

IOWA EMPOWERMENT BOARD LEADERSHIP AGENDA FY 2004

Iowa's Early Care, Health and Education System Vision: Every child, beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful.

Empowerment Results

Empowerment Communities will develop the capacity and commitment for achieving the results of:

- Healthy Children
- Children Ready to Succeed in School
- Safe and Supportive Communities
- Secure and Nurturing Families
- Secure and Nurturing Child Care Environments

Mission Statement

The Iowa Empowerment Board supports communities by demonstrating and facilitating leadership and collaboration to achieve desired results for children (0-5) and their families.

Guiding Principles

- Mutual respect/trust
- Flexibility
- Results-Focused
- Best Practices/Research Based
- Creative/Innovative
- Partnerships
- Accountability

Goals		
Achieving Desired Results	Collaboration	Advocacy
<p><i>The Iowa Empowerment Board will empower Iowans and their communities to achieve desired results to improve the quality of life for children (0-5) and their families.</i></p>	<p><i>The Iowa Empowerment Board, public and private organizations, and communities develop collaborations to build an interdependent system for children (0-5) and their families.</i></p>	<p><i>The Iowa Empowerment Board will lead policy development and build public engagement for support for Early Childhood and Early Learning for children (0-5) and their families.</i></p>
Strategies		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote best practice and evidence- or research-based activities • Support Iowa's goals to achieve results for Early Childhood. • Support comprehensive community asset based assessment and planning. • Enhance linkages that support children and families • Support flexibility and innovation to maximize efficient utilization of assets and resources. • Build a comprehensive, integrated system for children (0-5) and their families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate Iowa's efforts to integrate early care, health and education systems • Encourage private as well as public involvement in the development of an Early Childhood System. • Enable and empower local citizens to lead collaborative efforts. • Foster partnerships at and between all levels for shared accountability toward Iowa's vision. • Enhance state and community public and private partnerships through innovative approaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the focus on Iowa's vision and Empowerment's results. • Increase corporate and foundation involvement and investment in support of quality Early Childhood experiences. • Serve as champions for adequate financial support and resources in Iowa for quality environments for early childhood. • Seek and listen to input from communities on their experiences toward Iowa's vision and reaching results. • Increase public engagement to support the importance of Early Childhood and Early Learning experiences.

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