

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



Purpose: Members strengthen families and protect children by building capacity of local communities to implement evidence-informed and evidence-based prevention strategies.

What Members Do	<p>AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children (APPC) members provide technical assistance and supports to local Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC) and aligned sites located throughout Iowa that aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 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	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Shared decision making ✓ Neighborhood networking ✓ Individualized Course of Action ✓ Policy and Practice Changes
Skill Development Opportunity Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Community Based Family Team meetings ✓ Organization and networking skills ✓ Volunteer management
With Whom Members Interact during their Service Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Local agency host site supervisors and staff ✓ Community members and leaders ✓ Service providers ✓ Families / caregivers ✓ AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children members ✓ ISU's AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children leadership
Benefit for AmeriCorps Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 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
FY 19 Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ \$469,761 from the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service and cost match from the Iowa Department of Human Services for September 2019 – August 2020