

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Healthy Children and Families

Purpose and History

The [Iowa Department of Public Health](#) (IDPH) Healthy Children and Families appropriation provides funding for programs that assure access to preventive child health services and link children and families with community-based preventive health and family support services. Many of these programs are part of the [Bureau of Family Health](#) or the [Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems](#) and are carried out by a number of local service providers.

- [Maternal Health Services](#): Supports 21 maternal health agencies serving all 99 counties that provide prenatal and postpartum care to [Medicaid](#)-eligible and other low-income women. Services offered to Iowa residents include medical and dental assessment; health and nutrition education; psychosocial screenings and referrals; care coordination; assistance with birthing plans; and postpartum home visiting.
- [Statewide Perinatal Care Program](#): Provides professional training, development of standards or guidelines of care, consultation with regional and primary providers, and evaluation of the quality of care delivered to reduce the mortality and morbidity of infants. Through a contract with the [University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics](#), these services are provided to [all hospitals](#) that perform deliveries.
- [Child and Adolescent Health](#): Promotes access to regular preventive health care services for children through contracts with 22 local child health agencies, serving all 99 counties. The Program provides presumptive eligibility for children that may appear to be eligible for Medicaid or the [hawk-i Program](#). There are also [outreach coordinators](#) to promote the hawk-i Program.
- [Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment \(EPSDT\) Program](#): Serves children enrolled in Medicaid from birth through age 20 to ensure they receive preventive health care services. This Program provides information services for children and families that are newly enrolled in Medicaid. The EPSDT is a federally mandated program that ensures children and adolescents receive appropriate preventive, dental, mental health, and developmental, and specialty services. Initial and periodic health check-ups include but are not limited to: health history; physical exam; growth and development assessment; vision and hearing screening; dental screening and education; immunizations; developmental/behavioral screening; nutrition assessment and education; laboratory tests including blood lead testing; anticipatory guidance; and referral for further diagnostic and treatment services.
- [I-Smile/Oral Health](#): Supports services within the EPSDT and Child and Adolescent Health Programs to promote and advance healthy behaviors, reduce the risk of oral diseases, and improve the oral health status through funding provided to Child Health contractors. The Program targets pregnant women, children, and youth for the prevention, early identification, referral, and treatment of oral disease. In addition to care coordination, services are implemented in schools, maternal and child health agencies, and other community-based settings through contracts with 22 community-based private, nonprofit, and public agencies.
- [Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success – Healthy Families Iowa \(HOPES – HFI\)](#): This Program, established in Iowa Code section [135.106](#), follows the national [Healthy Families America](#) evidence-based model to provide family support through home visits for families that begin during pregnancy, or at the birth of a child, and can continue through age four. Twelve HOPES-HFI programs are available in nine Iowa counties: Black Hawk, Polk, Woodbury, Scott, Muscatine, Hamilton, Clinton, Buchanan, and Lee. All 12 programs providing HOPES-HFI services with state grant funds in these counties have been awarded national accreditation by Healthy Families America. Funding is used for the maintenance of effort for the federal [Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program](#).

More Information

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- [1st Five](#) (formerly ABCD II): A public-private Mental Development Initiative that partners primary care and public health services in Iowa to enhance high-quality well-child care. The 1st Five model supports health providers in the earlier detection of social-emotional delays, developmental delays, and family risk-related factors in children birth to age five that then coordinates referrals, interventions, and follow-up. There are currently 11 operational service areas covering 49 counties, with 3 additional service areas covering 13 counties in the community planning stage. By using a tool for all children that includes social-emotional development and family risk factors, providers are able to identify children at risk for developmental concerns that, if left untreated, will have an impact later in life.
- Iowa Donated Dental Services Program: Managed by the Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems, funding is contracted to [Delta Dental of Iowa](#) for the [Dental Lifeline Network](#) initiative. The Program provides free dental services to individuals with disabilities or elderly or medically fragile and cannot afford or otherwise access treatment for severe dental conditions. Funding is used to recruit dentists, promote the Program, provide patient case management, and purchase laboratory services. Quarterly and year-end reports are submitted to demonstrate compliance.
- Dental Services to Underserved Children: Funding is contracted to the [University of Iowa College of Dentistry](#) to provide dental care for underserved children on a fee-for-service basis (following the Medicaid fee schedule). Services are provided at the University of Iowa and occasionally from private practice dentists. Funds must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the University and the Program must coordinate efforts with the I-Smile Program. The contractor is required to serve a minimum of 100 children during the contract period.
- [Audiological Services for Children](#): Part of the [Center for Congenital and Inherited Disorders](#), this Program provides funding for children in need of hearing aids and/or audiological services for children that otherwise would not be able to afford these services. Administered through the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program (EHDI), the Program is established in Iowa Code section [135.131](#) and requires universal screening for all newborn children and infants and reporting the results to the IDPH.
- [Youth Suicide Prevention](#): Funds are used to provide the [Your Life Iowa](#) resource that offers support and services for suicide prevention and bullying prevention. These services include a website, online chat, and toll-free hotline, all available 24/7, and texting services from 2-10 PM daily. These services were contracted through a competitive process to The Crisis Center of Johnson County.
- Childhood Obesity: Funding is allocated to projects that increase opportunities for young children to be physically active and choose healthy foods. Funds are distributed to the [Iowa Councils of Government](#) to implement wellness initiatives in selected communities and to the [Department of Education](#) to support the [Super Power Summit](#) where teams of middle school students learn how they can be leaders in their schools to improve nutrition and physical activity environments. Funds also support efforts to increase the number of early care and education settings with nutrition and physical activity standards and to selected communities to complete walkability assessments.
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs): Supports the study "Adverse Childhood Experiences in Iowa" Report being conducted by the [Central Iowa ACEs Steering Committee](#). The Adverse Childhood Experiences Study revealed that childhood trauma is common and can have a large impact on future behaviors and health outcomes. Funding is used to include the ACEs-related surveillance questions to the [Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System](#) to further track and study this topic.

Funding – State General Fund

The Healthy Children and Families General Fund budget unit appropriation is included in the Health and Human Services Appropriations Act. Healthy Children and Families received a General Fund appropriation of \$4.6 million in FY 2016 and \$5.7 million in estimated FY 2017. Prior to FY 2011, appropriations to the IDPH Healthy Children and Families Programs were also provided from the Health Care Trust Fund.

Funding – Other Sources of Revenue

Depending on the Program, there are additional federal funds, other funds, and fees that play a part in the operation of these programs. Generally, if these are programs operated by the IDPH, the funds are tracked separately in the IDPH Gifts & Grants Fund.

Also tracked in this budget unit is the funding for Unintended Death of Children Burial Expenses that was an appropriation transfer from the [Child Care Assistance](#) General Fund appropriation in FY 2015.

Related Code and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [135](#) and [136A](#)
Iowa Code sections [135.15](#), [135.17](#), [155.106](#), and [135.131](#)
[641](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapters [50](#), [76](#), [87](#), and [150](#)

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