

**441—153.18(232) Requirements for annual services plan.** Each decategorization project shall annually develop and submit a child welfare and juvenile justice decategorization services plan.

**153.18(1) Content of plan.** The decategorization services plan shall describe:

*a.* The project's proposed use of funding from the decategorization services funding pool during the state fiscal year.

*b.* The community planning and needs assessment process that was used in developing the annual decategorization services plan, including information on:

(1) The community members and organizations that participated in developing the plan; and

(2) Efforts to coordinate with other community planning initiatives affecting children and families.

*c.* The project's specific and quantifiable short-term plans and desired results for the state fiscal year and how these plans align with the project's long-term plans to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and families by enhancing service systems.

*d.* The methods that the project will use to track results and outcomes during the year.

*e.* The project's plans for monitoring and maintaining fiscal accountability, which shall include monitoring:

(1) The performance and results achieved by contractors that receive funding; and

(2) Expenditures from the decategorization services funding pool throughout the state fiscal year.

*f.* The project's plans to expend projected carryover funds by the conclusion of the state fiscal year.

**153.18(2) Submission of plan.** The decategorization services plan shall be submitted to the department's child welfare administrator and to the early childhood Iowa state board by October 1 of each state fiscal year.

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