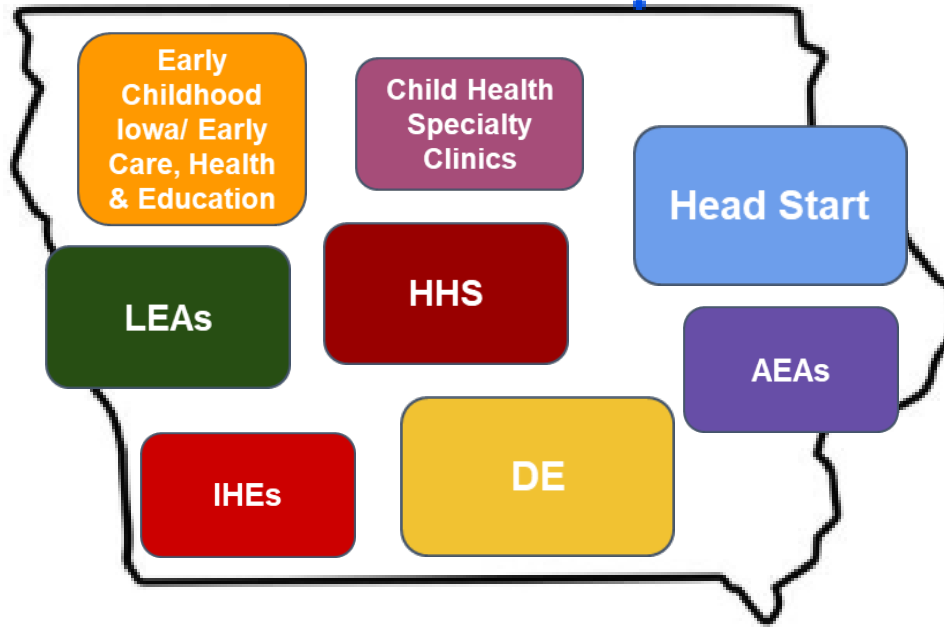




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# Iowa's Early Childhood System





**\*Emphasize a mixed delivery system of early childhood funding through the braiding of various funding sources to meet the diverse needs of various communities across the state.**

## **Possible Funding Sources**

- ❖ Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP)
- ❖ Shared Vision Preschool Program (SVPP)
- ❖ Head Start
- ❖ Title 1
- ❖ Special Education
- ❖ Early Childhood Iowa (ECI)
- ❖ Parent Tuition
- ❖ Child Care Assistance
- ❖ Grants, philanthropic sources





# **Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programs\***

**Shared Visions  
Preschool Programs \***

**Early Head Start &  
Head Start \***

**\*Early Childhood  
Special Education  
services**





### **Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programs**

- ❖ State-funded, universal preschool programming

### **Shared Visions Preschool Programs**

- ❖ State-funded, targeted preschool programming

### **Early Head Start & Head Start**

- ❖ Comprehensive services and parent involvement

### **Early Childhood Special Education**

- ❖ Inclusive services with peers in a variety of locations





### **Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programs**

- ❖ Enrollment of 28,189 children—4YOs

### **Shared Visions Preschool Programs**

- ❖ Enrollment of 1,122 children in Iowa—3, 4, 5YOs

### **Early Head Start & Head Start**

- ❖ Enrollment of 4,998 children—prenatal-5YO

### **Early Childhood Special Education**

- ❖ Enrollment of 4,106 children—3 & 4 YOs





## **Priority for Quality**

- ❖ Preschool Program Standards
- ❖ Statewide assessment
- ❖ Inclusive practices
- ❖ DBDM >> Preschool MTSS
- ❖ PD on child development and learning progressions
- ❖ Attn to research and evidence based practices
- ❖ Quality Rating Improvement System

## **Focus on Access**

- ❖ Mixed delivery system with braided funding
- ❖ State, regional, local joint opportunities
- ❖ IDEA system supporting birth to 21+
- ❖ Recent Governor's bill and grant options supporting full day opportunities





**QUALITY**

**ACCESS**

**COLLABORATION**

**HHS**

**Head Start**

**AEAs**

Child Health  
Specialty  
Clinics

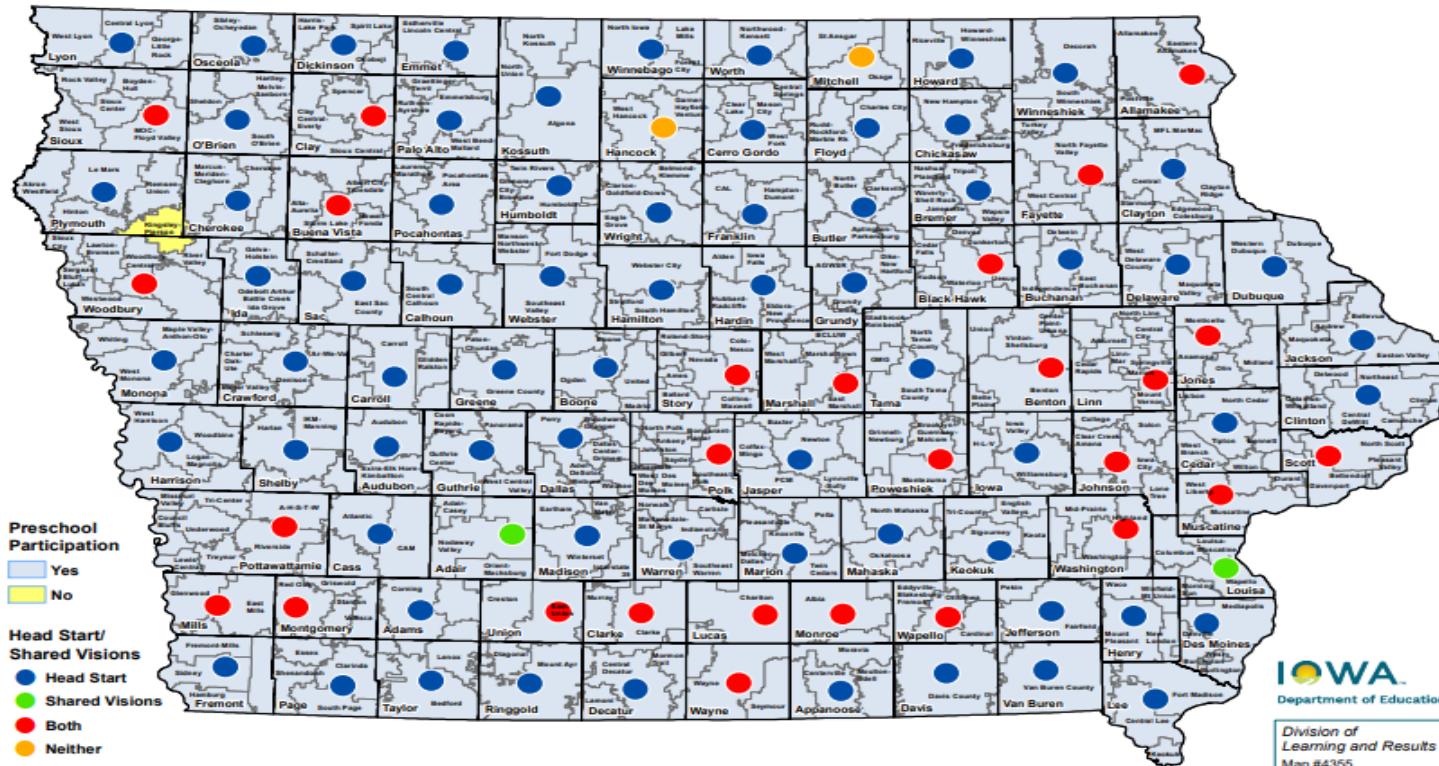
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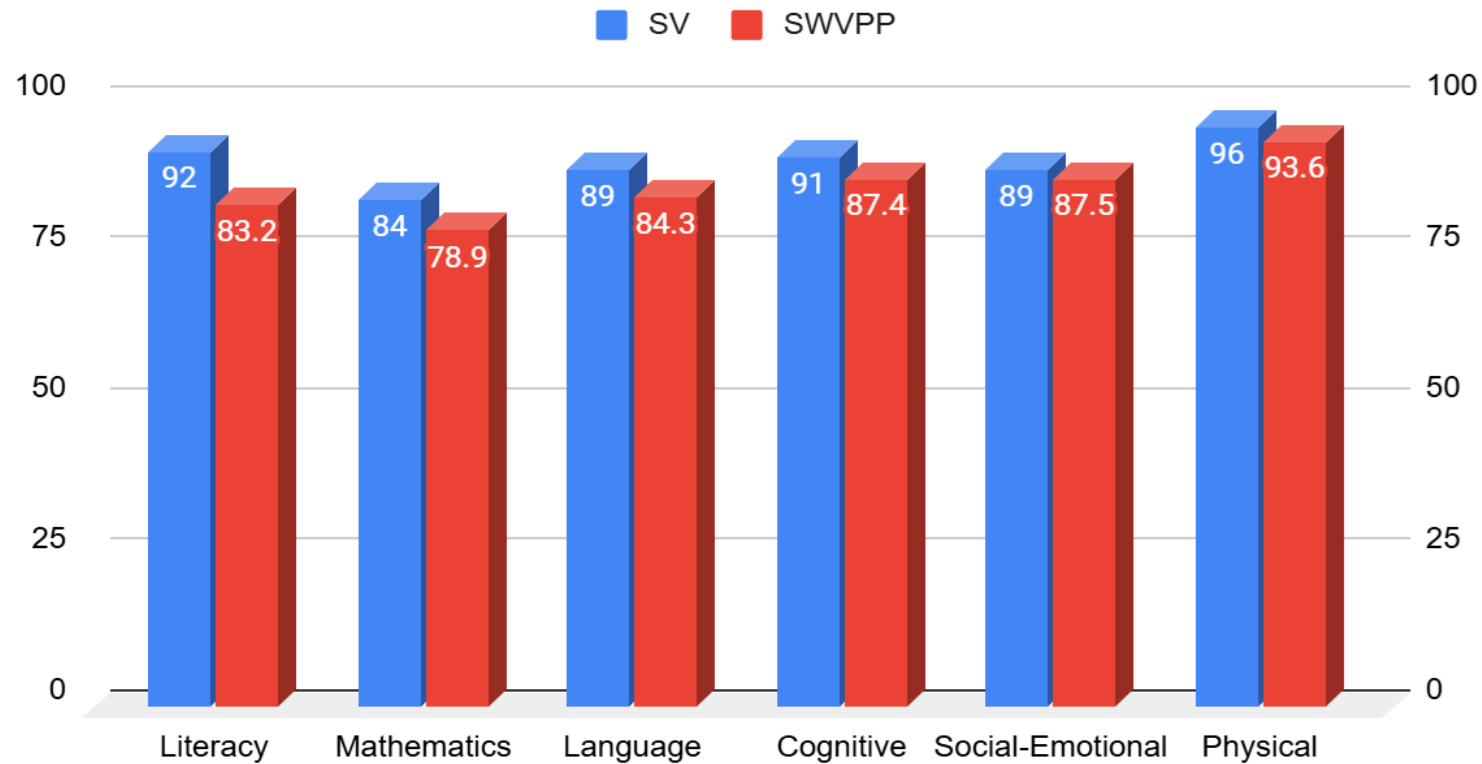
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# Statewide Voluntary Preschool, Head Start, and Shared Visions Programs in Iowa

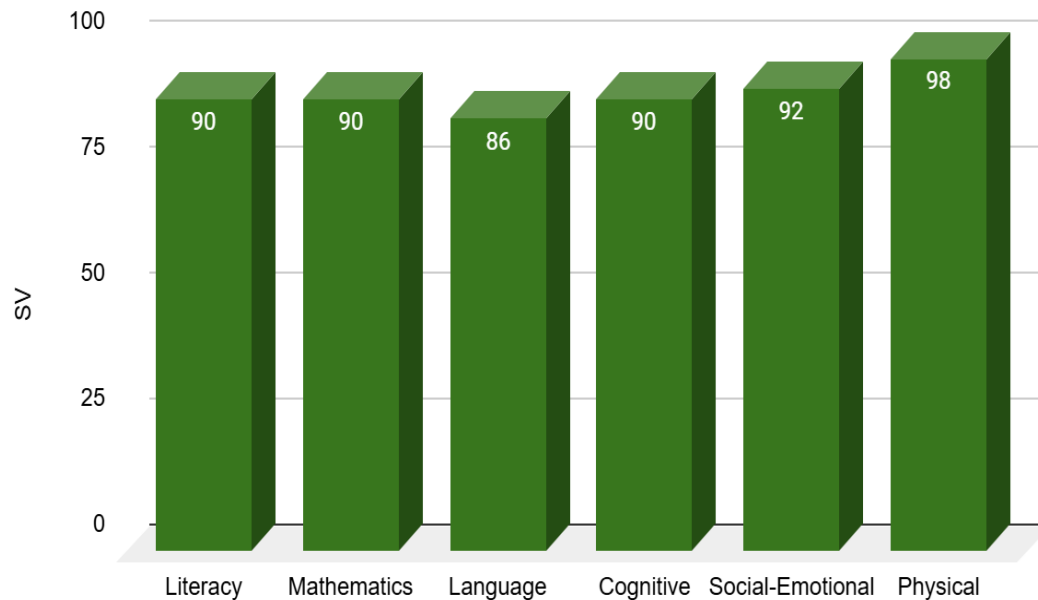


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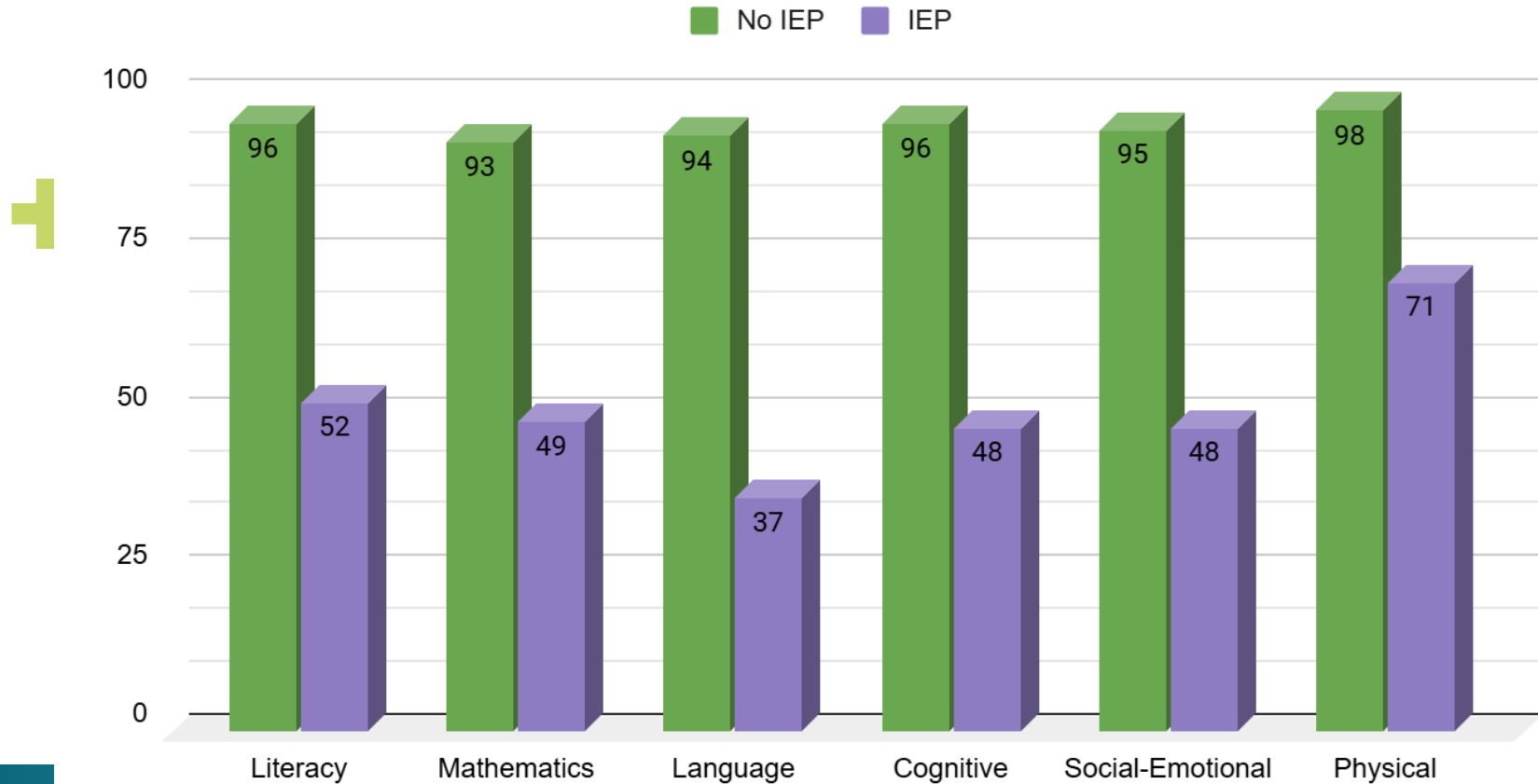


# Shared Visions Preschools

Percent of 3-Year-Olds Meeting or Exceeding Age Expectations



## 3 & 4 Year-olds Meeting/Exceeding WHE on GOLD Spring 2024





# Opportunities

- ❖ Programming options
- ❖ New funding possibilities
- ❖ Access for 3YOs
- ❖ Transition supports
- ❖ Innovations in DBDM
- ❖ Teacher/provider pipeline

DE Team specifically...

- ❖ Standards revision
- ❖ Preschool MTSS pilot
- ❖ HQ instructional support
- ❖ Preschool accountability system





Kindergarten  
2025-2026

Early ACCESS  
Head Start  
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