### Child Welfare Research and Training Project

**ISU Service Training Team**

**Iowa State University Partnership with the Iowa Department of Human Services**

*Purpose:* To educate, prepare, support, and partner with human service professionals today, so they can empower families to become safe, stable and self-sufficient tomorrow.

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#### Our Impact

**ISU Service Training Team** collaborates with the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide applicable, evidence-based training for DHS social workers, equipping them with the needed skills to protect the welfare of Iowa’s children. Annually since 1988, ISU has continued partnerships with Iowa DHS, University of Northern Iowa, and numerous community content experts who provide trainings for DHS social workers. The team leverages academic and advocacy resources within the university to augment training impact and build community partnerships to improve people’s lives.

#### We Deliver Statewide

- Hosting and service support for over 45,000 learners on DHS Service Training Website
- Administration and support of over 30 in-person multi-day courses
- Creation, administration, and hosting of 13 online trainings for DHS staff and Iowa community
- Management of webinars and blended learning trainings
- Designing, writing, producing and hosting of Iowa’s approved Mandatory Reporter Trainings
- Provision of initial in-service orientation training to new DHS social workers
- Serving on and providing leadership for service-related DHS committees
- Data compilation and research on best practices and outcomes
- Educational opportunities for continuing social work licensing
- Outreach and support for early childhood intervention and quality rating

#### Training and Consultation

**New Social Worker Training**

- New worker trainings of 156 hours for Social Worker IIs and IIs
- Family Interactions and Maintaining Connections
- Fundamental trainings for Mental Health, Medical, and Substance Abuse
- Child and Dependent Adult Abuse trainings
- Testifying and Legal Aspects of Social Work
- Trauma Fundamentals
- Motivational Interviewing

**Specialized Training**

- Intermediate and Advanced trainings for Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence
- Responding to the Risk of Suicide in Youth
- Motivational Interviewing Intermediate
- Trauma Stewardship for Supervisors
- Advanced Micro-aggressions
- Problematic Sexualized Behavior in Children
- Safety Assessment and Planning
- Danger vs. Risk

#### Programs Offered

**Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC)**

- Engage community leaders in developing community neighborhood networking opportunities
- Provide learning opportunities to enhance skills of community leaders
- Facilitate programming for awareness of disproportionality and cultural equity
- Offer AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children member placement opportunities

#### Project Opportunities

- Research service worker learning needs
- Analyze service worker learning outcome data
- Provide programming for learning management system
- Offer internships and service learning projects

#### FY20 Funding

- $1.8 million direct costs for services July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020