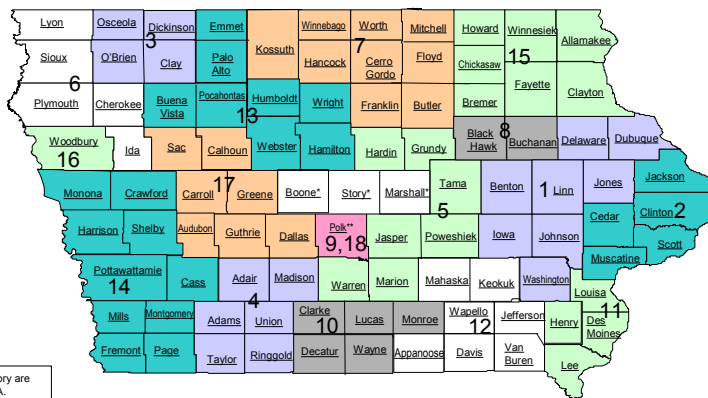




The philosophy of the FaDSS programs is that comprehensive, capacity-building, early intervention with at-risk families can be successful in improving family stability and self-sufficiency. The primary objective is to foster healthy, nurturing family environments, and to strengthen the families' resources within the broader community. Support is provided in order to promote parental competencies and behaviors that will lead to healthy and positive personal development of parents and children.

*FaDSS MISSION: Improve the lives of families at risk of long-term welfare dependency or family instability by creating opportunities for self-sufficiency.*

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| 1. Four Oaks                            | 10. South Central Iowa Community Action Program    |
| 2. Community Action of Eastern Iowa     | 11. Community Action of Southeast Iowa             |
| 3. Lutheran Services in Iowa            | 12. Southern Iowa Economic Development Association |
| 4. MATURA Action Corp.                  | 13. Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.             |
| 5. Mid-Iowa Community Action            | 14. West Central Development Corp.                 |
| 6. Mid-Sioux Opportunity                | 15. Winnesiek County Board of Supervisors          |
| 7. North Iowa Community Action Org.     | 16. Community Action of Siouxland                  |
| 8. Operation Threshold                  | 17. Youth and Shelter Services, Inc.               |
| 9. Polk County Family Enrichment Center | 18. YWCA of Greater Des Moines                     |



\*Boone, Marshall and Story are served by YSS and MICA.  
 \*\*Polk Co. is served by the Polk Co. FEC and the YWCA

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Four Oaks coverage area of Benton, Iowa, Jones, Washington, Johnson, Linn, Delaware and Dubuque Counties serving 285 families

- Last fiscal year 81% of families served were female HOH
- 19% were two parent families
- Served 514 families overall with a LOS of approximately 13 months
- Staff had an 80% recruitment rate
- Families top 5 barriers in our area were survivor of physical/emotional abuse (56%), past victim of domestic violence (55%), past substance abuser (38%), adult lacks HS diploma or GED (29%), and has a child with special needs (24%)
- 50% of families served had 5 or more barriers and 39% had 2 – 4 barriers
- Addressed child development and parenting standard locally by incorporating the Parents as Teachers curriculum into our FaDSS visits. This also helps to address our high special needs population as well as working closely with our AEA; Staff are also all trained in utilizing the Maternal depression screenings as well.

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