



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION STATUS REPORT

Required Report. [House File 2460](#) directs the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) to [submit a report](#) with recommendations to the General Assembly regarding ways to improve the effectiveness of and access to children's mental health crisis services. [House File 2460](#) also directs the DHS to reconvene the Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Workgroup to provide guidance regarding the implementation of recommendations in the 2015 Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Workgroup [final report](#).

Planning Grants. For FY 2017, the General Assembly appropriated \$300,000 to the DHS for the purpose of awarding competitively bid grants to two agencies to plan and implement children's mental health crisis services and to two agencies to develop learning labs for improving children's well-being. The DHS is directed to combine the most salient points of the grant reports and recommendations from the learning lab reports and report to the Legislature by January 15, 2017. This appropriation has been built into the Department's status quo budget request for FY 2018 and will be used to award three grants to form and operate Children's Well-Being Collaboratives in FY 2018.

Children's Well-Being Collaboratives. The Children's Well-Being Collaboratives will be used to establish and coordinate prevention and early intervention services for children and families and to develop interagency collaboration and coordination for the provision of prevention and early intervention services within a designated geographical area.

Well-Being Collaboratives are expected to include representation from the following areas:

- Mental Health
- Education
- Judicial System
- Child Welfare
- Health Care
- Public Health
- Juvenile Justice
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Health and Disability Services Regions
- Early Childhood
- Accountable Care Organizations
- Community Leisure and Recreation

Inventory of Children's Crisis Services. The DHS provided an inventory of children's mental health crisis services and grouped them into the following categories:

- Mental Health Crisis Services System Telephone Lines
- Crisis Screenings
- Crisis Assessment
- Crisis Intervention
- Crisis Stabilization

A list of providers providing a particular category of service has been included in the [report](#).

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