

Family Development & Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) Program Overview

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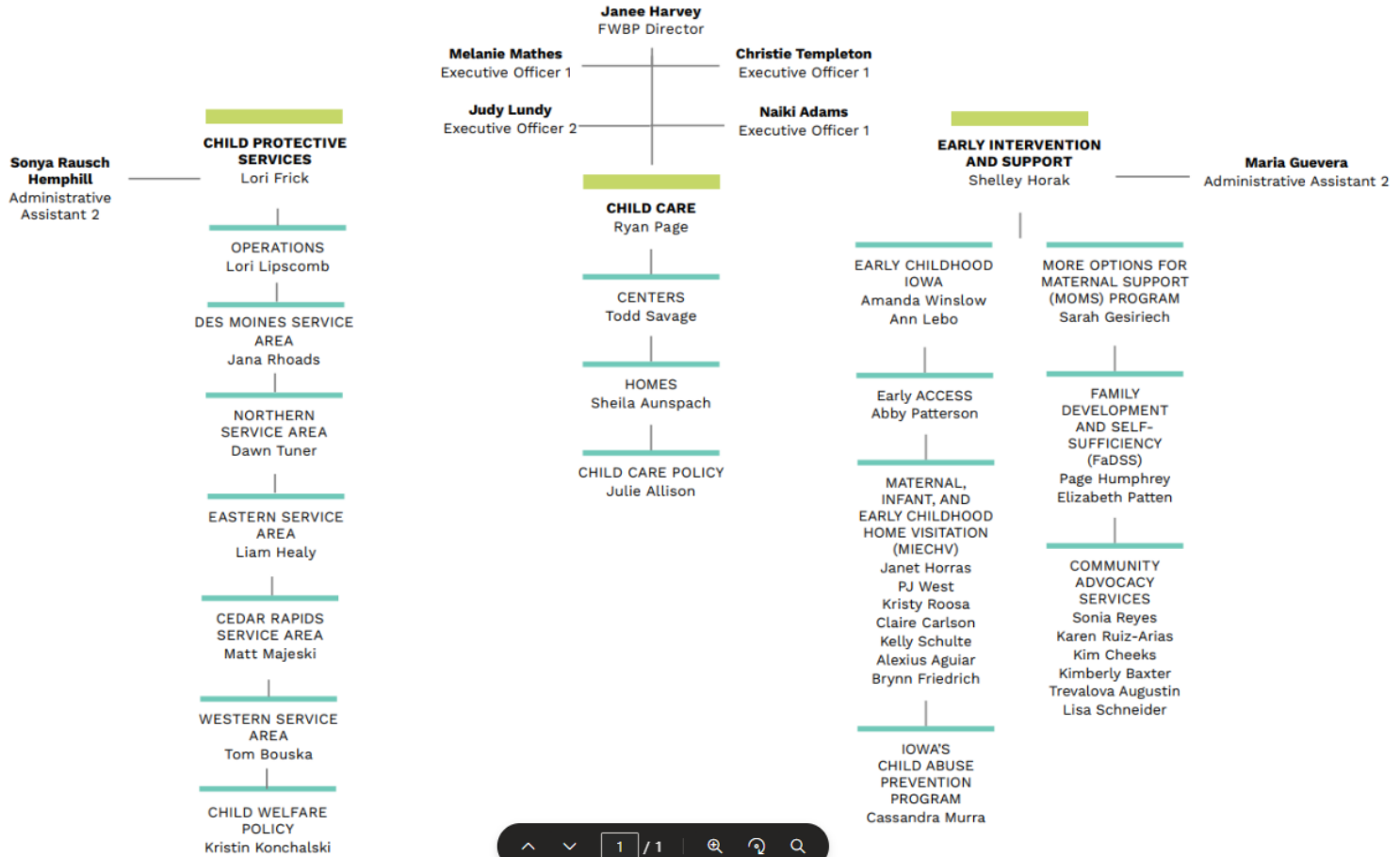
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HHS Council FaDSS Duties

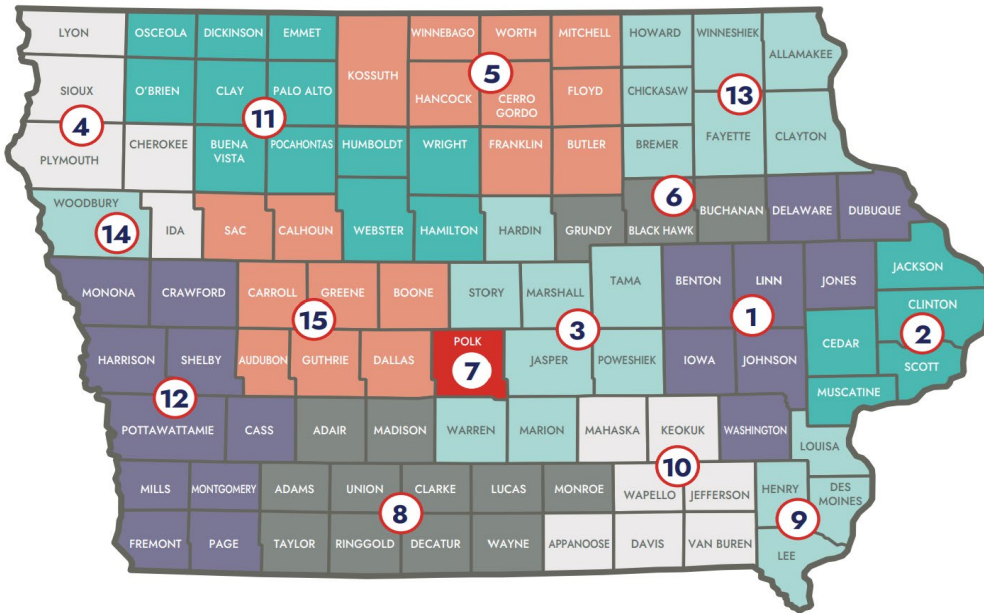
1. SF 2385 (90th Gen. Assemb.), Section 471, reassigned duties of the former Family Development and Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) Council to HHS Council.
2. New duties include:
 - Identify the factors and conditions that place Iowa families at risk of family instability and/or dependency upon the family investment program
 - Subject to availability of funds, award grants to public or private organizations
 - Develop performance measures for the grant program
 - Seek additional support for the funding of grants under the program
3. Additional duties as outlined in Iowa Code 216A.107.

Table of Organization

Division of Family Well-Being and Protection



Who does FaDSS serve?



Statewide program serving families in all 99 counties

15 local agencies

Program Budget-
\$7,192,834

<https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/fadss>

FaDSS Vision

To engage families in dynamic partnerships to address their basic needs, improve child well-being, and develop career opportunities that, in turn, improve lives, families and communities.

We do this by...

Reducing sources of stress that destabilize families

Strengthening core skills that are essential for work, school and life

Creating responsive relationships that are safe and supportive

Core Program Components



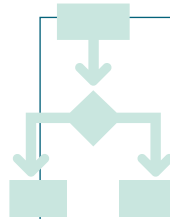
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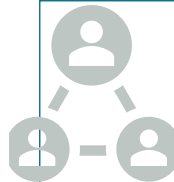
Assessments and screenings that support healthy self-exploration



Science-informed goal pursuit



A framework and process for skill development



Connecting families to stabilizing supports and opportunities in their communities

FaDSS Grant Awards

- ▶ 3-Year Grant Cycle
- ▶ Currently in the award process for non-competitive grant renewal applications that will begin July 1, 2025
- ▶ HHS recommendation for Council approval



Questions

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