About CWRTP

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

Through CWRTP, ISU faculty, staff, and students collaborate with the Iowa DHS, 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 Policy Institute of Iowa

Funding ~ $3.86 million annually
• Iowa Department of Human Services
  o Bureau of Child Care Services
  o Bureau of Child Support Recovery
  o Bureau of Child Welfare & Community Services
  o Bureau of Service Support & Training
• Iowa Economic Development Authority
  o 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
Training & Development

Staff train DHS 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)
  - 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)
  - Shared decision making
  - Neighborhood networking
  - Individualized course of actions
  - Policy and practice changes
- Cultural Equity Outreach
- Parenting: It's a Life
  - Life skills, curriculum for 7th-12th graders
- Voluntary Paternity Affidavit

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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We are on the northwest corner on the ground floor.

*Some staff are primarily located at other locations.*
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Snapshot of Deliverables:

Statewide and regional conferences supported

Program evaluation reports completed

External trainer and presenter contracts

E-learning unique offerings with multiple subsections for a tailored learning experience

In-person unique courses with multiple offerings

PIAL school visits

DHS staff trained in one or more sessions

PIAL student participants

Staff miles traveled for outreach

E-learners served

- 6 Statewide and regional conferences supported
- 10 Program evaluation reports completed
- 16 External trainer and presenter contracts
- 18 E-learning unique offerings
- 50 In-person unique courses
- 130 PIAL school visits
- 970 DHS staff trained
- 1,840 PIAL student participants
- 18,000+ Staff miles traveled
- 200,000 E-learners served