### Iowa

The comprehensive child development program Shared Visions was established in 1989. This program serves 3- to 5-year-olds. At least 80 percent of the available slots are for children who qualify based on family incomes below 130 percent of poverty. Up to 20 percent of the children may qualify based on secondary risk factors, such as having developmental delays, having low birth weight, having teen parents or parents who are incarcerated or have not completed high school, being homeless, or being in foster care. Programs are operated by public schools, Head Start centers, and nonprofit agencies. While operating costs have been increasing, level funding followed by a budget cut in 2000 led to reductions in services by some Shared Visions grantees.

In 2002-2003, Shared Visions served 478 3-year-olds and 1,645 4-year-olds, with a funding level of $7,064,132.

Iowa works to emphasize the quality of services for children and their families by requiring all grantees to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

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**Access**

- State program enrollment: 230
- Enrollment requirement: 100%
- Hours of operation: Full-time
- Operating schedule: Determined locally
- Special education enrollment: 30%
- State-funded Head Start enrollment: 0
- Federally-funded Head Start enrollment: 62%
- Shared Visions enrollment: 0

**Quality Standards Checklist**

- Curriculum standards: Comprehensive
- Staff-child ratio: 1:8
- Teacher degree requirement: BS in Ed, Specialized training requirement: None
- Daycare: 2 yrs.
- Transportation requirements: 10 miles or less
- Teacher in-service requirement: None
- Maximum class size: 15
- Federal child care funding: 20%
- Disability enrollment: 3%
- Family support service requirements: Family support services
- Enrollment and retention: Staffing needs and budget
- Family planning services: None

**Resources**

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**State and Local Contribution Breakdown**

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**Costs per child enrolled**

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**Enrollment**

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**Enrollment as Percentage of Total Population**

- State Pre-K and Head Start enrollment: 0%
- Federally-funded Head Start enrollment: 4% of 4-year-olds in state Pre-K
- State-funded Head Start enrollment: 0% of 4-year-olds in state Pre-K
- Shared Visions enrollment: 3 of 10

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**Other Notes**

- Shared Visions is offering 12 programs and 31 Head Start programs that may be included in the total that provides the programs.
- 10 hours training (nonpublic) 6
- 30 or fewer students per full-time teacher. The average number of no more than 20 students per full-time teacher in Shared Visions is offered across providers is 4.73.
- A grantee is required to offer at least 15 hours of training per year to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.