

## 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"> <li>• Promote best practice and research-based activities</li> <li>• Support comprehensive community strength-based planning and assessment</li> <li>• Keep the focus on results by allowing flexibility and innovation</li> <li>• Build a comprehensive, integrated system for children (0-5) and their families</li> <li>• Maximize efficient utilization of assets and resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate state-level inter-agency efforts to integrate early care, health and education systems</li> <li>• Enhance state and community partnership through innovative approaches</li> <li>• Foster partnerships at and between all levels for shared accountability</li> <li>• Encourage business involvement in the development of an early childhood system</li> <li>• Enable and empower local citizens to lead collaborative efforts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinforce the purpose of community empowerment</li> <li>• Enhance linkages that support children and families</li> <li>• Increase individuals' and communities' awareness of the importance of early childhood</li> <li>• Serve as champions for adequate support and resources for early childhood</li> <li>• Listen—seek input from communities on reaching results</li> </ul>

