

About CW RTP

The Child Welfare Research and Training Project (CW RTP) trains Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) employees; provides outreach to communities; and conducts research. The overall goal is to support those who serve Iowa children, families, and communities.

Through CW RTP, ISU faculty, staff, and students collaborate with the Iowa HHS, Iowa citizens, and other partners. We work together to ensure Iowa's children and families receive services and care informed by best practices that lead to safety and overall wellbeing.

Learn more:

www.childwelfareproject.hs.iastate.edu



Contracts

- Service Training (since 1988)
- Child Support Training (since 1992)
- AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children (since 2014)
- Youth & Shelter Services (since 2022)

Funding ~ \$3.86 million annually

- Iowa Department of Health & Human Services
 - Bureau of Child Care Services
 - Bureau of Child Support Recovery
 - Bureau of Child Welfare & Community Services
 - Bureau of Service Support & Training
 - Volunteer Iowa

Contract Positions ~ 45 FTEs annually*

- Administrative Support
- Communications Specialist
- External Contracted Trainers & Consultants
- Graduate & Undergraduate Students
- Human Service Specialists
- Instructional Development Coordinator
- Instructional Development Specialists
- Instructional Support Specialists
- Legal Consultants
- Program Assistants
- Program Coordinators
- Program Manager
- AmeriCorps Members

Contributors

- ISU Faculty/HDFS
- ISU Translational Research Network

* five year average



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Iowa State University
Human Development and
Family Studies
College of Human Sciences

Training & Development

Staff train HHS social workers and field staff, provide technical assistance, design, develop, and improve training. They create e-learning, webinars, and as well as technical documents. Staff offer opportunities for continuing education, professional growth, and licensing. Recent initiatives include:

- Child support process training
- Domestic Violence-Safe & Together Model
- Domestic Violence Simulation
- Essential skills training
- Inclusion Through a New Lens
- Mandatory Reporter Statewide Training
- Projecting Positivity Promotes Positivity & Cultural Change
- Trauma Stewardship



Outreach & Consultation

Staff deliver presentations statewide, create and distribute materials, and coordinate social media campaigns. They also deliver evidence-informed facilitation for system-wide policy and practice change.

- AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children (APPC)
 - o Members build capacity of local communities to implement evidence-informed and evidence-based prevention strategies
- Child Support Training Partnership
- Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC)
 - o Shared decision making
 - o Neighborhood networking
 - o Individualized course of actions
 - o Policy and practice changes
- Cultural Equity Outreach
- Parenting: It's a Life (PIAL)
 - o Life skills, curriculum for 7th-12th graders
- Voluntary Paternity Affidavit (VPA)
- Iowa Aftercare Services Network (IASN)



Research & Evaluation



Staff analyze data, research specific topics, and conduct surveys and pilot studies in partnership with human service and child support professionals so they can empower families to become safe, stable, and self-sufficient.

- Attorney Guidebook
- Case load analysis
- Effectiveness of outreach
- Learning needs and priorities
- Learning outcomes
- Legal issues

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