

Child Care Access Means Parents In School (CCAMPIS)

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This is a partnership project with Upper Des Moines Child Care Reference and Referral agency. Funds during this final project year assist students utilizing accredited child care facilities with child care expenses. Five students in the Child Care/Early Childhood Education program received \$500 scholarships. Early in the project, Iowa Lakes Community College CCAMPIS project provided assistance to child care centers and home providers pursuing national accreditation.

Project discovery: It took the first 24 months to raise awareness of the accreditation process and the benefits to providers. As awareness was gained and incentives to participate were added, several very high quality providers and centers began the process. There are two centers (Armstrong and Spencer) and home providers in Spencer, Estherville and Spirit Lake that have achieved national accreditation status.