



2021

ICAA Legislative Agenda

CHILD CARE

- Increase income eligibility level to receive child care assistance to 185% of the federal poverty level.
- Increase child care provider reimbursement rates.
- Maintain Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) funding.



FAMILY DEVELOPMENT & SELF SUFFICIENCY (FaDSS)



- Support a \$1.2M provider rate increase. The last increase was approximately 2% in FY2015.

FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS SERVING CHILDREN

Blending and braiding funding sources with federal Head Start and Early Head Start dollars enables parents to work and/or attend school while their children are preparing to become lifelong learners.

- Maintain level funding for State Funded Early Head Start.
- Increase funding for Early Childhood Iowa to \$18.5 million.
- Increase allocation for Wrap-Around Fund.
- Increase funding for Shared Visions (Preschool & Home Visitation).



TAXES



- Protect the Earned Income Tax Credit from any reductions.
- Support the expansion of tax credits for individuals and businesses to increase the availability and affordability of child care.