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**Grow Clinton to Partner with First Children's Finance to Assess
Area Childcare Needs**

Clinton, IA, June 26, 2023—Grow Clinton is proud to announce its upcoming partnership with First Children's Finance (FCF). First Children's Finance is a national Non-Profit corporation specializing in business and community consulting.

Investing approximately \$15,000 in grant funds received from the Clinton County Development Association (CCDA), Grow Clinton will work with FCF to conduct an area childcare market analysis.

“Our organization is fortunate to have the support of the CCDA. We are able to secure this project through their grant program, which is part of on-going workforce development efforts at Grow Clinton,” said Jennifer Holm, Grow Clinton Director of Member and Community Relations.

In the coming months, Grow Clinton will disseminate an electronic survey to employers, childcare providers, and parents who utilize childcare as well as parents who find employment difficult due to childcare challenges.

“Childcare directly affects workforce development and production. This study will provide insight into what our area employees and employers need in terms of availability and what our childcare providers need in terms of support,” said Holm.

FCF will collect the survey responses and conduct an in-depth analysis of the data combined with research of existing demographic statistics. Results will be used to determine appropriate actions needed to improve and support childcare access in Clinton and surrounding areas.

The electronic survey is scheduled to be distributed in September 2023, and will remain open for responses for four weeks. Results and analysis will be delivered by December of 2023. If you are an employer, childcare provider, or caregiver of young children and would like to be included in the First Children Finance survey, please send your name and email address to Jenny Holm at jholm@growclinton.com.

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