Child Welfare Research and Training Project

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FY 2017 Facts

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Child Support Training Contract

Child Support Training is responsible for training all Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Support Recovery Unit workers and attorneys.

Training - Staff create e-learning webinars and in-person training as well as produce technical writing documents.
- Child support process training
- Soft skills training
- Attorney Guidebook

Outreach - Staff deliver presentations statewide, create and distribute materials, and coordinate social media campaigns.
- Parenting: It’s a Life (life skills curriculum for 7-12th graders)
- Voluntary Paternity Affidavit

Research - Staff analyze data, research specific topics, and conduct surveys and pilot studies.
- Case load analysis
- Legal issues
- Assessments of training delivery

Service Training Contract

Service Training is responsible for training all Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) social workers and for building community partnerships to improve people’s lives.

Training - Staff provide new social workers with trainings and activities to offer guidance and continuity of care for child welfare cases. Staff offer continuing professional development for social work licensing. Recent initiatives:
- Substance Abuse Fundamentals
- Mental Health Fundamentals

Domestic Violence and Safety - Staff deliver evidence informed trainings for system-wide policy and practice change.
- Safe & Together Module state-wide
- Consult on cases involving Domestic Violence

Culturally Informed Practices - Staff implement strategies that respect diversity.
- Race: Power of Illusion Facilitation

Research - Staff analyze and report data.
- Learning needs and priorities
- Service worker learning outcomes