

# High-Quality Childcare

“Working parents need access to safe, nurturing, educational, and affordable child care. A thriving child care system is critical to growing Iowa’s workforce and supporting child development.”

Iowa Governor’s Child Task Force Report, 2021

**Childcare access increases workforce participation, particularly for women.**

(U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, 2021)

**Kids in quality programs are more likely to graduate, attend college, and earn higher wages.**

(National Institute for Early Education Research, 2021)



**Around 35% of surveyed parents of young children who had not worked in the last seven days reported they were unemployed in order to provide care to their children who weren’t in school or day care.**

(Eggleston et. al, US Census Reports, 2023) Household Pulse Survey



## The Source For Siouxland Leadership Team

Leaders of key community organizations plan and oversee the work of the initiative:

Catholic Charities• Great Plains ToP• Growing Community Connections• Helios Foundation• One Siouxland• SHIP• Siouxland CARES• Siouxland Community Foundation• Siouxland District Health Department• United Way of Siouxland