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Fact Sheet
Iowa Department of Public Health

Child Health Specialty Clinics

FY 2008 State Funds for Child Health Specialty Clinics \$473,981

The SFY 2008 state funds for Child Health Specialty Clinics, \$473,981, are used to expand services in several major public health service categories. Note that concurrent with this appropriation, the state legislature lifted the administrative cost cap on the federal portion (Title V MCH Block Grant) of CHSC's funding, thereby immediately decreasing CHSC's total budget by \$179,000.

Direct Clinical Services – CHSC holds in-person and telehealth clinics for children and youth with chronic physical, behavioral, or mental health problems. Clinics are held where medical or behavioral specialists are not available. Given the number of patient visits for sfy'08 to-date, we expect an increase in total patient visits this year of approximately 20% (from 6,300 in sfy'07 to 7,560 in sfy'08).

New/Expanded Activity	Estim. Cost
Increase the availability of child psychiatry consultation services via telehealth webcam to rural, underserved areas of Iowa.	\$95,000
Provide new on-site and telehealth access to direct clinical services for children with special health care needs in northeast Iowa, specifically Decorah, Dubuque, and Clinton/Jackson.	100,000
Expand on-site and telehealth access to direct clinical services for children with special health care needs in Mason City and Council Bluffs.	36,000
Provide autism screening instruments and training with follow-up to assure implementation of early childhood autism screening activities statewide through all CHSC regional centers.	4,000
Proceed with planned expansion of telehealth consultation services for children with special health care needs residing in the areas of Mt. Pleasant, Marshalltown, and Keosauqua.	90,000

Care Coordination Services – CHSC assists families of children with complex health problems to efficiently access and organize a wide range of needed services from many different agencies.

New/Expanded Activity	Estim. Cost
Increase nurse-facilitated care coordination services for families of children with special health care needs in the Council Bluffs area.	\$40,000

Family Support Services – CHSC employs a team of parents experienced with the care of children with special health care needs to advocate for children and families and to help other families meet needs, solve problems, and cope with new challenges.

New/Expanded Activity	Estim. Cost
Provide 3 new part-time Parent Consultants, one each in Sioux City, Fort Dodge, and Ottumwa	\$30,000

Administrative Services – Due to the mandated and unexpected increase in administrative costs captured by IDPH, CHSC must use a portion of the sfy'08 state appropriation to offset this loss in administrative capacity.

Estimated Cost: \$78,981