

Quality Child Care Alliance (QCCA) Accomplishments

As we work toward our goal of building a system of accessible quality child care, here are some of our accomplishments.

- Defined quality child care in Dubuque County.
- Created a medium for child care centers and home care providers to work together toward a common community goal, and child care professionals have been very open to working together.
- Increased the knowledge of “what is quality child care.”
- Obtained baseline data from the QCCA’s child care workforce survey to track progress and aid the Strategic Planning Process. In addition, the high response rate from providers indicates the willingness of providers to share their personal information for the community.
- The Professional Development Subcommittee has been a medium for providers and educators to discuss community needs regarding early child care education. Two out of four area higher education institutions are collaborating on our professional development plan.
- NICC offered an evening class in fall 2007 and spring 2008 to improve accessibility of credit courses to child care professionals.
- Establishment of a pilot educational stipend program to assist child care professionals completing core credit courses at NICC.
- The Early Childhood Education program at Loras College is being revised to address the PreK licensure, specifically to meet the needs of teachers now holding Elementary licensure in Iowa.
- Representation of several community stakeholders with the QCCA, including involvement of the City of Dubuque with our Steering Committee. Additional community members include the VNA, Honkamp Kruger, Child Care Resource & Referral, Dubuque Community Schools, Holy Family Schools, Western Dubuque County Schools, Greater Dubuque Development, and more.
- Partnering with Every Child, Every Promise to coordinate a public awareness message for the 0-5 age group.
- Interpreting a complicated Iowa Quality Rating System (QRS) and putting it into an understandable language that is being used now in other Iowa communities.