

**Early Childhood Iowa Local Area  
Annual Report  
State Fiscal Year 2011  
July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011**

**Name of Early Childhood Area:** Corner Counties Early Childhood Area

**Website:** http://www.co.page.ia.us/offices/earlychildhood/index.htm

**Counties/Area Served:** 1. Fremont 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Page 4. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Assurances:** I hereby affirm and certify that:

1. The information in this annual report is accurate, to the best of my knowledge.
2. The Board reviewed all indicator data, trends and analysis during this fiscal year.
3. The local ECI Board has conducted an annual review of the ECI Area Director contract with regards to state required performance measures.
4. The Community Plan was reviewed by the ECI Area Board on May 24, 2011.
5. This Annual Report was approved by ECI Area Board on September 7, 2011.

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Signature of ECI Board Chairperson      9/7/11  
Date

Kim Behrens  
ECI Chairperson's Name (print or type)

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Signature of Current Fiscal Agent      9/8/11  
Date

Dale McAllister/President  
Fiscal Agent (print or type)

### Early Childhood Iowa Local Board Composition

**Name of Early Childhood Area:** Corner Counties Early Childhood Area (Fremont and Page)

Number/Range of Board Members Required in Bylaws:	7-13
Number of Board Members (board size) on June 30, 2011:	8

Name/Officer (Alternate)	Employer	Representation	Board Vacancies		Term Information		Meeting Attendance (place an X in the box if the member was present or an A if an alternate was present)							
			Date member vacated the board	Date member joined the board	Term #	Date Term Ends	July 13, 2010	September 7, 2010	November 9, 2010	January 11, 2011	March 10, 2011	May 10, 2011	May 24, 2011	
If the board allows alternates, put the alternate's name in parentheses after the member's name														
Jayne Wilson	Juvenile Court Services	<i>Req. human services</i>		7/1/08	1	6/30/11		X	X	X		X	X	
Jill Travis	Southwest Iowa Dental Associates	<i>Required health</i>		7/1/08	2	6/30/13	X	X		X	X	X		
Mel Hurst	Retired Pastor	<i>Required faith</i>		11/10/09	1	6/30/12		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Marlene Bashaw	Self-employed owns J&M Apartments	<i>Required business</i>		7/1/08	1	6/30/11	X		X	X		X		
Paul Berning	MidAmerican Energy	<i>Required consumer</i>		11/9/10	1	6/30/13			X	X	X	X	X	
Kim Behrens Chair	Page County	<i>Citizen/Elected Official – Page Co. Treasurer</i>		7/1/08	2	6/30/13		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Margaret Johnson Vice-Chair	Fremont County	<i>Citizen/Elected Official – Fremont Co. Attorney</i>		7/1/08	1	6/30/11	X		X	X	X	X	X	

Lois Jean Ellison	Retired Teacher	<i>Required education</i>	6/30/2011	1/1/07	2	6/30/2011		X	X	X		X	X
Erin Smith	Grape Community Hospital	<i>Citizen</i>	5/24/2011	6/16/09	1	6/30/2011	X						
Janie Stearns	Housewife	<i>Required Consumer</i>	9/30/2010	6/16/09	1	6/30/2011	X						

## Community Plan Updates

Name of Early Childhood Area: Corner Counties Early Childhood Area (Fremont and Page)

This section is used to provide updates or changes made to your most recently approved Community Plan in this fiscal year.

### 1. Board Operations

All “empowerment” verbiage was changed to “early childhood”.

Within the “Approval and Use of the Community Plan” section on page 3, it has been amended to read:

The Corner Counties Early Childhood Area Board approved the amendment of the Community Plan on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at their regular Board meeting.

***Please refer to the Corner Counties Early Childhood Area Community Plan that has been submitted with this report.***

### 2. Community Needs Assessment

All “empowerment” verbiage was changed to “early childhood”.

### 3. Fiscal Assessment

All “empowerment” verbiage was changed to “early childhood”.

On page 16, the “Corner Counties Early Childhood Area Fiscal Assessment” the first paragraph was amended to reference Iowa Code Chapter 256I and reads as: Iowa Code Chapter 256I states an Early Childhood Area Board shall identify all federal, state, local and private funding sources including funding estimates available in the early childhood Iowa area that will be used to provide services to children from zero through age five. The Early Childhood Area Board shall also describe how funding sources will be used collaboratively and the degree to which the sources can be combined to provide necessary services to young children and their families.

On page 17, the “Collaborative Funding” section, bullet #6 was amended to reflect the current agency the Board contracts with for Child Care Nurse Consultant Services. It reads as:

- Taylor County Public Health and the Corner Counties Early Childhood Area Board collaborate to provide Child Care Nurse Consultant Services.

### 4. Priorities and Indicators

All “empowerment” verbiage was changed to “early childhood”.

On page 14, the “Indicators that were added” section, last bulleted entry was amended from:

- Number of preschools with a Level 3, 4, or 5 QRS rating. Quality indicator.

to:

- Number of preschools that have obtained or maintained a Level 3, 4 or 5 QRS rating, or a QPPS Verification or follow the Head Start Standards.

This was modified to recognize those preschools that have implemented or achieved quality of recognizing quality practices.

Within that same section, the last bulleted item within the top portion of page 15 was amended from:

- Number of confirmed child abused children age 0-5. Secure and nurturing families and environments.

to:

- Number of confirmed abused children ages 0-5.

This was modified for easier reading.

The indicator matrices on pages 18 through 24 were updated with the most recent statistics available by January 1, 2011. The "Analysis of Data" for each indicator was also amended per the Board's analysis conducted at the January 11, 2011, Board meeting.

5. Support services to prevent the spread of infectious disease, prevent child injuries, health emergency protocols, assistance with medication and child care for children with special health care needs

No changes were necessary to this paragraph.

6. Community Collaboration

All "empowerment" verbiage was changed to "early childhood".

7. Plan Evaluation

All "empowerment" verbiage was changed to "early childhood".

8. Other (please describe)

The cover page was amended to allow space for the Chairperson's contact information and signature as well as to include the date the amendment of the plan was approved by the Board.

The cover page also reflects amendments made to the Director's physical address, U.S. Mail address, fax number and e-mail address. In addition the cover page reflects an amendment made in the website address from "empowerment" to "early childhood".

Within the "Table of Contents" all "empowerment" verbiage was changed to "early childhood". The word "revised" was changed to "amended". The page numbers also were changed as necessary due to page breaks changing as amendments within the plan were made.

On page 6, "Education" section the first paragraph was amended to reflect those school districts within Fremont and Page counties that have obtained the Statewide Preschool Grant. This paragraph reads as:

The four Fremont County School Districts have each received the statewide voluntary four year old preschool grants. South Page school district is the only district within Page County that has received the statewide voluntary four year old preschool grant.

On Page 9, "Other Descriptive Informative" section, a sentence was added at the end of the first paragraph stating:

The State of Iowa closed more full-time DHS offices at the beginning of SFY'11 which resulted in the loss of the Page County Office. Residents must travel to Red Oak (Montgomery County) to meet with their DHS Income Maintenance workers.