

## Child Care







## Are you a Child Development Home Provider in Polk County? You may be eligible for a financial award!

Programs located in these counties are currently eligible if they meet these criteria:

- Level 4 5 on Iowa's Quality Rating System (QRS) or NAFCC Accreditation
- Accepting Child Care Assistance (10% of program capacity)

What is the WAGE\$ program?	WAGE\$ rewards early care and education providers with a financial award of \$500-\$3,500 per year, based on formal education level.
How do I qualify?	You may be eligible if you have completed some college coursework and have been a registered home provider in Iowa for at least six months.
Do I need to work with a specific age group?	Yes, you must work at least 20 hours per week with children birth to age five.
Are there scholarships available if I haven't taken college classes before?	Yes, through the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood $^{ extsf{B}}$ IOWA Scholarship Program.

## **Contact Us!**

For more information about WAGE\$ or T.E.A.C.H. contact: Dara Madigan WAGE\$ Program Coordinator Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children (515) 331-8000, ext 14 dara@iowaaeyc.org

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