

Director's Letter

As we reflect on 2025, I am proud to share a year defined by growth, collaboration, and meaningful impact. Our mission to improve outcomes for all students and families continues to thrive, thanks to the unwavering support of our partners, funders, and community members who believe in the power of collective action.

This year, we secured a three-year, \$296,033 grant from the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program, enabling us to expand and stabilize family support programs at the Muscatine Community YMCA, Trinity Muscatine Public Health, and Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI). This investment is already strengthening families across Muscatine, Louisa, and Des Moines Counties.

We also celebrated several other major milestones that will translate into measurable improvements across the cradle to career continuum:

Secured \$93,000 in Early Childhood Iowa funding to provide preschool tuition and transportation scholarships for the 25/26 school year, ensuring more children have access to quality early learning experiences.



Assumed leadership of the Muscatine Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC), a vital initiative focused on preventing child abuse and neglect, reducing out-of-home placements, and supporting family reunification. This work is supported by \$20,000 in HHS funding.

Received funding from Kent Corporation, HNI Corporation, and an anonymous donor to enhance our community's shared data system—an essential tool for tracking outcomes and driving informed decision-making.



These successes reflect the power of aligned strategies, shared data, and community-wide collaboration. Throughout this report, you will see areas of great improvement, such as increases in 3rd grade reading proficiency and high school graduation. You will also find areas where we need to invest more time and resources, such as postsecondary enrollment. While there is still work to do, we are encouraged by the momentum and remain committed to improving outcomes for all children and families in Muscatine County.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are creating a brighter future for all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Wan".