

Comparison of Early Childhood Proposals

The House Republican goal is 100% of children in quality settings, not 99% in one setting.

Topic	House Republican	Governor
Community Empowerment – Co-locating	Co-locates 22 state run programs and FTEs under the Iowa Community Empowerment Board	No change – Keeps 22 programs in 3 agencies
		More bureaucracy: \$500,000 for Empowerment Board operational funding
		More bureaucracy: \$500,000 administration money for the Department of Education
Community Empowerment – Locally Determined Needs and Preschool Tuition	\$7 million to Local Community Empowerment Areas of which \$3 million for preschool tuition for low income parents	\$4.5 million increase
		\$19.5 million to expand Shared Visions – government run preschool
		Uniform government standards for preschool
Professional Development	\$1 million to AEAs, comm. colleges via local empowerment areas for CHILD CARE and PRESCHOOL provider professional development	\$600,000 for PRESCHOOL staff NO funding for CHILD CARE training
	\$1 million to provide onsite quality training based upon ISU research and a Missouri Initiative	
Child Care	\$2.8 million to increase eligibility for child care and special needs child care	Same
		\$9 million to increase child care reimbursement rates
		\$1.8 million to implement child care rating system
Improve Access	Require Local Empowerment Areas to provide web based access to regional child care, preschool, health programs	Nothing
Accountability	Meaningful reporting to community	Nothing