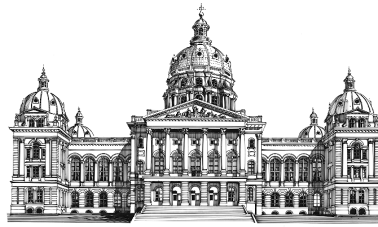


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School-Based Liaison Program

ISSUE

A review of the School-Based Liaison Program, which provides services to middle/junior high and high schools to students incurring various challenges.

AFFECTED AGENCIES

Department of Human Services
Local School Districts
Judicial Districts

CODE AUTHORITY

Senate File 2435 (FY 2001 Human Services Appropriations Act), Section 16, Subsection 15 provides an allocation from the appropriation to the Child and Family Services Division.

BACKGROUND

The 1995 General Assembly provided initial funding for the School-Based Liaison Program with \$175,000 for a truancy prevention pilot initiative in the Fifth Judicial District. Senate File 462 (FY 1996 Human Services Appropriations Act) specified that the funds “be directed to keeping targeted youth in school by providing noneducational supportive and therapy services both inside and outside the school setting.” The Department of Human Services (DHS) was permitted to adopt administrative rules for the implementation of Program descriptions, certification standards, reimbursement, contract requirements, and eligibility and accountability standards. Local school districts contribute to the cost of the Program (25.0%). **Table I** provides the historical funding details. The Program does not receive any federal funding.

Table I

Fiscal Year	Allocated
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		General Funds
1996		\$ 800,000
1997		800,000
1998		1,160,000
1999		1,508,000
2000		2,791,660
2001		3,422,160

Table II provides the changes in the number of liaisons and the number of schools and school districts involved in recent years.

Table II

Fiscal Year	Liaisons	Buildings/ Locations	School Districts
1998	57 contracts	111	76
1999	78 contracts	163	Not available
2000	126*	273	129
2001 (budgeted)	147*	304	152
*Terminology changed for liaisons for FY 2000 and FY 2001. No longer counted as contracts.			

CURRENT SITUATION

For FY 2001, the General Assembly allocated \$3.4 million for the Program, which the DHS indicates will provide 147 liaison positions in 304 schools and 152 school districts (a school district may have more than one location participating in the Program). The liaison positions may have other duties for the school district or the Judicial District, or be responsible for more than one school building. **Attachment I** provides the FY 2000 (FY 2001 not yet available) school districts participating in the Program.

The DHS has the following current goals for the Program:

- Provide on-site services at middle/junior high and high schools to students experiencing truancy or other behavior problems at home, at school, or in the community.
- Assist with behavior and classroom management, conflict resolution, school attendance, and violence prevention.
- Services may include dealing with misbehavior and truancy on an immediate basis, providing family support services such as outreach and parent education, performing juvenile court intake functions, and promoting resource development to meet the needs of at-risk youth most effectively.

The actual allocation was \$4.1 million, with \$580,000 specified off-the-top for court-ordered services and the DHS permits the judicial districts to use 3.0% for auditing costs, resulting in \$3.4 million available for the Program.

ALTERNATIVES FOR THE FUTURE

During the 2000 General Assembly, the Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee heard testimony regarding success of the Program and encouraging legislators to fund additional liaison positions. Testimony received included:

- Success in improved school attendance, less truancy, and decreased inappropriate behavior.
- Success in a three-some partnership, between the DHS, the Juvenile Court Districts, and the local school districts.
- Involvement with family members if appropriate.

The DHS and the Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning within the Department of Human Rights are surveying liaisons to provide additional information regarding changes which may improve the Program in the future. The process also includes obtaining information from positions such as law enforcement, juvenile court officers, and school administrators. The initial information resulting from the process is expected to be available this fall and could be considered by the Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee during the 2001 Legislative Session.

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School Districts with Contracts to Provide School-Based Supervision

SFY 2000*

*Each contract may cover more than one school or one school district.

Judicial			ZIP
Dist #	Contractor	Address	Code
1	Grundy Center Community School District	1301 12th Street, Grundy Center, IA	50638
1	Hudson Community School District	650 5th Street, Hudson, IA 50643	50643
1	Oelwein Community School District #1	315 8th Avenue, SE, Oelwein, IA 50662	50662
1	Oelwein Community School District #2	315 8th Avenue, SE, Oelwein, IA 50662	50662
1	Western Dubuque Comm School District	3rd Ave NE, Farley, Iowa	52046
1	West Delaware County Community School District	601 New Street, Manchester, IA	52057
1	Independence Community School District	1207 1st Street SW, PO Box 900, Independenc	50644
1	Allamakee Community School District	1059 3rd Avenue, N.W., Waukon, IA	52172
1	Cedar Falls Community School District	1002 W 1st Street, Cedar Falls, IA	50613
1	MFL MarMac (Monona)	PO Box D, Monona, IA	521-59
1	North Fayette	PO Box 73, West Union, IA	52175
1	South Winneshiek	PO Box 430, Callmar, IA	52132
1	Waterloo Community School District	1516 Washington Street, Waterloo, IA 50702	50702
1	Maquoketa Valley Community School District	210 South Street, Delhi, IA	52223
1	Howard-Winneshiek Community School District	100 Schroder Drive, Cresco, IA	52136
1	Four Oaks, Inc.	5400 Kirkwood Blvd, Cedar Rapids, IA	52404
1	Oelwein Community School District #3	300 12th Avenue, SE, Oelwein, IA 50662	50662
1	Dubuque Community Schools	2300 Chaney, Dubuque, Iowa	52001
1	Decorah Community School District	510 Winnebago Street, Decorah, IA	52101
2	Carroll Community Schools	2809 North Grant Road, Carroll, IA	51401
2	Clarion-Goldfield	319 3rd Avenue N.E.	50525
2	Hampton-Dumont Community Schools	420 1st Avenue N.E., Hampton, IA	50441
2	Mason City School District	1515 South Pennsylvania	50401
2	Waverly-Shell Rock Community Schools	1405 4th Avenue, S.W., Waverly, IA	50677
2	Boone Community Schools	500 7th Street, Boone, IA	50036
2	Charles City Community Schools	500 North Grand Avenue, Charles City, IA	50616
2	Eagle Grove School District	216 North Commercial	50533
2	Fort Dodge Community Schools	104 South 17th Street, Fort Dodge, IA	50501
2	Ames Community School District	PO Box 3011, Ames, IA	50010
2	Ballard Community School District	509 North Main, Huxley, IA	50124

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2	Colo-Nesco Schools	400 Latrobe Ave, McCallsburg, IA	50154
2	Garner-Hayfield Schools	PO Box 449, Garner, IA	50438
2	Iowa Falls Schools	PO Box 670, Iowa Falls, IA	50126
2	Jefferson-Scranton Schools	101 W. Sunset, Jefferson, IA	50129
2	Marshalltown Community Schools	317 Columbus Drive, Marshalltown, IA	50158
2	Nevada Community Schools	1035 15th Street, Nevada, IA	50201
2	Coon Rapids/Bayard Community Schools	PO Box 297, Coon Rapids, IA	50058
2	Manning Community Schools	209 10th Street, Manning, IA	51454
2	Webster City Schools	825 Beach Street, Webster City, IA	50595
2	Marshalltown Community Schools	317 Columbus Drive, Marshalltown, IA	50158
2	Roland-Story Community Schools	1009 Story Street, Story City, IA	50248
3	Woodbury County: Middle Schools - DCAT	Room 104, Woodbury County Courthouse, Siou	51101
3	Woodbury County-Sergeant Bluff - DCAT	Room 104, Woodbury County Courthouse, Siou	51101
3	Cherokee Community School District	207 North Second Street, P.O. Box 801, Chero	51012
3	Estherville-Lincoln Central Community School District	301 North 6th Street, P.O. Box 118, Estherville,	51334
3	Sibley-Ocheydan Community School District	120 11th Avenue NE, Sibley, IA	51249
3	West Lyon School District	Highway 182 North, Inwood, IA	51241
3	Armstrong-Ringsted Community Schools	Highway 15 North, PO Box 75, Armstrong, IA	50514
3	Lemars Community School District	921 Third Avenue SW, LeMars, IA	51031
3	MOC-Floyd Valley Community School District	PO Box 257, Orange City, IA	51041
3	Rock Valley Community School District	1712 20th Avenue, Rock Valley, IA	51247
3	South O'Brien Community School District	Box 638, Paulina, IA	51046
4	Loess Hills Area Education Agency XIII	PO Box 1109, Council Bluffs, IA	51502
5	Southeast Polk Community School	8325 N.E. University, Runnells, IA	50237
5	Perry & Adel-DeSoto-Minburn School Districts	1219 Warford, Perry, IA	50220
5	Ankeny Community Schools	306 SW School St., Ankeny, IA 50021	50021
5	Bedford /Corning Community Schools	1006 Illinois, Bedford, IA 50833	50833
5	Clarke/Murray Community Schools	800 N. Jackson, Osceola, IA	50213
5	East Union/Creston Community School Districts	1916 High School Drive, Box 79, Afton, IA	50830
5	Interstate 35 School District	Box 79, Truro, IA	50257
5	Mormon Trail, Mt. Ayr, Central Decatur, Lamoni, #1	403 S. Front, Humeston, IA	50123
5	Mormon Trail, Mt. Ayr, Central Decatur, Lamoni, #2	403 S. Front, Humeston, IA	50123
5	Stuart-Menlo-Dexfield & Woodward-Granger	123 N. 2nd, Stuart, IA	50250
5	Chariton/Wayne Community Schools	102 N. DeKalb, Corydon, IA	50060
5	Greenfield, Bridgewater-Fontanelle School District	410 NW 2nd, Greenfield, IA	50849

6	HLV Community Schools	402 Harrison, Box b, Victor, IA 52347	52347
6	Iowa Valley Community Schools	359 East Hilton St., Marengo, IA	52301
6	Cedar Rapids Community School District	346 2nd Avenue, S.W., Cedar Rapids, IA	52404
6	Monticello Community School District	711 South Maple Street, Monticello, IA	52310
6	Iowa City Community Schools	509 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, IA	52240
6	Kirkwood Community College	18th Ave and 9th St SW, Cedar Rapids, IA	52404
6	Grant Wood Area Education Agency	4401 Sixth Street SW, Cedar Rapids, IA	52404
6	Williamsburg Community Schools	810 W. Walnut, Box 120, Williamsburg, IA	52361
6	Clear Creek-Amana Community Schools	231 North Prairie Ave., Oxford, IA	52322
6	Linn-Mar Community Schools & Marion Independent S D	777 S. 15th Street, Marion, IA	52302
7	Pleasant Valley Community School District	PO Box 332, Pleasant Valley, Iowa	52767
7	Maquoketa Community School District	612 South Vermont Street, Maquoketa, IA	52060
7	West Liberty Community School District	823 North Elm Street, West Liberty, IA	52776
7	Central Community School District	923 W. 4th Ave. E, DeWitt, Iowa	52742
7	Clinton Community School District	600 S. 4th Street, Clinton, Iowa	52732
7	Muscatine Community School District	1403 Park Ave., Muscatine, Iowa	52761
7	Northeast Community School District	#1 School Lane, Gooselake, Iowa	52750
7	Wilton & West Liberty Community School Districts	1002 Cypress Street, Wilton, IA 52778	52778
7	Bettendorf Community School District	3311 Central Avenue	52722
7	North Scott Community School District	251 East Iowa, Eldridge, IA	52748
7	Davenport Community School District	1606 Brady Street, Davenport, IA	52803
8	First Resources: Oskaloosa Com School	109-C East Marion Street, Sigourney, IA	52591
8	Central Lee Community School District	2642 Highway 218, Donnellson, IA	52625
8	Ft. Madison School District	20 & Avenue M, Ft. Madison, IA 52627	52627
8	Young House Family Services: Keokuk Com School Dist	726 N. 3rd St, Box 845, Burlington, Iowa	52501
8	Young House Family Services: Burlington Com School Dist	726 N. 3rd St, Box 845, Burlington, Iowa	52501
8	Young House Family Services: Mt Pleasant School District	726 N. 3rd St, Box 845, Burlington, Iowa	52501
8	First Resources: Ottumwa School District	109-C East Marion Street, Sigourney, IA	52591
8	Centerville Community School District	634 North Main, Centerville, IA 52544	52544

Source: Department of Human Services