

441—121.2(256I) Early childhood Iowa state board responsibility.

121.2(1) The state board will provide leadership and coordination for the development of Iowa's early care, health and education system in cooperation with area boards, community partners and other state agencies.

121.2(2) The state board will:

a. Develop and implement a process for designating area boards. The state board will review the process at the close of each designation cycle.

b. Adopt state-level indicators with input from area boards. The state board will report on indicators each fiscal year and compare the data against baseline data and data from prior fiscal years as available. Indicators will measure all result areas of the early care, health and education system.

c. Adopt minimum standards to promote equal access to services subject to the authority of the area boards.

d. Adopt guidelines and standards for services provided under a school ready children grant. All guidelines and standards will be found in the online toolkit available on department's official website.

e. Further the development of an early childhood integrated data system across state agencies and other partners.

f. Develop guidance to identify and improve the quality of services in early care, health and education programs, including evidence-based practices.

g. Promote other measures to advance the initiative.

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