

Erin Drinnin

Community Access Director



Erin Drinnin serves as the Community Access Director for the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Drinnin earned a Master of Social Work from University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill and a Bachelor of Social Work from University of Iowa. She brings 18 years of health and human services experience with policy analysis and community outreach, leading teams and developing programs.

Before stepping into her role with HHS, Drinnin served as the Community Impact Officer of Health for United Way of Central Iowa where she led investments and partnerships in children's mental health, oral health, housing, and food insecurity. She also led healthcare and workforce initiatives at the legacy Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) for 5 years.

Drinnin also has extensive volunteer leadership experience. She recently served as a Fellow with the Mid-Iowa Health Foundation HealthConnect Fellowship and a Director on the MercyOne Des Moines Board of Directors.

In her free time, Erin enjoys spending time outdoors and helping with her family's organic vegetable farm. You will also find her cheering on her daughters at dance competitions and school musicals.