Child Care Nurse Consultation is an evidence-based practice that positively impacts child health outcomes and the quality of child care programs.
The Child Care Nurse Consultant Program supports child care providers in meeting the health and safety needs of children in their care by providing outreach, on-site assessment, education, training, referral, special health care needs planning, and QRS assessment tools.
Evidence suggests that frequent visits by a trained health consultant improves health policies, health and safety practices, and improves children’s immunization status, access to a medical home, enrollment in health insurance, timely screenings, and potentially reduces the prevalence of obesity with a targeted intervention.

Reauthorization of the Child Care Development Block Grant Iowa Regulatory Requirements:

- Align health and safety standards with Caring For Our Children
- Preservice/orientation training requirements on health and safety topics for all child care providers (Essentials Series)
- Improving Access for Underserved Populations (including children with disabilities)
The 2015 Statewide Needs Assessment for Iowa’s Title V Maternal and Child Health program identified **access to quality child care** as a state priority area. Activities and data related to the percent of early care and education programs receiving child care nurse consultant services will be monitored throughout FFY 2017 – FFY 2020.
Iowa Maternal and Child Health Agencies, local Early Childhood Iowa Areas, local public health, health organizations, Head Start/Early Head Start, United Way, and community partners provide support (including funding) for CCNC programs statewide to help ensure children have safe and healthy child care environments that are inclusive and are committed to quality.
Maternal and Child Health Agencies provide oversight and leadership for local CCNC programs by hiring, subcontracting, or collaborating with a community partner per Iowa statute (IAC 441-118).
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