



May 25, 2011

### Community Partners

On May 24, 2011 the Corner Counties Early Childhood Area Board approved a budget for State Fiscal Year 2012 based on the most current budget information available to them. Last Thursday, May 19, 2011 each early childhood area received a DRAFT Early Childhood (EC) (TANF) budget from the Early Childhood Iowa Office. The DRAFT Early Childhood budget reflected a \$10,152.00 decrease in funds from SFY' 11. Conversations with State Team members have indicated that the School Ready allocations they have most recently seen are very similar to the Governor's proposed numbers. The Governor's proposed numbers reflect a \$96,092.00 reduction in funds from SFY' 11. The total reduction in funds the Corner Counties Area Board would receive (combining the Early Childhood and School Ready numbers) is \$106,244.00. At this time the legislature has not passed an appropriations bill, no one has an actual budget, but we are to move forward planning in the best manner possible.

The Board did not take their responsibility in evaluation of proposals and determination of funds lightly. Difficult decisions had to be made. At this time the budget allocations are only tentative due to the State of Iowa not having a budget for SFY' 12. Therefore, once the Board receives their official notice of allocations, the numbers may stay the same, decrease or increase. However, the Board wanted to give notice as to their intent as of May 24, 2011. After much consideration and discussion the Board has chosen to fund the following projects for SFY' 12:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Program/Project</b>	<b>SFY'12 Funds</b>	<b>Estimated Carryover</b>
West Central	Child Care Consultant	\$24,107.30	\$5,000.00
Taylor Co. Public Health	Child Care Nurse Consultant	\$11,759.00	
Southwest IA Families	Positive Family	\$60,415.84	\$2,560.00
Fremont Co. Extension	Growing Strong Families	\$33,852.34	\$1,440.00
Page Co. Extension	Growing Strong Families	\$23,713.66	
Taylor Co. Public Health	Central Intake	\$ 7,082.00	
Taylor Co. Public Health	Preschool Oral Screens for Fremont & Page Co.	\$ 9,954.00	
Southwest IA Families	Preschool Mental Health Screens	\$ 4,332.15	
Southwest IA Families	Dinosaur Schools	\$10,944.00	
West Central	Fremont Co. Head Start Transportation	\$ 3,250.00	

Tuition Grants	Clarinda Community, Essex and Turnbull Only for 4-5 year old children that Meet Head Start criteria, but there Is no available slot within the Head Start program.	\$ 1,270.85	\$3,000.00
Grandma's House	Quality Improvement Project	\$ 1,705.00	\$1,000.00
Kornerstone Kids	Quality Improvement Project	\$ 1,700.00	\$1,000.00
Turnbull Child Dev.	Professional Development Project	\$ 1,813.16	\$1,000.00

Once the Board receives their official notification of allocations for SFY' 12 I will send out award letters. At that time I will also prepare the official budget and submit to the Office of Early Childhood Iowa for approval. You will not receive a contract until after such approval, which could be late July or early August. Please note that the carryover funds are estimated to the best of my ability at this time.

Sincerely,  
Pam Herzberg/Director