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Who Is Watching the Children?

Early Care and Education in Clarion and Jefferson Counties

**Program Year
July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005**

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Community Action, Inc.



JEFFERSON COUNTY

The following information summarizes the status of early care and education in Jefferson County between July 2004 and June 2005.

EARLY EDUCATION

- 8 Head Start centers, 1 home based program
- 274 Children are enrolled in Head Start programs in the bi-county area
- 5 nursery and pre-schools (separate from child care)

EARLY CARE

- 1 family day care home changed to group day care
- 1 new family day care home opened
- 3 Family day care homes and 1 group day care closed

There are a total of:

- 22 family day care homes equaling 132 slots
- 2 group day care homes equaling 24 slots
- 5 child care centers equaling 388 slots
- 102 relative/neighbor providers have been identified through Child Care Information Services equaling 306 slots
- 850 child care slots are available for Jefferson County children

Keystone STARS

- Bloom's family day care home and Park's family day care home, both in Brockway, have achieved the Start with Stars designation
- Toy's family day care home in Brookville has achieved Star level 1
- 3 centers—Crayon Castle, Brookville YMCA Learning and Caring Center and Playhouse Children's Center and Pre-school—have achieved Star level 1

KEY SUCCESSES

Participation in Pennsylvania's Keystone STARS Quality Initiative has doubled since June 2004 throughout the bi-county area.

CLARION COUNTY

The following information summarizes the status of early care and education in Clarion County between July 2004 and June 2005.

EARLY EDUCATION

- 6 Head Start Centers, 1 Home Based program
- 274 children are enrolled in Head Start Programs in the bi-county area
- 2 nursery and pre-schools (separate from child care)

EARLY CARE

- 4 new child care facilities opened—3 family day care homes and 1 center
- 2 family day care homes closed

There are a total of:

- 13 family day care homes equaling 78 slots
- 3 group day care homes equaling 36 slots
- 12 child care centers equaling 663 slots
- 71 relative/neighbor providers have been identified through Child Care Information Services equaling 213 slots
- 990 child care slots are available for Clarion County children

Keystone STARS

- Sonia Crissman's Group Day Care in Strattanville has achieved Start with Stars designation
- Swartzfager Child Care Center in Shippensburg and The Robyn's Nest in Tybersburg have achieved Star level 1
- Creative Kids Learning Center in Clarion has achieved Star level 2
- Clarion University's Siler Center in Clarion has achieved Star level 4

KEY SUCCESSES

Through various initiatives in both counties, strong relationships are being established among child care providers, Head Start, Early Intervention, social service programs and schools.