



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING WORKGROUP

Meeting. The Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Workgroup met on Thursday, October 6, 2016, in the State Capitol. The Workgroup is charged with conducting a study on children's mental health and children's services systems and providing guidance on the implementation of the recommendations in the Workgroup's 2015 [Final Report](#).

Learning Lab Request for Proposal Update. The Department of Human Services (DHS) is in the process of awarding up to three grants for Learning Labs in the next several weeks. Learning Labs are networks engaged in cross-system, family-focused case management and are designed to collect data on approaches, outcomes, and best practices. Learning Lab data will be used in reports to the DHS and the General Assembly.

Children's Mental Health Crisis Services. The Workgroup received an update from the two providers that were awarded pilot projects for children's mental health crisis services. The pilot projects were awarded to Youth Shelter Services in the Mason City area and Seasons Center for Behavioral Health in a nine-county area in Northwest Iowa. Both projects are in the planning phase and will begin to be implemented in the next few months.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Workgroup will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016, in Room 19 of the State Capitol. The meeting will be focused on preventative services for the children's mental health and children's services systems.

More Information. The DHS webpage for the Workgroup is available here:
<https://dhs.iowa.gov/mhds-advisory-groups/childrens-mental-health-well-being-workgroup>

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