

The Iowa Empowerment Board

The Iowa Empowerment Board was created to provide leadership and facilitate state and community efforts involving community empowerment areas, including strategic planning, funding, and guidance to promote collaboration among state and local education, health, and human services efforts.

The board is comprised of 17 voting members: 13 citizens and the directors of the Departments of Education, Human Services, Public Health and Human Rights. Six legislators serve as ex-officio members.

Legislation identified five main result areas. The Board in January, 2000 adopted indicators to provide data in those result areas. Data for each of these indicators is located in the annual report in the results accountability section.

Result Areas/Indicators	
Healthy Children	Low Birth Weight
	Rate of Immunization by Age 2
Children Ready to Succeed in School	Children entering kindergarten are ready for school
Safe and Supportive Communities	Serious crime
	Juvenile arrests
	Poverty Level
	Employment rate
Secure and Nurturing Families	Incidence of child abuse
	Teen birth rate
Secure and Nurturing Child Care Environments	Child Abuse in a Child Care Setting
	Availability of Child Care

Guiding principles for the Iowa Empowerment Board are:

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