# Child Welfare Research and Training Project

**AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children**  
Iowa State University Partnerships with the Iowa Department of Human Services  
and the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Services

## Program Goals
To assist local efforts to prevent child abuse through awareness and collaboration.

## What Members Do
AmeriCorps members provide technical assistance and supports to local Community Partnerships to Protect Children (CPPC) sites located throughout Iowa that aim to:
- Build community and site capacity to implement child abuse prevention strategies
- Develop and enhance tools to involve service providers
- Create outreach tools and processes to engage parents/caregivers

## Services Provided
Members serve at an assigned host site agency in Iowa. Members provide technical support for communities to achieve locally-identified goals within the four key strategies for community partnerships:
- Shared decision making
- Neighborhood networking
- Individualized Course of Action
- Policy and Practice Changes

## Skill Development Opportunity Examples
- Community Based Family Team meetings
- Organization and networking skills
- Volunteer recruitment

## With Whom Members Interact during their Service Year
- Local agency host site supervisors and staff
- Community members
- Community leaders
- Service providers
- Families / Caregivers
- AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children members
- ISU’s AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children leadership

## Benefit for AmeriCorps Members
- Learn ways to empower local communities
- Gain valuable experience
- Build career skills
- Develop an appreciation for community service
- Receive a stipend and educational award provided through AmeriCorps

## Funding
- $384,063 from the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Services and the Iowa Department of Human Services for September 2016 – August 2017