

MBAEA PROGRAMS & SERVICES

03. Early Childhood Program

EARLY ACCESS - Is a multi-agency collaboration that provides services to children (birth through 3) with special needs and their families.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATING COUNCIL - Is a multi-agency and parent council that collectively coordinates and develops programs and services within the community for children from birth to kindergarten and their families.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD GENERAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT SERVICES - Are provided to support districts and schools in the development, implementation and evaluation of early childhood programs. These services are also provided to the Iowa Shared Visions Program.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION- Provides screening, educational evaluation, support and related services for children ages birth to five with special needs, and their families.

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EVERY CHILD READS (AGES 0-5) - Is a component of the Department of Education initiative for statewide staff development that focuses on reading and builds capacity for specialists who work with birth to kindergarten age groups.

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IOWA QUALITY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM STANDARDS PROJECT - Is an accreditation process for preschools utilizing the Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards. Funding provided by the Iowa Department of Education and selected Community Empowerment areas. Trained facilitators assist centers to improve quality through this 3-year process.

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY - Evaluations, consultation and therapy are provided to students from birth to 21 in order to access and participate in their educational program and activities of daily living.

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PARENT & EDUCATOR CONNECTION PROGRAM - Enhances relationships between parents of Integrated Services students and educators through activities which include consultation with parents and educators, training and the provision of a resource library.

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PARENT & EDUCATOR PROGRAM RESOURCE LIBRARY - Includes books, videos and periodicals addressing disabilities, Integrated Services and general parenting topics to parents and educators for one-month check-out. Titles available are listed on the Mississippi Bend AEA [website at www.mbaea.org](http://www.mbaea.org). Catalogs are available upon request.

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"PARTNERS" - Is a newsletter for parents and educators of children with special needs. View it online at www.mbaea.org.

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PHYSICAL THERAPY - Evaluations, consultation and therapy are provided to students from birth to 21 so they may access and participate in their educational program and activities of daily living.

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PROGRAM-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS - Program-Wide Positive Behavior Support is system-wide program specifically designed to promote social and emotional competence in preschool aged children. It is an approach for developing an understanding of the function of behavior and teaching new skills to replace challenging behavior. This is a holistic approach that considers all of the factors that impact a child, a family, and the child's behavior. It is the only comprehensive approach that is evidence-based and addresses challenging behaviors within a variety of natural settings.

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QUAD-CITY EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE - Is a collaboratively-sponsored annual event to help meet the staff development needs of those who work with children ages birth through kindergarten.

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STATEWIDE VOLUNTARY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM - Services to support district efforts and collaboration with private preschool providers, accreditation process, professional development and program management.

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