# Child Welfare Research and Training Project

**Service Training**

Iowa State University Partnership with the Iowa Department of Human Services

## Our Impact

**Service Training** within the Iowa DHS is responsible for training all DHS social workers in Iowa and for building community partnerships to improve people’s lives. Through a partnership with the Iowa DHS, and in collaboration with University of Northern Iowa, University of Iowa and Achievements, Inc., we:

- Host over 5,760 users on DHS Service Training Website
- Offer over 100 courses and webinars per year
- Provide initial in-service orientation training to nearly 50 new DHS service case managers and assessors each year
- Train 4,000 to 5,000 participants per year including DHS staff, community providers, and students

## We Deliver Statewide

- On-line instructional courses, blended learning opportunities, and classroom training
- Continuing education opportunities for social work licensing

## Training and Consultation Provided

### Social Work
- Best practice and evidence based training
- Family Team Meeting training and facilitation
- Permanency planning training
- Child Protective assessment training
- Dependent Adult training
- Trauma informed care training
- Culturally competent practice training
- Legal aspects of social work training
- Differential response training
- Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) training with members of First Nation
- Domestic Violence
  - Train on domestic violence and safety
  - Consult on cases involving domestic violence
- Transitioning Youth
  - Work with older youth in foster care transitioning into adulthood
  - Coordinate Dream Team with community neighborhoods
  - Youth Transition Decision Making facilitation
- Regents Institution Consortium
  - Work to develop child welfare certificate

## Programs Offered

### Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC)
- Engage community leaders in developing community/neighborhood networking opportunities
- Provide learning opportunities to enhance skills of community leaders
- Programming for awareness of disproportionality and cultural equity
- AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children member placement opportunities

### Social Work Resources
- Blueprints for Permanency
- Practice Bulletins
- Life of a Case Flowchart
- Topic-specific blogs and newsletters

### Project Opportunities
- Research on learning competencies
- Research on Family Team meetings
- Research on Youth Transition Decision Making process
- Analyze service worker learning outcome data
- Programming for learning management system
- Internships and service learning projects

## Funding
- FY 2015 $1.85 million direct costs

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