

IOWA EMPOWERMENT BOARD LEADERSHIP AGENDA FY 2002

Empowerment Vision

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

Achieving Desired Results	Collaboration	Advocacy
<p><i>The Iowa Empowerment Board will empower Iowans and their communities to achieve desired results for improving the quality of life for children (0-5) and their families.</i></p>	<p><i>The Iowa Empowerment Board and state agencies will support communities in developing collaborations that build an interdependent system for children (0-5) and their families which includes a shared vision, comprehensive communication and planning, pooled resources and shared risks and products.</i></p>	<p><i>The Iowa Empowerment Board will lead policy development, state system integration and build legislative support for children (0-5) and their families.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote best practice and research-based activities • Support comprehensive community strength-based planning and assessment • Keep the focus on results by allowing flexibility and innovation • Build a comprehensive, integrated system for children (0-5) and their families • Maximize efficient utilization of assets and resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate state-level inter-agency efforts to integrate early care, health and education systems • Enhance state and community partnership through innovative approaches • Foster partnerships at and between all levels for shared accountability • Encourage business involvement in the development of an early childhood system • Enable and empower local citizens to lead collaborative efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforce the purpose of community empowerment • Enhance linkages that support children and families • Increase individuals' and communities' awareness of the importance of early childhood • Serve as champions for adequate support and resources for early childhood • Listen—seek input from communities on reaching results

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