

# FOSTERING

# CHILDHOOD SUCCESS



Fostering **childhood success** is crucial in the early ages of childhood, and it doesn't end there. Our children are the future, and we are continuing to invest in them. Our focus is on shaping early childhood opportunities as well as our future workforce.

## WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

In Linn County, only 63% of children met the benchmark of being kindergarten ready. The overall graduation rate in Linn County is 85%. This rate drops significantly to 73% for those enrolled in free and reduced lunch programs, and further to 70% for Black students in this county.

## HOW IS UWECI ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE?

With your support, we are working with community stakeholders to develop strategies that assist both parents and children. In addition, we are aligning our work to support teens and young adults in their career path.

## YOUR IMPACT



**15,000+ CHILDREN**

were impacted by our nonprofit partners



**90% OF CHILDREN**

improved social-emotional skills in early childhood and school aged programs

## CHILDHOOD SUCCESS NONPROFIT PARTNERS

**\$864,011 INVESTMENT FROM UWECI**

**Area Substance Abuse Council** – ASAC Prevention

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cedar Rapids and East Central Iowa** – Big Futures for Youth through Big Brothers Big Sisters

**Boys and Girls Club of Cedar Rapids** – Bridging the Educational Gap to Create Great Futures

**Four Oaks Family and Children Services** – Achievement Academy

**Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP)** – Head Start

**Kids First Law Center** – Restorative Justice Helps Children Resolve Conflict, Child Advocacy

**The Arc of East Central Iowa** – The Ability Center - Special Needs Childcare

**Waypoint Services for Women, Children and Families** – Access to Quality Child Care

**Young Parents Network** – Building Bright Futures

**Youthport** – LGBTQ+ Youth Center

**Zach Johnson Foundation** – Kids on Course University



**United Way**  
of East Central Iowa