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Over 57 Free Preschool Slots Open in Scott County

Families with a four-year-old child should contact their local school district to register.

DAVENPORT, IA – Right now, there are over 57 open and free seats for four-year-olds in preschools in Scott County. These are not full-day slots. The hours each day of instruction and times vary by location. The slots are paid for through the Iowa Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SVPP). This year, almost every school district has experienced a decrease in enrollment for this free program.

Families with four-year-old children can register their children for these slots by contacting their local school district. A list of school district contacts are below.

Bettendorf Community Schools Lisa Stevenson: 563-359-8261

Davenport Community Schools Dorian Olsen: 563-823-2086

Davenport Community Schools' slots are two hours per day and times vary by location.

North Scott Community Schools Sherri Marceau: 563-285-3114

Pleasant Valley Community Schools Jennifer Jansen: 563.344.6393

“Early learning is vitally important to ensure our local children are on track for success in life,” said Denise Bulat, executive director of Bi-State Regional Commission and chair of the Women’s Leadership Council’s Advocate Committee. “We need to get children registered for this program, so they can get prepared for Kindergarten and start school ready to learn.”

About the Iowa Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SVPP)

Iowa’s Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old Children provides an opportunity for all young children in the State of Iowa to enter school ready to learn. More information can be found at <http://ow.ly/78ukr>

About the Women’s Leadership Council (WLC)

The Women’s Leadership Council (WLC) is igniting the power of women to make a positive impact on the lives of children from birth to age five by preparing them for success in life. More information can be found at www.unitedwayqc.org/wlc

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