

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

Accreditation – Rigorous state or federal process in which programs can be nationally recognized as high quality and evidence- and research-based. For Early Childhood Iowa, there are accreditation processes for home visitation programs, child care centers and homes, and preschools.

At-Risk Children – Children who because of certain environmental, economic or biological influences, are less likely to experience success in school and life in general.

Beyond the Bell – A before- and after- school program provided by SHIP and located in all Sioux City Community School District's elementary school buildings, as well as one private school, Sacred Heart. In the fall of 2014, a club-based afterschool-only program opened in all 3 of Sioux City's public middle schools as well. The program provides before- and after- school child care services that includes academic, recreational and social enrichment. The program is funded by 21st Century grants from the U.S. Department of Education (passed through the Iowa Department of Education), United Way of Siouxland, the Sioux City Community School District, and private fees paid by parents. There is also a summer program for elementary-aged and middle-school aged students, running for 6-8 weeks in 3-4 public school locations that focuses on combating summer learning loss and providing field trips for students. In the fall of 2016, SHIP expanded the Beyond the Bell program to South Sioux City, Nebraska. The program is available in all 6 of the public elementary schools and is for students K-5th grade.

BOOST – *Bridging and overcoming obstacles through service and training* is a program serving at-risk young adults who have juvenile offenses on their record, but have never been convicted as adults. The project is funded by a Department of Labor grant held by SHIP. BOOST helps young adults enter the work force, get their high school diploma or GED, and explore and enroll in postsecondary schools. The ultimate goal of the program is to prevent participants from re-offending and being convicted as adults. SHIP's original grant from this program was awarded in 2012 and ended in 2015. The current grant has expanded the age range of the participants to 14-24. The program is now called BOOST Face Forward 3 and will serve 132 participants through September 30, 2018.

Brain Research – Recent studies show that early experiences, particularly in the first three years of life, shape the way people learn, think, and behave for the rest of their lives. Research also indicates the need for positive emotional, physical, and intellectual experiences for the growth of a healthy brain.

CCR&R – *Child Care Resource & Referral* is a statewide organization that provides support services to parents, providers, employers, and community groups including information on child care selection, availability, and cost; training and technical assistance; referrals; toy lending library.

Child Care – The care, supervision or guidance of a child by a person other than the parent or guardian. Care can be provided in a center setting, a facility caring for seven or more children, or in a family child care home. The person administering the care is called a *provider*.

CJJP - Criminal Justice and Juvenile Planning is a division of the Iowa Department of Human Rights. CJJP provides criminal justice block grant funds to the Decat Projects in Iowa.

Collaboration – The process by which organizations commit to work together toward a common goal by sharing resources, information, and ideas.

Collective Impact – a long-term commitment from a diverse array of participants to a common agenda for solving complex social problems. The five conditions of collective impact are: common agenda; shared measurement; mutually reinforcing activities; continuous communication and backbone support.

Comprehensive Strategy – An ongoing community-wide planning effort to review our county's needs, issues, resources, and services; to address problems at a grass roots level; and to reduce overlapping and duplication in programming.

Dakota County Connections (DCC) – DCC is a community collaborative operating in Dakota County, Nebraska. The collaboration, a 501c3 organization, uses the collective impact model to impact quality of life for families and social-emotional well-being for children. SHIP acts as the “backbone agency” for this organization – coordinating activities and projects, administering multiple grants from the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation to support the collaboration and its projects, and facilitating meetings.

DCAT - DCAT is the Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice Planning process for “decategorized” state child welfare funds. DCAT allows communities to blend funding by pooling the funds originally in line items and giving them the ability to roll the funds into the next fiscal year.

Early Childhood Iowa – A 1998 state legislative initiative (originally called Empowerment) that created Early Childhood areas in Iowa, with the purpose of developing a collaborative service delivery system responsive to its community needs, issues and resources for children and families 0 - 5. Woodbury County was designated an Empowerment Area in 1999. The area merged with Ida County in 2011 and became a new Early Childhood Iowa area.

Early Head Start – A home-based education program for pregnant women and children birth through three years of age, provided in Woodbury County by Community Action Agency of Siouxland. Families must be income-eligible to participate. EHS is one of our MIECHV subcontractors.

Four Directions Community Center – A community center for Native American community members living in or around Sioux City. The center helps Native Americans access advocacy services and parenting classes, and also serves as a drop-off point for a shuttle that transports patients to the Winnebago Hospital. Four Direction’s mission is to help Native Americans get well and reunify families.

Head Start – A federally funded comprehensive development program for low-income children and their families providing education, health, social services and parent involvement.

HOPES – *Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success* is a child and family protection program that assists families with infants at risk and provides outreach services (support and education on health and parenting) from birth to three years of age. This program is provided in Ida and Woodbury Counties by Crittenton Center, Lutheran Services In Iowa, and Siouxland District Health Department. All 3 programs are nationally accredited by Healthy Families America and subcontractors in the MIECHV grant.

HSI – *Healthy Siouxland Initiative* is a collaborative community effort comprised of local health care providers and personnel from education, human services, religion, and law enforcement. Their responsibility is to focus on the community’s health, collecting and analyzing health data, and coordinating health services in the community.

IAEYC – *Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children* is the state professional association of early childhood educators in Iowa. Its statewide 2000 conference was held in Sioux City at the Convention Center on October 20 & 21.

In-Home Visitation – Service provided by agencies in which assessment, observation, education, and mentoring takes place in the home environment allowing for a more accurate assessment of family strengths and weaknesses, early intervention and planning.

Indicator – Identifies what is being measured to track a program’s success on outcomes.

Infant Care – A program to care for children from birth through twelve months.

JAIBG - Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant funds consists of Federal funds that are used to provide sanction programming for communities to address juvenile justice issues.

Licensing – A certificate awarded by the Department of Human Services to childcare centers, preschools and programs who have met appropriate standards and procedures and fire safety requirements.

MIECHV – *Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visitation*, a Federal home visitation/family support grant distributed by the Iowa Department of Public Health. SHIP holds the MIECHV contract for Woodbury County, which expands home visitation services from subcontractors Crittenton Center, Community Action Agency of Siouxland, Lutheran Services In Iowa and Siouxland District Health Department. The project expands home visitation services in Woodbury County to serve an additional 111 families per year.

NAEYC – *National Association for the Education of Young Children* is the nation’s largest professional association of early childhood educators committed to fostering growth and development of children birth through age eight. It offers its members a monthly publication, position statements best practices, annual conferences, and an accreditation program.

Objective – A concise statement of action to be implemented to accomplish a specified goal. It has both a time frame and is measurable.

Outcome – The desired result or effect of a program or project.

PSA – *Public Service Announcement* is a release done by the media free of charge.

PSSF - Promoting Safe and Stable Families is funding provided by the Department of Human Services to provide families short term crisis intervention.

QRS – Iowa *Quality Rating System* for child care centers, child care homes and preschools. Based on a 5-star guide, with 5 stars being the highest quality. Providers can earn bonus funding for each rating level reached and maintained.

QSR - Quality Service Review is an evaluation protocol that is used to review the status of individual cases to determine quality of service delivery.

Registration – A process in which family or group child care homes complete a form from the state and are granted a certificate renewable annually.

RFP - Request for Proposal - This is the process SHIP uses to solicit proposals for funding from agencies.

Shared Vision Programs – Early childhood programs that receive funding from the State Department of Education for three and four year-old children who, without special assistance, are “at risk” for success in future school years.

School Ready - School Ready funds are allocated by the State Empowerment Board for areas to implement plans for children 0 to 5 to be ready to learn upon entry into school.

SHIP – *Siouxland Human Investment Program* is a board composed of representatives of Woodbury and Ida Counties whose responsibility is to coordinate and integrate a county-wide service delivery system to support and strengthen children and families. SHIP is designated by the state as the Early Childhood Iowa Board for Ida and Woodbury Counties, as well as the DCAT

Sioux City College Access Network – a local college access network (LCAN) made up of Sioux City Community School District, Western Iowa Tech Community College, Briar Cliff University, Morningside College, United Way of Siouxland and the Siouxland Chamber / Siouxland Initiative. SHIP serves as the backbone agency for this collective impact project. Funding comes from the Iowa College Student Aid Commission and the partners. The overarching goal and purpose of this LCAN is to improve the college attainment rate in Sioux City to 70% by 2025.

Sioux City Preschool Initiative – Sioux City’s Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program. SHIP was the applicant and fiscal agent for this program when it started in 2007, then transferred the funds to the Sioux City Community School District in 2010. The program provides quality preschool programs in a wide array of public, private, non-profit, for-profit, faith-based and school-based preschool programs. Sioux City Community School District oversees the program. 2013-14’s enrollment is over 700 children.

Sky Ranch Behavioral Services – provides services to male and female juveniles and their families prior to placement in an effort to eliminate the need for out-of-home placement and also to reintegrate juveniles returning home from placement, keeping the family intact and youth from new or further involvement in the out of home placement system. This is a program of SHIP. SHIP contracts with Family Solutions Services of Siouxland to provide supervision to Sky Ranch mental health therapists and to bill for behavioral services to Medicaid.

Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program – an Iowa statewide initiative serving 4-year-olds which provides free preschool for 10 hours a week via School Districts. The Sioux City Preschool Initiative is Sioux City’s SVPP provider.

TANF – *Temporary Assistance to Needy Families* funds are block grants for early childhood distributed to the Department of Human Services and Early Childhood Iowa.

Week/Month of the Young Child – Celebrations held in April sponsored by NAEYC affiliate groups across the country drawing attention to the rights of children and families.

WIC – *Woman, Infant & Children* is a supplemental food and nutrition program for pregnant and breast feeding mothers and infants and children.