



Preschool Enrichment Project  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q. How is the preschool project funded?**

A. 100% of the projects' funding comes from 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa funds. These are state funds that are dispersed at the local level.

**Q. What geographic area is covered by this project?**

A. This project covers only residents living in Adair, Dallas, Madison and Warren counties; however, similar projects are available throughout the state. Contact your local Empowerment for more information on projects in your area.  
[www.earlychildhoodiowa.org](http://www.earlychildhoodiowa.org).

**Q. How can I apply for tuition assistance for my preschool child?**

A. The application is available for download on this site  
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/warren/> or call Val Cameron at 515-961-6237 or cell phone 515-971-2977

**Q. Who can apply for preschool tuition assistance?**

A. Anyone with a child who will be attending preschool in the fall is encouraged to apply for assistance. The intention of this funding is to provide every preschool child with the opportunity to attend a quality preschool, regardless of income. Because of this the income levels are very high.

**Q. What portion of my child's tuition will be paid if my family qualifies?**

A. Payments **may be up** to 90% of the tuition but are not to exceed the maximum monthly reimbursement of **\$150.00**. The family is responsible for the difference in tuition.

**Maximum Monthly Reimbursement: \$150.00**

**Q. If my child's preschool does not participate in the project, am I still eligible to receive tuition assistance?**

A. No. The preschool your child attends must participate in the project in order for you to be eligible to receive assistance. All licensed preschools who are participating in a quality effort can participate.

**Q. What are quality improvement efforts for preschools?**

A. Quality improvement efforts for preschools are:

- National Association for the Education of Young Children
- Shared Visions Preschool programs
- Head Start Programs
- Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale – Revised (ECERS-R)
- Iowa’s Quality Preschool Program Standards (QPPS)
- Iowa’s Quality Rating System (QRS)

**Q. How can my preschool get involved in the Preschool Enhancement Program?**

A. Each participating program must be completing one of the quality improvement efforts listed above. For more information, or to get your program involved, contact Val Cameron at 515-961-6237 or cell 515-971-2977 or email her at [valc@iastate.edu](mailto:valc@iastate.edu).