



All Our Kids Early Childhood Network

Rock Island County Network Partner Overviews

*Communities build what they dream.
Families get what they need. Children thrive.*

	<p>Serving the Quad City region, the Child Abuse Council leads community efforts to eliminate child abuse and neglect by strengthening children and families through treatment, education and prevention.</p> <p>We are a regional, non-profit agency with more than 39 years of experience providing child abuse prevention, education and treatment programs for children and families in the bi-state metropolitan area and surrounding communities.</p> <p>Our goals for every child served are (1) a safe and nurturing home; (2) a secure parent-child relationship; and (3) an environment supporting successful growth and development.</p>	
<p>Network Representatives:</p>	<p>Emily Cummings Angie Kendall Michael Terry</p>	<p>http://www.childabuseqc.org/</p>
	<p>Our mission is to actively respond to community needs for affordable and accessible quality child care by providing resources, education, and advocacy for children, parents, child care providers and employers.</p> <p>It is our goal that all children will be cared for in safe, nurturing, and healthy environments growing to become contributing members of their communities and capable of nurturing their own children.</p>	
<p>Network Representative:</p>	<p>April Berthiaume</p>	<p>http://childcareillinois.org/</p>
	<p>Community stakeholders are an important part of the AOK Network. Community involvement is reciprocally valuable for the volunteer and the community. It helps the community connect with each other, it improves the quality of life, and builds strong communities. Most important is the intangible benefits of pride, satisfaction and accomplishment of giving back.</p> <p>By fostering partnerships between community members and the early childhood system of supports and services, the AOK Network strives to maximize our community's resources in order to support healthy children and families.</p>	
<p>Network Representative:</p>	<p>Breann Hirst</p>	<p>MSW Student</p>

	<p>The mission of Esperanza Child Care Center (ECCC) is to provide high-quality, developmentally appropriate bilingual educational experiences for children ages 15 months to 5 years. ECCC believes that early childhood education is vital to a child's success and strives to provide an environment where all children are nurtured to reach their full potential.</p>	
<p>Network Representative:</p>	<p>Benita Perez-DeLoach</p>	<p>http://esperanzaqc.com/esperanza-child-care-center/</p>
	<p>In A Kid's World is a private early learning center located in Rock Island. Family-owned and operated since 1995, In A Kid's World offers high-quality preschool and child care services for children ages 15 months through 12 years. The Mahr family and the teaching staff work closely with families to strive to "build the foundations of success" for our children.</p>	
<p>Network Representatives:</p>	<p>Cindy Mahr Jenna Mahr Jeremy Mahr</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/In-A-Kids-World-122460514479396/</p>
	<p>Project NOW Head Start is a School Readiness and family support program, providing comprehensive services at no cost to low-income families with children aged 3-5 years. Project NOW Head Start has program locations in East Moline, Moline, Silvis, Aledo, Colona and Kewanee. Eligible families are those that live in Mercer and Henry Counties and those in Rock Island County that do not reside in the cities of Rock Island or Milan.</p>	
<p>Network Representative:</p>	<p>Marcia Seabolt</p>	<p>http://www.projectnow.org/headstart.htm</p>
	<p>Throughout the Illinois Quad Cities, the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District, commonly known as MetroLINK, is moving Quad Citians from one destination to another. The organization provides Metro bus service, ADA paratransit and Special Transportation Services, and seasonal passenger ferryboat service with the Channel Cat Water Taxi. Communities we serve include Moline, Rock Island, East Moline, Silvis, Milan, Carbon Cliff, Hampton, and Colona.</p> <p>The 3.5 million rides a year taken on MetroLINK services provide a vital connection to jobs, education, healthcare, and retail; supporting our local economy and creating a vibrant quality of life. Our multi-modal organization keeps riders moving in the right direction, while easing traffic congestion and reducing air pollution—making the Quad Cities a better place to live.</p>	
<p>Network Representatives:</p>	<p>Chelsey Hohensee</p>	<p>http://www.gogreenmetro.com/</p>
	<p>The purpose of the Maternal and Child Health Program is to improve and maintain the health of women, children, youth, and families, including those with special health care needs. Families get help in finding an ongoing source of medical care and financial assistance and are connected to nutrition services, health education, transportation, mental health services, substance abuse treatment programs and other services they may need. Many of the programs ensure access to quality health care. Some of their other programs such as Family Case Management, Hearing and Vision Screening, Lead Poisoning Prevention, NEST Prenatal Care, and W.I.C. Nutrition enhance their ability to continue improving the health of women and children.</p>	
<p>Network Representatives:</p>	<p>Janet Hill Elizabeth Myers</p>	<p>http://www.richd.org/maternal_child.php</p>

	<p>The Rock Island County Regional Office of Education has collaborated with area childcare centers and the Early Childhood Coalition to provide pre-kindergarten support services in childcare center classrooms within the community. Teachers certified in Early Childhood Education partner with staff to provide educational programming based on the Illinois Early Learning Standards and Creative Curriculum for children ages 3-5.</p> <p>In partnership with community agencies, developmental screenings allow for early identification of developmental concerns, and also assists families in learning what to expect from the child's development. Families can also learn activities that will encourage their child's continued development.</p>	
<p>Network Representatives: Tammy Muerhoff Natalie Doyle Kate Klimson</p>	<p>Jackie VanMeighem LeAnn Linden Christine Kitchen Moushumi Kundu</p>	<p>http://www.riroe.com/site/</p>
 <p>Moline Campus</p>	<p>SAL Family and Community Services strengthens children, families, and individuals to build and enhance thriving communities.</p> <p>Skip-a-Long Child Development Services has evolved over the years from an agency whose main focus was to provide quality child care to the working poor, to one where quality child care is provided to all children, regardless of financial means. We offer a sliding fee scale and work with IDHS and United Way to ensure that high-quality child care is affordable and accessible to everyone in the Quad Cities area, and that all children have the opportunity at our centers to learn from our professional staff and be prepared for success in school and in life!</p>	
<p>Network Representative:</p>	<p>Paula Merrill</p>	<p>http://www.skip-a-long.org/</p>
 <p>United Way of the Quad Cities Area</p>	<p>Our mission is to improve lives and make a positive impact in our community by mobilizing people and resources. Every day, we make this mission a reality by advancing Education, Income, and Health in our community.</p> <p>We all have a stake in creating a healthy, prosperous region. We work to bring the whole community around the issues that matter most to the Quad Cities, and we find the most efficient and effective strategies to solve them. Everything we do is volunteer-led with people who bring the talent, expertise, and passion to get things done.</p> <p>Our vision is bold. We want all youth to be prepared to be successful in work and life, all individuals and families to be economically self-sufficient, and all children and adults to be healthy.</p> <p>We are governed by a Board of Directors and are committed to maximizing the impact of donor donations to create measurable results.</p>	
<p>Network Representatives:</p>	<p>Alex Kolker Leslee Cook</p>	<p>http://www.unitedwayqc.org/</p>