health Project	\$ 14,700.00	\$ -	\$ 14,700.00	\$ 972.78	\$ 1,699.20	\$ 10,227.45	\$ 4,472.55	69.57%
Prevention Power	\$ 10,455.00	\$ -	\$ 10,455.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,791.89	\$ 4,663.11	55.40%
Preschool Trainings	\$ -	\$ 4,455.67	\$ 4,455.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,455.67	0.00%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 227,897.00</b>	<b>\$ 195,322.86</b>	<b>\$ 423,219.86</b>	<b>\$ 41,261.11</b>	<b>\$ 40,842.98</b>	<b>\$ 267,150.01</b>	<b>\$ 156,069.85</b>	<b>63.12%</b>
<b>Quality Improvement Funds</b>								
CCR&R Resources for Health & Safety Quality Improvements	\$ 14,000.00	\$ -	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 952.00	\$ 167.00	\$ 10,353.00	\$ 3,647.00	73.95%
Preschool Scholarship Coordination	\$ 14,250.00	\$ -	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 1,120.63	\$ 560.34	\$ 10,973.04	\$ 3,276.96	77.00%
Collaboration-Quality Improvements Coordination	\$ 28,500.00	\$ -	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 2,275.21	\$ 1,137.65	\$ 22,278.60	\$ 6,221.40	78.17%
QRS Recognition Reception	\$ 1,877.00	\$ -	\$ 1,877.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,877.00	\$ -	100.00%
Public Awareness Campaign	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 325.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	100.00%
Outdoor Learning Environments	\$ 5,045.00	\$ -	\$ 5,045.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,880.27	\$ 164.73	96.73%
AEA-QPPS	\$ -	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 6,900.00	\$ -	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 4,660.00	32.46%
Preschool Trainings	\$ 2,364.36	\$ 3,802.97	\$ 6,167.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,167.33	0.00%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 71,036.36</b>	<b>\$ 10,702.97</b>	<b>\$ 81,739.33</b>	<b>\$ 4,672.84</b>	<b>\$ 4,104.99</b>	<b>\$ 57,601.91</b>	<b>\$ 24,137.42</b>	<b>70.47%</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Grants</b>								
Lead Free Kids	\$ 66,484.00	\$ -	\$ 66,484.00	\$ 5,153.44	\$ -	\$ 26,168.30	\$ 40,315.70	39.36%
Lead Free Kids Inspections	\$ 27,072.00	\$ -	\$ 27,072.00	\$ 1,555.00	\$ -	\$ 20,897.53	\$ 6,174.47	77.19%
ABCD Drama	\$ 16,081.97	\$ 1,401.03	\$ 17,483.00	\$ 1,352.34	\$ 1,429.91	\$ 12,946.25	\$ 4,536.75	74.05%
Prevention Power	\$ 29,582.00	\$ -	\$ 29,582.00	\$ 906.00	\$ -	\$ 19,043.82	\$ 10,538.18	64.38%
Undetermined	\$ 8,175.36	\$ -	\$ 8,175.36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,175.36	0.00%
Interest	\$ 3,020.21	\$ -	\$ 3,020.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,020.21	0.00%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 150,415.54</b>	<b>\$ 1,401.03</b>	<b>\$ 151,816.57</b>	<b>\$ 8,966.78</b>	<b>\$ 1,429.91</b>	<b>\$ 79,055.90</b>	<b>\$ 72,760.67</b>	<b>52.07%</b>
<b>Administration</b>								
Fiscal Agent Fees	\$ 7,729.00	\$ -	\$ 7,729.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,729.00	0.00%
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,169.60	\$ 30.40	97.47%
Board Expenses	\$ 4,992.00	\$ -	\$ 4,992.00	\$ 251.53	\$ 458.98	\$ 3,507.12	\$ 1,484.88	70.25%
Coordinator Support	\$ 11,400.00	\$ -	\$ 11,400.00	\$ 905.50	\$ 452.74	\$ 8,865.91	\$ 2,534.09	77.77%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 25,321.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 25,321.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,157.03</b>	<b>\$ 911.72</b>	<b>\$ 13,542.63</b>	<b>\$ 11,778.37</b>	<b>53.48%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 835,108.90</b>	<b>\$ 207,426.86</b>	<b>\$ 1,042,535.76</b>	<b>\$ 80,341.16</b>	<b>\$ 103,400.36</b>	<b>\$ 598,057.72</b>	<b>\$ 444,478.04</b>	<b>57.37%</b>

Carry Forward			\$ 207,426.86
Revenue 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009			\$ 636,050.21
Expenses To Date			\$ 598,057.72
Fund 13 Balance			\$ 245,419.35
Percent of Funds Left to be Spent			43%
Percent of Carry-Forward Rule		\$ 166,417.73	20%

# 08-09 Early Childhood Funding Revenues and Expenditures

## Fund 012

	2008-2009 Amount Received	2007-2008 Carry Over	2008-2009 Projected Total Revenue			Total Expenses	Total Remaining	Percent Expelled
				Mar-09	Apr-09			
<b>Quality Imporvment Support Incentive:</b>								
Outdoor Learning Environment:	\$ 4,667.92	\$ -	\$ 4,667.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,408.54	\$ 1,259.38	73.02%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 4,667.92</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,667.92</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,408.54</b>	<b>\$ 1,259.38</b>	<b>73.02%</b>
<b>Home or Center Child Care Nurse Consultants</b>								
Child Care Nurse Consultan	\$ 18,725.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 34,725.00	\$ 2,688.17	\$ 2,773.71	\$ 26,679.06	\$ 8,045.94	76.83%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 18,725.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,725.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,688.17</b>	<b>\$ 2,773.71</b>	<b>\$ 26,679.06</b>	<b>\$ 8,045.94</b>	<b>76.83%</b>
<b>Provider Training/Professional Development/Materials</b>								
CCR&R Training, Quality Improvement, Public Education	\$ 45,640.00	\$ -	\$ 45,640.00	\$ 4,840.00	\$ 3,522.00	\$ 28,866.00	\$ 16,774.00	63.25%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 45,640.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 45,640.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,840.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,522.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,866.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,774.00</b>	<b>63.25%</b>
<b>Other Services</b>								
CCR&R QRS Support Specialist	\$ 41,060.68	\$ 2,772.32	\$ 43,833.00	\$ 4,576.00	\$ 6,572.00	\$ 24,974.00	\$ 18,859.00	56.98%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 41,060.68</b>	<b>\$ 2,772.32</b>	<b>\$ 43,833.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,576.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,572.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,974.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,859.00</b>	<b>56.98%</b>
<b>Administration</b>								
Fiscal Agent Fees	\$ 1,396.40	\$ -	\$ 1,396.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,396.40	0.00%
Liability Insurance	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 292.40	\$ 7.60	97.47%
Board Expenses	\$ 1,248.00	\$ -	\$ 1,248.00	\$ 62.89	\$ 114.75	\$ 851.81	\$ 396.19	68.25%
Coordinator Support	\$ 2,850.00	\$ -	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 226.36	\$ 113.09	\$ 2,216.21	\$ 633.79	77.76%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 5,794.40</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,794.40</b>	<b>\$ 289.25</b>	<b>\$ 227.84</b>	<b>\$ 3,360.42</b>	<b>\$ 2,433.98</b>	<b>57.99%</b>
Interest	\$ 349.09	\$ -	\$ 349.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 349.09	0.00%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 116,237.09</b>	<b>\$ 18,772.32</b>	<b>\$ 135,009.41</b>	<b>\$ 12,393.42</b>	<b>\$ 13,095.55</b>	<b>\$ 87,288.02</b>	<b>\$ 47,372.30</b>	<b>64.65%</b>

<b>Carry Forward</b>		\$ 37,743.25
<b>Revenue 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009</b>		\$ 116,237.09
<b>Expenses To Date</b>		\$ 87,288.02
<b>Fund 12 Balance</b>		\$ 66,692.32
<b>Percent of Funds Left to be Spent</b>		<b>35%</b>
<b>Percent of Carry-Forward Rule</b>		No Rule

## Service Coordinator Report March 2009-April 2009

### Preschool Scholarship 2008-2009

We have received in the office as of 04/16/2009 156 applications or requests for applications. As of 04/16/2009 we have 142 children approved for services. With a total of \$100,360 allocated to these scholarships. We have denied 3 families; 2 families were denied due to residence out of the three counties, and 1 denied for too high of income. We have closed 5 scholarships due to families moving out of the area or attending public school. Our budget for the 2008-2009 year is \$105,000 , and have \$4,640.00 left to allocate to families.

As of 04/16/2009 we have paid out \$74,680 to preschools for the month of September to April.

Current Active Families-Does Not include closed files

91 Cerro Gordo \$70,260

35 Hancock \$19,360

11 Worth \$9,545

We have received 29 pre-applications for the 2010 scholarship.

### Mason City Preschool Survey

As of 04/16/2009, we have 311 surveys returned and entered. Still missing a few surveys from the following preschools.

Preschool Name	# Survey's Turned In	# Reported 4 & 5 year olds in Preschool	# Potentially Missing
Discovery Time Preschool	23	41	-18
Sugar Plum Preschool	30	30	0
Sunbeam Preschool	40	40	0
Voyages Preschool	5	5	0
Newman Preschool	50	52	-2
Tugs Preschool	17	27	-10
Head Start & ECSE	66	103	-37
Mason City Public Preschool	80	80	0
Charlie Brown West Preschool	0	37	-37
Charlie Brown East Preschool	0	28	-28
Total	311	443	-132

### Preschool Training Funds

We will be contracting with AEA, they will pay for the presenter from Teaching Strategies. We will be paying for the materials and lunch. The 3 day creative curriculum training is June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>, Six hour days. Class size limited to 40 individuals. Currently as of 04/16/2009 31 signed up. Also, would like to take unallocated funds to purchase math or science kit for each preschool location in the three counties.



# School Ready Budget for State Fiscal Year 2010 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010)

Option 1		2009-2010	
School Ready Grant Award for SFY10		\$676,503.00	
<b>Allowable Administrative Expenses:</b>			
Up to 3% of grant award		\$20,295.09	
Preschool Support for Low Income Families		\$168,115.00	
		\$0.00	
Family Support & Parent Education Services for Children Ages prenatal-5Prenatal-3 (must contain a home visitation component)		\$332,662.00	
Funds to Support Quality Improvement Efforts		\$51,318.00	
Other Services		\$124,408.00	
<b>Administration (Line Items)</b>		<b>2009-2010 Proposed</b>	
Fiscal Agent Fees		\$4,275.09	
Liability Ins.		\$1,200.00	
Board Expenses		\$5,520.00	
Coordinator Support		\$9,300.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$20,295.09</b>	
<b>Preschool Support</b>		<b>2009-2010 Proposed</b>	
Preschool Scholarships		\$100,000.00	
Preschool Transportation		\$60,000.00	
Quality Preschool Imporvment Project		\$11,000.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$171,000.00</b>	
<b>Family Support and Parent Education Services for Children Ages prenatal-5 years (must contain a home visitation component)</b>		<b>2009-2010 Proposed</b>	
Home Visitation 0-5		\$212,000.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$212,000.00</b>	
<b>Family Support and Parent Education Services for Children Ages 3-5 years</b>		<b>2009-2010 Proposed</b>	
Parent Support Programs 3-5		\$128,000.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$128,000.00</b>	
<b>Funds to Support Quality Improvement Efforts</b>		<b>2009-2010 Proposed</b>	
Preschool Scholarship Coordination		\$15,500.00	
Collaboration-Quality Improvements Coordination		\$34,875.00	
QRS Incentive & Special Training		\$11,000.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$61,375.00</b>	
<b>Other Services</b>		<b>2009-2010 Proposed</b>	
4 Grants that must connect to the priority indicators		\$83,832.91	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$83,832.91</b>	
<b>Total of School Ready Grant Planned Expenditures</b>		<b>\$676,503.00</b>	

Option 2		2009-2010	
School Ready Grant Award for SFY10		\$676,503.00	
<b>Allowable Administrative Expenses:</b>			
Up to 3% of grant award		\$20,295.09	
Preschool Support for Low Income Families		\$168,115.00	
		\$0.00	
Family Support & Parent Education Services for Children Ages prenatal-5Prenatal-3 (must contain a home visitation component)		\$332,662.00	
Funds to Support Quality Improvement Efforts		\$51,318.00	
Other Services		\$124,408.00	
<b>Administration (Line Items)</b>		<b>2009-2010 Proposed</b>	
Fiscal Agent Fees		\$4,275.09	
Liability Ins.		\$1,200.00	
Board Expenses		\$5,520.00	
Coordinator Support		\$9,300.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$20,295.09</b>	
<b>Preschool Support</b>		<b>2009-2010 Proposed</b>	
Preschool Scholarships		\$100,000.00	
Preschool Transportation		\$0.00	
Preschool Oral Health Projects		\$14,000.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$114,000.00</b>	
<b>Family Support and Parent Education Services for Children Ages prenatal-5 years (must contain a home visitation component)</b>		<b>2009-2010 Proposed</b>	
Family Connections		\$250,000.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$250,000.00</b>	
<b>Family Support and Parent Education Services for Children Ages 3-5 years</b>		<b>2009-2010 Proposed</b>	
5 Area School Districts		\$130,000.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$130,000.00</b>	
<b>Funds to Support Quality Improvement Efforts</b>		<b>2009-2010 Proposed</b>	
Preschool Scholarship Coordination		\$14,250.00	
Collaboration-Quality Improvements Coordination		\$28,500.00	
QRS Incentive & Special Training		\$14,000.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$56,750.00</b>	
<b>Other Services</b>		<b>2009-2010 Proposed</b>	
4-5 Grants that must connect to the priority indicators		\$105,457.91	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$105,457.91</b>	
<b>Total of School Ready Grant Planned Expenditures</b>		<b>\$676,503.00</b>	



## 2009-2010 Letter of Intents Received

Name of Applicant	Silo	Priority Area	Estimated Budget
	<b>Home Visitation Family Support</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>\$ 212,000.00</b>
Family Connections (Mercy NI)		Child Abuse 0-5, Low Birth Weight, Prenatal & Postpartum Depression, Immunizations	\$ 212,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$ 212,000.00</b>
	<b>Family Support 3-5</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>\$ 128,000.00</b>
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention & Awareness		Child Abuse 0-5	\$ 47,157.99
Parent Education Program (NICA0)		Quality Preschool	\$ 57,021.00
Parents & Preschoolers, Parents of Almost Kindergarteners (Mason City Schools)		Quality Preschool	\$ 49,112.00
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$ 153,290.99</b>
	<b>Preschool Support</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>\$ 103,000.00</b>
Preschool Transportation (NICA0)		Quality Preschool	\$ 92,000.00
Deental Project (NICA0)		Quality Preschool	\$ 8,184.00
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$ 100,184.00</b>
	<b>Nurse Consultant</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>\$ 35,850.00</b>
Nurse Consultant (NICA0)		Quality Childcare, Quality Preschool, Immunizations, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention/Testing	\$ 35,850.00
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$ 35,850.00</b>
	<b>Childcare/Preschool Provider Training</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>\$ 32,950.00</b>
Childcare Resource & Referral		Quality Childcare, Quality Preschool	\$ 32,950.00
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$ 32,950.00</b>
	<b>Childcare/Preschool Quality Expansion</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>\$ 35,700.00</b>
Childcare Resource & Referral		Quality Childcare, Quality Preschool	\$ 35,700.00
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$ 35,700.00</b>
	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>\$ 84,000.00</b>
Lead Free Kids (CGDPH)		Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention/Testing	\$ 67,000.00
Welcome Baby (WCPH)		Low Birth Weight; Prenatal/Postpartum Depression	\$ 12,000.00
Better Beginnings (WCPH)		Quality Preschool	\$ 25,000.00
Healthy for Preschool (WCPH)		Immunizations	\$ 3,000.00
Maintaing QRS Level 4 (Charlie Brown Preschool & Childcare Centers)		Quality Preschool, Quality Childcare	\$ 10,000.00
Funding for the Get Well Center (Charlie Brown Preschool & Childcare Centers)		Immunization, Quality Childcare	\$ 9,000.00
ABCD Creative Drama Program (Stebens Children Theatre)		Quality Preschool	\$ 16,500.00
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$ 142,500.00</b>
		<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>\$ 631,500.00</b>
<b>Total Requests</b>			<b>\$ 712,474.99</b>



# CERRO GORDO, HANCOCK, & WORTH EMPOWERMENT AREA

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April 17, 2009

Dan O'Connor, President  
Charlie Brown Preschool and Child Care Centers Board of Directors  
600 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW  
Suite 108  
Mason City, IA 50401

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

I would like to take this time to respond to a few of your concerns on behalf of the Cerro Gordo, Hancock, and Worth Empowerment Board.

In regards to the survey; there are two surveys' that were asked to be completed by your organization. The first survey, which we have received, is a facility survey. This is required information for the state of Iowa for any preschool utilizing funded services provided by Empowerment. (Nurse Consultant, ABCD Drama, Preschool Scholarships, CCR&R Trainings, CCR&R QRS Support Specialist, Health & Safety, Prevention Power) These are all services that we believe your organization has utilized in this past year. The second survey is an optional survey for Mason City only. This survey is to be used to track children and preschool initiatives to ensure preschool funds are being utilized in areas that are needed. We still hope that you will be able to help us on this survey and have as many parents complete the forms. Your organization is the only preschool out of seven others that have not had their parents fill out the survey. These surveys are optional for parents, but we would like as many as possible to create the best data possible for our community.

We also would like to clarify to you that our organization is under local board control and the state of Iowa has no jurisdiction on local decisions and funding. We are saddened that you feel that your organization has not been fairly judged in past years. Our board has strived in past years to improve the lives of children through our locally chosen indicators. These indicators are chosen through a process of looking at statistics to determine the needs of our community. Not all projects can be funded in a given year due to the lack of funds, or a project may not make the impact on our local indicators. Projects that impact a variety of children and organization are typically funded for "the most bang for the buck." Our board has made the decision not to fund projects such as (surfacing, playground equipment, and permanent structures) past applications in these areas have resulted in some of the past denials. We would like to clarify that your organization has receive funds from the local empowerment board indirectly in this past year through local projects that serve all childcare providers. (Nurse Consultant, ABCD Drama, Preschool Scholarships, CCR&R Trainings, CCR&R QRS Support Specialist, Health & Safety, Prevention Power) Just because funds do not directly go into your organization that does not indicate that empowerment does not support your program.

A comment in your letter concerns our board because, if Charlie Brown centers serves 30% of children, but you are not willing to collaborate unless there are funds attached, then maybe empowerment projects and funds are not the right fit for your organization. Empowerment is all about collaboration with funds and without funds.

We hope that in the future that you will attend our board meetings to get information about our process first hand to insure that misinformation is not passed. Please feel free to contact our board at any time with any further concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Bob Amosson, Board Chair  
22 North Georgia Avenue, Suite 300  
Mason City, IA 50401

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