

**Early Childhood Iowa Local Area
Annual Report
State Fiscal Year 2013
July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013**

Name of Early Childhood Area: Better Tomorrows ECI

Website: www.bettertomorrowseci.org

Counties/Area Served: 1. Benton 3. _____
2. Tama 4. _____

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Assurances: I hereby affirm and certify that:

1. The information in this annual report is accurate, to the best of my knowledge.
2. The Board reviewed all indicator data, trends and analysis during this fiscal year.
3. The local ECI Board has conducted an annual review of the ECI Area Director contract with regards to state required performance measures on **July 9, 2013**.
4. The Community Plan was reviewed by the ECI Area Board on **December 6, 2012**.
5. This Annual Report was approved by ECI Area Board on **September 4, 2013**.

Signature of ECI Board Chairperson

Date

Signature of Current Fiscal Agent

Date

Larry Vest

ECI Chairperson's Name (print or type)

Laura Kopsa

Fiscal Agent (print or type)

Community Plan Updates

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Iowa Code chapter 256I requires that local ECIA boards report progress toward and achievement of desired results identified in the Community Plan.

Provide a narrative of the ECIA's progress in the last year towards the priorities and strategies identified in the most recent Community Plan. Success and/or challenges to meeting the ECIA goals may also be included.

As a newly merged area we are working towards achieving results, as defined in the Community Plan. We as a board feel the merger was successful, as both counties and directors are working together as one. Because we were able to maintain both directors we were able to prevent any gaps in service. The directors had previously worked with each of the contractors/providers, and had a strong knowledge base of their counties needs.

The board will continue to review the Community Plan in FY '14 to align our funding streams with the priorities that best meet the needs of families in both Benton and Tama County.