



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING WORKGROUP MEETING

Meeting. The Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Workgroup met on Thursday, November 3, 2016, in Room 19 of the Iowa State Capitol. The Workgroup convened to discuss the TotalChild learning lab, the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Policy Coalition, crisis prevention, and Early Childhood Iowa's role in promoting the well-being of young children.

Children's Learning Lab Update. Anne Grunewald of Four Oaks shared information about the TotalChild learning lab and results achieved since the inception of the System of Care model in 2011 in Cedar Rapids. The TotalChild learning lab has plans to partner with participating labs by sharing approaches for overcoming barriers and publicizing outcome data.

ACEs Policy Coalition. Chaney Yeast, manager of the Regional Child Protection Center at Blank Children's Hospital, shared comparisons of high-ranking states in the area of children's mental health. She noted that a flexible, unrestricted funding source is a tool other states use to meet the unique needs of children and their families. The Workgroup briefly discussed using funds for mental health crisis prevention and children's overall well-being in a similarly flexible manner (as is done in the case of decategorization funding in child welfare and juvenile services).

Children's Well-Being Collaborative. The Workgroup discussed strategies for identifying key entities for involvement in the Children's Well-Being Collaborative, including identifying geographic regions and the regions' needs and existing resources.

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