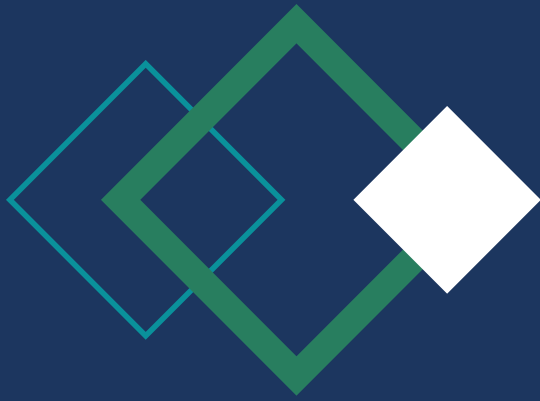




COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROTECTING CHILDREN (CPPC) CONTRACT

SFY 2022 Annual Report



CPPC

TEAM PURPOSE

Through an agreement with Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, the CPPC team provides equity-centered training and guidance to families, communities, and systems collaborations, promoting authentic engagements that strengthen connections and improve child well-being outcomes.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROTECTING CHILDREN

Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC) is a community-based approach to child protection. CPPC involves all community members and works to prevent child abuse, neglect, and re-abuse. The CPPC approach to child protection aims to change systems and community culture to improve child welfare processes, practices, and policies. Cultural and racial equity are priorities interwoven into the CPPC approach, focusing on decreasing disproportionality and disparity in child welfare. Throughout Iowa, there are 40 local CPPC decision-making groups in all 99 Iowa counties and 10 County Equity Teams linked to the Statewide Cultural Equity Alliance.

Since 2011, the Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC) Team at the Child Welfare Research and Training Project (CW RTP) has coordinated learning opportunities, facilitated technical assistance, and developed the CPPC approach in Iowa communities. The work of the CPPC team is carried out through an intergovernmental agreement between Iowa State University (ISU) and the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). CW RTP is a part of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) in the College of Human Sciences.

SFY 22 Scope of Work

- Community Partnerships Statewide Coordination
- Cultural Equity Statewide Coordination
- Cultural Equity Learning Exchanges
- AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children
- Parent Café Training through Be Strong Families
- Safe & Together Domestic Violence Training
- Research and Program Evaluation

CPPC Strategies



Community Partnerships Statewide Coordination

The Statewide Coordination of CPPC efforts includes technical assistance for CPPC sites in implementing the CPPC approach, orientation of new CPPC members, Immersion 101 training on CPPC approach and strategies, reviews of CPPC plans and reports, creation and distribution of the CPPC newsletter, and regular site visits throughout the fiscal year. In addition, CWRTP staff coordinate fall and spring CPPC regional meetings and two statewide conferences throughout the fiscal year.

CWRTP oversees Cultural Equity Statewide coordination through the promotion and implementation of activities to address race and ethnicity disproportionality and disparity in the child welfare system. This work includes providing technical assistance and support to the local County Equity Teams, coordination of two statewide equity learning conferences, community outreach and training, and coordination of the Iowa HHS Cultural Equity Alliance (CEA).

Cultural Equity Statewide Coordination

Cultural Equity Learning Exchanges

CWRTP presents two full-day Cultural Equity Learning Exchanges, Race: The Power of an Illusion (RPI) and Understanding Implicit Racial Bias (UIRB). Hosted by local community entities, the Learning Exchanges bring together child welfare professionals, volunteers, and community members for conversations about the intersections of race, equity, and child welfare. The Training Coordinator provides guidance for the RPI and UIRB facilitators and utilizes the Learning Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP).

Since 2014, Iowa HHS has partnered with Iowa State University to implement the APPC program through the involvement of AmeriCorps members at CPPC host sites across Iowa. The APPC member activities center on capacity-building around the four CPPC strategies to create or improve tools and processes to increase effectiveness and reach both the host site and the community. Emphasis is on increasing community outreach, collaboration, and resource sharing at the various host sites.

AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children

Parent Café Training Through Be Strong Families

Throughout SFY 22, CWRTP at ISU served as the Certified Training Partner Agency with Be Strong Families. The team strengthened data collection, reporting, and provided additional support for Parent Café Trainers. Parent Cafés serve as physically and emotionally safe spaces where people talk, listen to each other on topics that matter to them and discuss the challenges and victories of raising a family. Participants explore their strengths, learn about the protective factors, and create strategies from their wisdom and experiences to strengthen their families.

CWRTP contracted with the Safe & Together Institute to provide Iowa HHS field staff two eLearnings. Safe & Together is a system intervention model with a perpetrator pattern-based approach focused on caretaker capacities. “The goal of the Safe & Together Model is to create systems and practice change that is child-centered, keeping children safe and together with the protective parent.”






Safe & Together Domestic Violence Training

Research and Program Evaluation

An ISU, Human Development and Family Studies Graduate Research Assistant analyzed the current CPPC approach to inform changes to the CPPC strategies. Results and information gleaned from the research led to the “CPPC Summary Report,” which helped inform the change in strategy, and can be utilized to guide CPPC efforts moving forward.

HDFS faculty researchers contribute additional expertise that strengthens CPPC efforts. Meeting regularly with team members, they connect staff with campus resources and external content experts. They advise on data collection and analysis and review the interpretation of results. In addition, faculty researchers mentor and support Graduate Research Assistants (GRA) and provide oversight of GRA projects. These contributions enrich and advance CPPC deliverables.

HDFS Faculty Researchers

Team Highlights SFY 22				
				
Refined key priority areas of the Cultural Equity Alliance strategic plan	Applied Equity Lens in Training to RPI and UIRB curriculums	Engaged in team Intercultural Development Inventory and follow-up monthly discussion sessions	Bolstered high-quality technological support for statewide and regional conferences	Provided valuable feedback, guidance, and insights to CPPC sites on their plans and reports

SFY 22 BY THE NUMBERS

1,449

Total Learning
Activity
Participants

514

Learning Exchange
Participants

510

Conference
Attendees

355

Parent Cafe
Participants

130

Iowa Training Coalition
Presentation
Participants

105

Attendees in
Regional
Meetings

90

HHS Child Welfare
Staff
Participants

100

Attendees in Six
Immersion 101
Trainings

60

DV Intermediate
Course
Completions

30

Learning Exchanges
Throughout
Iowa

27

County Equity Team
Site Visits

16

CPPC
Site Visits

9

APPC
Members
Served

8

APPC
Host
Sites

6

Learning Exchange
Facilitators Recruited
and Trained

4

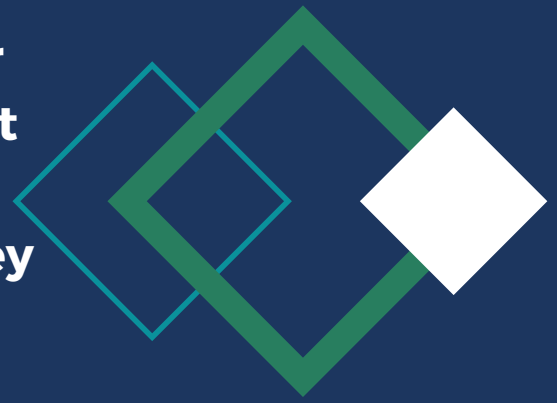
Parent Cafe
Trainer Institute
Meetings

3

Summer Term
APPC
Members

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

--Margaret J. Wheatley



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- Cody Sherman – Program Assistant
- Ashley Hopkins – Cultural Equity Learning Exchanges Training Coordinator
- Rachel Vos Carrillo – ISU CPPC Team Lead

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