489—3.1(237) Local boards. The child advocacy board shall establish local foster care boards throughout the state. The number of local boards needed and established shall be determined by the child advocacy board based on the number of children in foster care and available funding.

3.1(1) The child advocacy board is responsible for establishment of policy and procedures consistent with the Iowa Code. Local boards are required to comply with policies and procedures. If a local board does not agree with a policy or procedure, the local board may bring that issue to the child advocacy board for discussion and request a change by the board. If the child advocacy board upholds the policy, local boards must comply.

3.1(2) Day-to-day implementation of policy is delegated by the child advocacy board to administrative staff. Staff is responsible for bringing questions about policy issues to the child advocacy board for clarification or changes of policy.

3.1(3) Any written communication from a local review board or local board member, in the member's capacity as a board member, to state officials or media shall be sent to the child advocacy board office and reviewed by the administrator prior to its release.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.3 and 237.19. [ARC 2322C, IAB 12/23/15, effective 1/27/16; ARC 6676C, IAB 11/16/22, effective 12/21/22]