

FAMILY FIRST IMPLEMENTATION WORKGROUPS AND TEAMS

Family First Oversight Group

Workgroup type: Department of Human Services

Workgroup purpose: Primarily responsible for the research and design of Iowa's child welfare system

Lead(s): Matt Haynes, Doug Wolfe, Lori Lipscomb, Lori Frick and Janee Harvey

The following work in collaboration with Family First Oversight Group

Service Area Implementation Teams

Workgroup type: DHS

Workgroup purpose: These teams will serve as local leaders of change and will be responsible for promoting quality and consistency in practice related to Family First. The teams will work with Family First Oversight Group ensuring bi-directional communication related to Family First implementation in Iowa.

Leads: Social Work Administrators

Information Systems Workgroup

Workgroup type: DHS

Workgroup purpose: Develop and assist with the implementation of Family First, as it pertains to system changes. This may include, but is not limited to FACS, Jarvis (Foster Care/Child Welfare Reports, Child Services, STAR, IVE Tracking), WISE.

Lead: Doug Wolfe, Program Manager, Child Welfare Bureau, DHS

Data Workgroup

Workgroup type: DHS

Workgroup Purpose: Place a concentrated focus on necessary practice enhancements and changes that will be required under Family First.

Lead: Lori Lipscomb, Centralized Service Area Manager, DHS

Practice Workgroup

Workgroup type: Public/Private partnership: DHS and Child Welfare Providers

Workgroup purpose: Place a concentrated focus on necessary practice enhancements and changes that will be required under Family First.

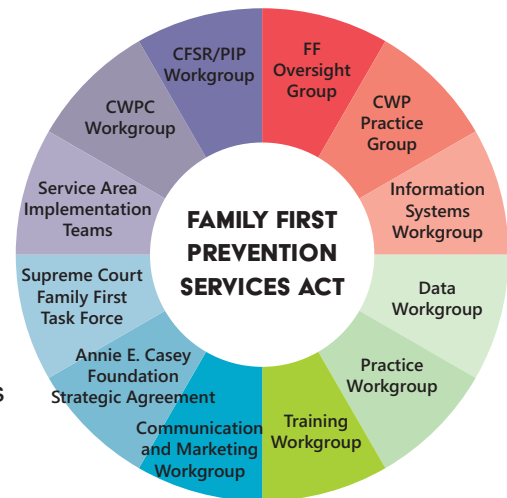
Lead: Lori Frick, Service Area Manager, Eastern Service Area 3, DHS

Training Workgroup

Workgroup type: Public/Private partnership: DHS and Child Welfare Providers

Workgroup purpose: Plan and coordinate training on assessment tools and pertinent practice shifts related to the rollout of Family First and associated procurements for DHS staff and contracted providers.

Lead: Matt Haynes, Bureau Chief for Support and Training, DHS



Communication and Marketing Workgroup

Workgroup type: Public/Private partnership between DHS and Child Welfare Providers

Workgroup Purpose: Develop and assist with the implementation of a communication and marketing plan for the implementation of Family First system transformation to include what information should be shared, when, how, by whom, and to what audiences.

Lead: Janee Harvey, Child Welfare Bureau Chief, DHS

Annie E. Casey Foundation – Strategic Agreement

Workgroup type: Public/Private partnership between DHS and Annie E. Casey Foundation

Workgroup purpose: Assessment of preventive service needs and gaps, recommendation of preventive service models, financial analysis and implementation strategies related to Family First

Lead: Kerri Smith (Senior Associate at AECF) and G5

Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group (CWPPG)

Workgroup type: Public/Private partnership: DHS, Child Welfare Providers and CWPPG

Workgroup purpose: DHS is sponsoring Provider Partnership Forums across the state which are being facilitated by CWPPG. These forums serve as a vehicle for collecting the voice of future child welfare in Iowa. Forums include open conversation in a safe space designated for providers. These conversations will be an opportunity for small group conversations to share cross-area perspectives with the guidance of a neutral facilitator, sharing of successes and themes of concern, and an initial discussion of the Families First legislation.

Lead: Freida Baker (Program Coordinator at CWPPG).

Child and Family Services Review/Program Improvement Plan (CFSR/PIP) Workgroup

Workgroup type: Public/Private partnership between DHS, Child Welfare Providers and numerous key external stakeholders

Workgroup purpose: Serve as representative of stakeholder communities and provide feedback via root cause analysis of systemic challenges pertaining to the following 3 goals: Children abused or neglected shall be safe from re-abuse in their homes; children achieve permanence in their living situation; and children experience optimal well-being through their families' enhanced capacity to provide for their needs.

Lead(s): Jeff Terrell, Matt Haynes, Lori Lipscomb, Kara Lynn Regula and Janee Harvey

Child Welfare Partners Committee (CWPC) Workgroup

Workgroup type: Public/Private partnership between DHS and Child Welfare providers

Workgroup purpose: The CWPC sets the tone for the collaborative public-private work groups and ensures coordination of messages, activities, and products with those of other stakeholder groups.

Lead(s): Theresa Lewis (Four Oaks), Emily Blomme (Foundation 2), Susan Smalley (MIFTC), Rick Venega (Families First), Debbie Orduna (Boys Town), Theresa Burke (Decat), Chris Koepplin (YHMA), Dawn Turner (DHS), Tom Bouska (DHS), Jana Rhoads (DHS), Janee Harvey (DHS), Leta Hosier (DHS)

Supreme Court Family First Task Force

Workgroup type: Juvenile Judges, Court Improvement Project, DHS and Juvenile Court Services

Workgroup purpose: Review Family First impact on the role of the judicial branch in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Submit a report by July 1, 2019 that identifies rule and/or policy changes needed to comply with Family First.

Lead(s): Susan Christensen, Supreme Court Justice

