

Families and communities Together

Community Plan

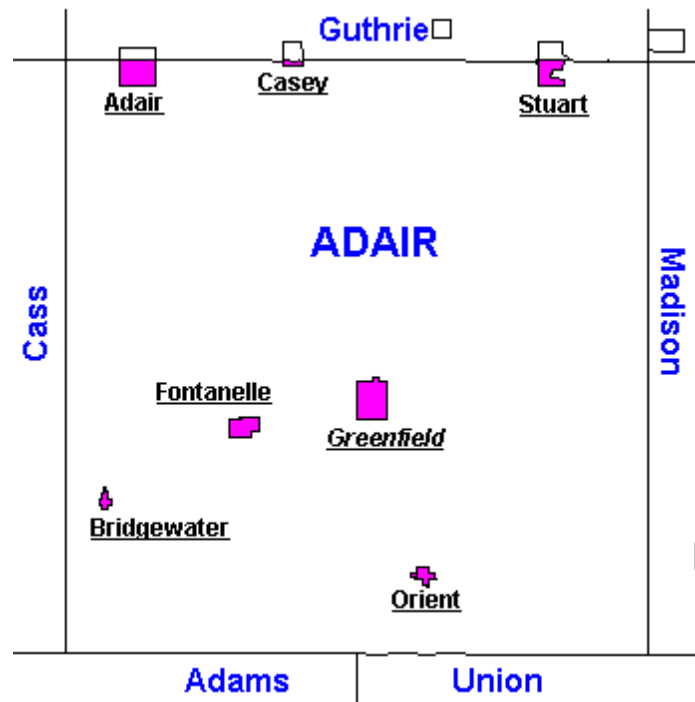


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Preface

A community plan is a document that is required by Iowa law to be completed by local Community Empowerment Areas. The purpose of the plan is to help guide a Community Empowerment Area in its endeavor to reach results and improve the well-being of children prenatal through five years of age and their families. The plan is to serve as “guide” or a “roadmap” for the Community Empowerment Area in their decision making, guides their planning, and helps set priorities in the community. In addition, the plan identifies community assets, common needs, and gaps in services that help “steer” the Community Empowerment Area.

The FACT Empowerment Area has drafted this three-year community plan as a part of its redesignation process. It is intended to provide guidance and direction to the FACT Empowerment Board as well as assist community partners. The FACT Empowerment Board supports the five State of Iowa Empowerment priority areas:

- Healthy Children
- Secure and Nurturing Families
- Secure and Nurturing Child Care Environments
- Children Ready to Succeed in School
- Safe and Supportive Communities

Use of the Community Plan

It is the desire of the FACT Empowerment board that, during the next three years as well as ongoing, that the community plan will serve as a useful document for the community as a whole. It will be reviewed and updated regularly to ensure that it reflects the current assets, needs and priorities of the community in which it serves.

The community plan is a living document for the community. It is accessible on the FACT Empowerment website along with its supporting materials. It has and will continue to be utilized as a tool for education, marketing, as well as several grant opportunities (i.e. Department of Education voluntary preschool grants, Decategorization, Community Partnerships for Protecting Children, Early Head Start, Head Start, and philanthropy funding).

Approval

This FACT Empowerment Community Plan was approved by the FACT Empowerment Board on August 26, 2009.

FACT Empowerment Overview

FACT Empowerment Vision Statement

The FACT Empowerment Board adopted the state Empowerment's vision statement starting in the 2007 fiscal year.

“Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful”

FACT Empowerment Mission Statement

The FACT Empowerment Board revised the mission statement effective May 27, 2009.

“FACT Empowerment enhances community resources to meet the needs of families and young children with quality support and services.”

FACT Signature

The FACT Empowerment Board has the standing signature of:

FACT - “Families and Communities Together”

FACT Empowerment Indicators

- # of children enrolled in Hawk-I and Medicaid
- % of kindergartners who had a preschool experience
- Employment Rate
- # of confirmed child abuse for children 5 years and under
- # of licensed and registered child care slots (*licensed capacity only*)
- # of licensed and/or Dept of Ed preschool slots (*licensed capacity*)
- % of participating child care providers at each level of the voluntary QRS system
- % of participating preschools at each level of the QRS System

FACT Empowerment Guiding Principles

The FACT Empowerment Boards guiding principles are as follows:

- Collaboration promotes the most effective and efficient use of resources
- Citizen involvement strengthens a community's ability to face challenges and create positive outcomes
- Empowered families make healthy decisions to enhance their quality of life
- Healthy families are the foundation of strong communities

FACT Empowerment Priorities and Strategies

The FACT Empowerment Board supports the following priorities and strategies.

- Family support opportunities
- Professional development opportunities
- Preschool enrichment opportunities, including access to and quality
- Child care enrichment opportunities, including quality and capacity building
- Supportive of research based and/or evidence based practices

FACT Empowerment Profile

The FACT Empowerment area serves families who reside in Adair County. Most of the demographic information is based on county statistics. All figures unless otherwise noted reflect only Adair County and therefore understate the needs. Adair County includes the following four school districts:

- Adair Casey Community School District
- Nodaway Valley Community School District
- Orient-Macksburg Community School District
- West Central Valley Community School District

Communities

The following communities/towns are included in Adair County:

- ✓ Adair
- ✓ Casey
- ✓ Greenfield
- ✓ Stuart
- ✓ Bridgewater
- ✓ Fontanelle
- ✓ Orient

Population

Adair County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. Adair County is comprised of seven incorporated communities and their surrounding rural areas. From 1990 to 2000, Adair County's population decreased 2.0%. It is forecasted to decrease another 5% by 2010.

Total Population for Iowa and Adair County									
	Actual						Forecast		
	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030
State of Iowa	2,621,073	2,757,537	2,825,368	2,913,808	2,776,831	2,926,324	3,023,313	3,157,890	3,322,010
Adair County	12,292	10,893	9,487	9,509	8,409	8,243	7,851	7,778	7,723

(U.S. Census Bureau and Iowa Workforce Development)

Population 3 and 4 Year Olds

Adair County's combined three and four year olds decreased population of 30% from 1999 to 2008.

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
4 Year Olds	104	80	84	81	73	70	71	71	69	67
3 Year olds	88	91	87	80	68	71	73	75	68	68
Total	192	171	171	161	141	141	144	146	137	135

(Woods and Poole)

Population Ages 0-5

Adair County's 0-5 year old population has decreased 26% from 1999-2008

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
560	538	495	480	436	432	431	431	429	412

(Woods and Poole)

Births

Below is the number of actual births in Adair County from 1995-2007

1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
80	61	68	76	71	68	65	74	81	60	86	97	92

(Iowa Department of Public Health/Vital Statistics)

Diversity

Adair County is predominately white at 97.9% and the state of Iowa is 90.6%

(2008 Federal statistics <http://www.fedstats.gov/qf/states/19/19001.html>)

Education

The 2007 high school graduation rate is 97.0% compared to 87.8% in 2000. The 2007 state of Iowa rate is 90.5%. *(2007 Iowa Kids Count)*

The percentage of 8th grade students who are proficient in math on the Iowa Basic Skills is 76.9%. The highest in the state is Bremer County at 88.0% and the state of Iowa is 75.6%. *(2007 Iowa Kids Count)*

Adair County's free and reduced lunch eligibility rate in 2007-2008 was 29.2%; it has risen to 32.4% in for the 2008-2009 school year. The state rate is 34.1%.

(Iowa Department of Education)

There are four school districts in Adair County with all four receiving statewide voluntary preschool funding. *(Iowa Department of Education)*

Income

According to Iowa Workforce Development the median household income is as follows:

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
\$37,724	\$38,529	\$41,406	\$39,568	\$38,977	\$45,478

(U.S. Census Bureau and Iowa Workforce Development)

Poverty

According to 2007 statistics from Iowa Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, Adair County had 837 people in poverty, of that, 215 children were under the age of 18 were in poverty, and 126 children ages 5-17 are in poverty.

(U.S. Census Bureau and Iowa Workforce Development)

Unemployment rate

According to Iowa Workforce Development, unemployment rate in April of 2008 was 4.4% in Adair County compared to the unemployment rate as of April 2009 is at 5.2%. The highest in the state is Jasper County at 7.0% with the lowest being Johnson and Shelby County at 3.0%. The state rate is 6.2%.

(Iowa Workforce Development)

Child Abuse

Below is the total number of confirmed abused children in Adair County from 2002 through 2008. Adair County ranks 28th in the state in the rate of confirmed abused children in 2008.

Confirmed abused Children ages 0-17

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
28	22	28	40	32	43	25

(Prevent Child Abuse Iowa/DHS)

Confirmed abused children ages 0-5.

# of Children Age 0-5	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
412	19	10	14	11	11	19	10

(Prevent Child Abuse Iowa/DHS)

Other Descriptive Information

There is one major factory, Cardinal Glass, that employs many of Adair County's workforce. Aside from this factory the county is primarily a farming community. Because of the County's proximity to Des Moines, a number of its workforce travel to the city for employment.

Adair County is the only county in Iowa that does not have a Head Start.

Adair County has two state licensed child care center and one school based child care center for a total of three child care centers.

Adair County has a less than full time Department of Human Services office.

Adair County has a hospital, but does not deliver babies.

Adair County has interstate 80 that on the north edge of the County.

FACT Empowerment Community Needs Assessment

Community Assessments

The FACT Empowerment Board has utilized and embraced a combination of methods to determine and prioritize the needs for the children age 0 to 5 in the Empowerment Area. A variety assessments/venues were studied from Adams, Adair, and Union County Decategorization, Community Partnerships for Protecting Children, Adair County 2005 CHNA & HIP, Horizons, Child Care Resource and Referral, and the Empowerment community needs assessment from spring 2006. The compilation of all the assessments is on the next page.

From the assessments, the Success 4 Kids Council which is the advisory committee for the Empowerment Board analyzed the data and provided feedback and recommendation to the Empowerment Board to the identified community needs. Below is the previous list and the new list.

Previous List of Community Needs 2006	New List of Community Needs 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong communities where families can live and thrive• Quality child care• Strong families• Health Care• Safe environments for children and families• Children need to be prepared for school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quality and affordable child care• Safe environments (i.e. homes, child care, early care)• Basic needs (i.e. food, shelter, clothing, heat)• Awareness/outreach (i.e. community resources, collaboration among agencies, relationship building)• Education/supporting families (i.e. nutrition, parenting, abuse, life style habits/choices, child development, substance abuse)

Utilizing Assessments

The compilation of all the assessments on the next page has been utilized in many different ways. Many agencies have utilized some or all of them for grant opportunities or other planning initiatives. This has proven to be a tool that can be utilized multiple times.

Adair County Assessments or Venues

FACT Empowerment (Spring 2006)	Decategorization Adams, Adair and Union County (Fall 2008)	Community Partnerships Adams, Adair, and Union County (Fall 2007)	Adair County CHNA & HIP (Spring 2005)	Horizons (August 2007)	CCRR Early Care Providers (Spring 2009)
<p>Identified Needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Strong communities where families can live and thrive -Quality child care -Strong families -Strong communities -Health care -Safe environments for children and families -Children need to be prepared for school <p><i>Background of assessment</i> -Complete report can be accessed by contacting Deb Schrader Empowerment Director debschrader@mddc.com.</p> <p>-Assessment was conducted with early care, health and education providers and community members who attended two focus group meetings spring 2006.</p>	<p>4 Categories of Identified Needs:</p> <p>Childcare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Extended hours -Respite care -Crisis care -5 Star licensed programs <p>Child Abuse Prevention/Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sexual abuse prevention -Sexual abuse – implement <i>Care for Kids and Nurturing Healthy Sexual Development</i> in all 3 counties -Collaborate with GRMC child birth classes -Pool educated presenters -Reporting abuse -Media, Presentations <p>Prevention Programs for Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -SADD/SAFE – prevention programs for alcohol & drug awareness in each county -SAFE/SADD -Skill building -Domestic violence <p>Basic Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All families will be able to meet their basic need -Take care of basic needs (emergency fund) non DHS involved for food clothing, medical, childcare <p><i>Background of Assessment</i> -Complete report can be accessed by contacting Lisa Cook, DCAT Coordinator LCook@dhs.state.ia.us.</p> <p>-Assessment was conducted with multiple diverse providers and community members who attended a strategic planning meeting fall 2008.</p>	<p>Areas of Challenge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increased promotion, awareness, knowledge about programs -Increased promotion, awareness, knowledge about resources available -Increased engagement of parents/clients as partners in decision-making -Adequate funding for programs -Insure/promote quality of care -Higher levels of community collaboration needed – agency and citizenry -Difficult to engage parents -School-community partnership for early-outs, late starts -Disincentives to work with in regards to child care assistance -Limited agency partnerships/working relationships -Align public policy with community goals at local level -Development/increase of jobs with adequate pay -Disconnect between what agencies offer and what public has knowledge of <p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -General awareness about child abuse within the county -Connecting families with appropriate resources -Family team meetings -Parent education and ongoing support systems that value and engage all parents -Quality and affordable child care -Adequate supervision for upper elementary and middle school students outside of the school day in including opportunities for non-competitive activities -Tapping into underutilized resources -Multiple risk factors (basic needs, substance abuse, relationships) -Reluctance in reporting child abuse <p><i>Background of assessment</i> -Complete report can be accessed by contacting Deb hall, ISU Extension debhall@iastate.edu.</p> <p>-Assessment was conducted utilizing study circles with attendees with backgrounds that represent areas of prevention, intervention, and sanction as well as the community.</p>	<p>Health Improvement Plan Goal:</p> <p>To reduce obesity in Adair County</p> <p>Adair County's overweight and obesity levels have continued to rise steadily.</p> <p>In 1999, 35% of our population reported being overweight. In 2002, 38.3% of our population is overweight and 23% meet the criteria for obesity.</p> <p><i>Background of assessment</i> -Complete report located at www.idph.state.ia.us/chna/hip.</p> <p>-CHNA & HIP was completed in 2005 with multiple community partners.</p>	<p>Needs Identified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Meeting everyone's basic needs including food -Financial management skills across all ages -Quality and affordable early childhood care and education -Employment <p>Purpose</p> <p>The Horizons Community Leadership Program is to reduce poverty and help communities build stronger leaders to address economic issues and find ways to implement change.</p> <p><i>Background of assessment</i> -Complete report can be accessed by contacting Deb hall, ISU Extension debhall@iastate.edu.</p> <p>-Assessment was with completed with input from the more than 650 community members.</p>	<p>Top needs identified</p> <p>Child development - selection and utilization of assessment tools</p> <p>School readiness – tools and ideas to prepare children for school</p> <p>Family -assistance with working with children of divorce and family stress, parent involvement</p> <p>Business practices – guidance on budgeting and state regulations</p> <p>Daily activities – art, out door play, nutrition and physical fitness</p> <p>Secondary needs identified</p> <p>Special needs – tools and support to care for special needs children with an emphasis on mental health</p> <p>Data collection – assistance to collect health information from parents and health care professionals</p> <p>Assistance with teaching children and parents healthy lifestyle choices (nutrition)</p> <p>Curriculum – how and what to choose</p> <p><i>Background of assessment</i> -Complete report can be accessed by contacting CCRR, Sherry Stuva sstuva@maturaction.org</p> <p>-Assessment was completed with input from Adair County child care providers (i.e. centers, homes, preschools)</p>

FACT Empowerment Indicators

From data sources, a list of indicators were developed and down selected by the Program and Service committee and then approved by the FACT Empowerment Board. The detailed indicator matrix will provide for easier monitoring of the trends in Adair County. Additionally, it will correlate the effectiveness of funded empowerment programs along with being utilized to monitor the community plan.

Revised and Adopted Indicators

of children enrolled in Hawk-I and Medicaid

% of kindergartners who had a preschool experience

Employment Rate

of confirmed child abuse for children 5 years and under

of licensed and registered child care slots (*licensed capacity only*)

of licensed and/or Dept of Ed preschool slots (*licensed capacity*)

% of participating child care providers at each level of the voluntary QRS system

% of participating preschools at each level of the QRS System

Deleted Indicators

The following Indicators were removed as either data was no longer relevant or data was unable to be collected.

% of children immunized by age 2

% of all births to mothers under age 20

% of kindergartners with pre-literacy skills as measured by the DIBELS or other approved measurement – Initial Sound Fluency

% of kindergartners with pre-literacy skills as measured by the DIBELS or other approved measurement – Initial Letter Naming

Local indicators and analysis

Community Empowerment Area Indicators	Identify the State Results Linked to the Indicator by A, B, C, D, E	Identify the Source of data for each Indicator	Baseline Data (date & numerical value)	Subsequent Year's Data (Trend Line) Identify the Year			Goal (numerical value & projected timeline)	Progress Update (Brief Analysis of data)
# of children enrolled in Hawk-I and Medicaid 0-18 population	A <i>Healthy Children</i>	Iowa Dept of Public Health www.hawk-i.org/statedir Woods & Poole	492 2009 1,498	NA	NA	NA	Increase by 2% each year	<i>New indicator</i> This is a new indicator, baseline is being established. Adair County has 33% of the 0-18 population enrolled. State rate is 34%.
% of kindergartners who had a preschool experience	D <i>Children Ready to Succeed in School</i>	Local School Districts and Preschool Enhancement Project	94% (2006)	87% (2007)	87% (2008)	89% (2009)	Goal to have no less than 90% every year	121 of 136 Kindergartners had preschool experience. All school districts in Adair County receive statewide voluntary preschool funding. It is hopeful that the 90% goal will be reached in 2010.
Employment Rate	E <i>Safe and Supportive Communities</i>	Midwest Partnerships 515-523-1262	3% (2006)	3.3% (2007)	3.4% (2008)	4.7% (2009)	Meet or stay below the state average	Adair County is a rural county that will most likely always face transportation challenges. Much of the workforce travels to the metro area which is 60 miles away. The state average is 6.2%. During the past year some of the manufacturing jobs have been lost locally as well.
# of confirmed child abuse for children 5 years and under 0-5 population	B <i>Secure and Nurturing Families</i>	Dept of Human Services Woods & Poole	19 (2002) 0-5 population unknown	11 (2006) 0-5 population 431	19 (2007) 0-5 population 429	10 (2008) 0-5 population 412	Reduce by 2% each year	Adair County does not have a full time local DHS office. Therefore, linking families to prevention programs is essential. These include but not limited to home visitor programs, mental health services, and AEA services. There has been more awareness about child abuse due to CPPC and having a fulltime AmeriCorps member.

# of licensed and registered child care slots (<i>licensed capacity only</i>)	C <i>Secure and Nurturing Child Care Environments</i>	Child Care Resource and Referral	260 (2006)	241 (2007) <i>(includes SCL providers)</i>	241 (2008) <i>(includes SCL providers)</i>	361 (2009)	Increase number of providers by 10% by 2009	There was an increase in registered child development homes. This could be due to “networking” among a few key child care providers along with the support of Empowerment and CCRR.
# of licensed and/or Dept of Ed preschool slots (<i>licensed capacity</i>)	C <i>Secure and Nurturing Child Care Environments</i>	Child Care Resource and Referral	171 (2006)	249 (2007)	313 (2008)	252 (2009)	To maintain slots equivalent to the number of 3 and 4 year old children	Adair County has 135 children ages 3-4 (<i>2008 Woods & Poole</i>). This is an indicator of the approximate number of preschool aged children. The number of slots includes 2 preschools (West Central and Adair Casey) that children attend but the preschools are not located in Adair County; therefore the number may appear skewed.
% of participating child care providers at each level of the voluntary QRS system	C <i>Secure and Nurturing Child Care Environments</i>	West Central Development Corporation – CCRR	0 (2006)	0 (2007)	1 (2008) <i>Level 1 = 0 Level 2 = 1 Level 3 = 0 Level 4 = 0 Level 5 = 0</i>	5 (2009) <i>Level 1 = 0 Level 2 = 3 Level 3 = 1 Level 4 = 1 Level 5 = 0</i>	Increase by 3 providers each year	Adair County has a total of 22 registered child care dev. Homes; however 5 are SCL providers who are not eligible for the QRS process, therefore 29% of eligible QRS homes have a QRS rating. Providers are more aware of QRS and providing a quality child care business. Note- 2 providers offer 24 hour care.
% of participating preschools at each level of the QRS System	D <i>Children Ready to Succeed in School</i>	Child Care Resource and Referral	0 (2006)	0 (2007)	4 (2008) <i>Level 1 = 0 Level 2 = 0 Level 3 = 0 Level 4 = 4 Level 5 = 0</i>	5 (2009) <i>Level 1 = 0 Level 2 = 0 Level 3 = 2 Level 4 = 3 Level 5 = 0</i>	Increase to 6 preschools participating by 2010	5 out of 6 preschools have a QRS rating and 1 preschool has submitted for a rating. Due to the extensive quality supports provided by empowerment for the past several years, the QRS levels have risen much faster than anticipated.

FACT Empowerment Assessment of Resources

Below is a map of resources available in Adair County.

Preschools

Service/Program/Agency	Location	Description of Service/Other Information
Adair Casey Preschool	Adair	Preschool (Statewide Voluntary Preschool)
B-F Prekindergarten	Greenfield	Preschool (Private)
Little Lambs Preschool	Greenfield	Preschool (Faith based)
Nodaway Valley Preschool	Greenfield	Preschool (State Wide Voluntary and Shared Visions)
Orient-Macksburg Preschool	Orient	Preschool (State Wide Voluntary and Shared Visions)
West Central Valley Preschool	Menlo	Preschool (State Wide Voluntary)

Child Care Centers

Service/Program/Agency	Location	Description of Service/Other Information
O-M Bulldogs	Orient	DHS Licensed Child Care Center
Adair County Child Care Center	Greenfield	DHS Licensed Child Care Center
Sunshine Daycare	Greenfield	DHS Licensed Child Care Center

Public Libraries

Service	Location
Adair Public Library	Adair
Fontanelle Public Library	Fontanelle
Greenfield Public Library	Greenfield
Public Resource Technology Center	Orient

Health

Includes both community and private practice centers

Service/Program/Agency	Location	Description of Service/Other Information
Adair County Memorial Hospital	Greenfield	Health care services
Adair County Home Care	Greenfield	Disease prevention, community screenings, immunizations clinics, parent support
Child Health Specialty Clinic	Creston	Developmental, behavioral, emotional evaluations for ages 0-21
Adair County Medical Clinic	Greenfield	Health care services
Adair County Medical Clinic	Stuart	Health care services
Adair County Medical Clinic	Fontanelle	Health care services
GCH Family Medicine	Adair	Health care services
Stuart Family Practice	Stuart	Health care services
Verlin Hockett, D.D.S	Greenfield	Dental care
Richard E. Kohler D.D.S.	Greenfield	Dental care
Christian Siebrasse, D.D.S	Stuart	Dental care
Robert Weiland, O.D.	Greenfield	Optometrist care
Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa	Creston	Health care services
Adair, Cass, and Guthrie County Environmental Health Dept	Guthrie Center	Water testing, well inspection
Crossroads Mental Health Center	Creston	Mental health services
West Central Mental Health Center	Adel	Mental health services
Action Now Chemical Dependency	Creston	Mental health services
Bridge Counseling Center	Winterset	Mental health services
New Horizons Counseling	Afton	Mental health services
Rural Family Therapy Services	Afton	Mental health services

Human Services and Other

All listed programs serve children and families throughout Adair County

Organization/Agency	Location	Description of Service/Other Information
Department of Human Services And Decategorization	Creston Greenfield – limited hours	Case management for adjudicated children, children in need of assistance, family income maintenance (<i>less than full time office</i>) Tri County Youth Service (Decat)
Green Valley Area Education Agency	Creston	Early Access services – serves Adair-Casey and West Central Schools
Heartland Area Education Agency	Guthrie Center	Early Access services
Adair County- General Relief	Greenfield	Emergency or short term assistance
FaDDS	Creston	Family support for families receiving FIP
MATURA	Creston Outreach office in Greenfield	Women Infant and Children Program; Child Care Resource and Referral; Maternal Child Health; hawk-I; Clothing; heat assistance; food pantry
Family Crisis Support Network	Atlantic	Support for domestic violence and sexual assault
Family Resource Center	Carroll	Supportive family living; respite care; support for special needs
Southwestern Community College	Creston	Early Childhood Training; GED Classes
Adair County Extension	Greenfield	Growing Strong Families; CLIK; Preschool Enhancement; Early Childhood enhancements
Family Crisis Support Network	Atlantic	Domestic violence support and sexual assault
Adair County Health and Fitness	Greenfield	Youth enrichment opportunities
Adair County General Relief	Greenfield	Emergency or short term assistance
Prevention Concepts	Indianola	Drug and Violence prevention programming
Madison County ISU Extension	Winterset	Child & Adult Food Program
Success 4 Kids	Greenfield	Sexual abuse education
South Central Youth & Family Services	Greenfield	Parent Education

Faith

Includes all churches in Adair County

Service/Program/Agency	Location	Description of Service/Other Information
Stuart United Methodist Church	Stuart	
Saints Catholic Church	Stuart	
Maranatha Gospel Church	Stuart	
Heartland Baptist Church	Stuart	
First Congregational Church	Stuart	
Congregational Church	Stuart	
Canby Friends Church	Fontanelle	
Emmanuel Lutheran Church	Fontanelle	
Highland United Methodist Church	Fontanelle	
United Methodist Church	Fontanelle	
United Methodist Church	Greenfield	Clothing for children 0-5
First Presbyterian Church	Greenfield	
Cornerstone Fellowship Evangelical Church	Greenfield	AWANAS programming for 3-5
Lutheran Church Immanuel	Greenfield	
Holly Bible Fellowship Church	Greenfield	
Gospel Chapel	Greenfield	
United Church of Christ	Orient	
United Methodist Church	Orient	
Hill of Zion United Methodist Church	Orient	
Hebron United Methodist	Macksburg	
United Methodist Church	Bridgewater	
Avondale United Methodist Church	Bridgewater	
Trinity Christian Church	Bridgewater	
Lutheran Church Good Shepherd	Adair	
Lutheran Church St. Johns	Adair	
Lutheran Church Immanuel	Adair	
First Presbyterian Church	Adair	
United Methodist Church	Adair	
Saint Johns Catholic Church	Adair	
Church of Christ	Menlo	
Jefferson Center Methodist Church	Menlo	
St. Johns Lutheran Church	Casey	
United Methodist Church	Casey	

FACT Empowerment Fiscal Assessment

Background of Fiscal Assessment Requirements

According to *Iowa Code Chapter 28.8*, a Community Empowerment Area at a minimum is required to identify all federal state, local, and private funding sources available in the Community Empowerment Area that are being used to provide services to children from zero through five years of age. The community Empowerment Area is also to provide a description of how the funding sources will be used collaboratively. The required fiscal assessment is to include a description of the process used to gather the information and must present a good faith effort in gathering the funding amounts. The FACT Empowerment fiscal assessment is compilation of fiscal information including federal, state, and local level resources coming into the county. This information is used by the board for data driven decision-making.

Gathering of Fiscal Data

The fiscal assessment information was collected utilizing a variety of methods. The following information was requested from community partners; organization/program, service provided, ages served, estimated funding, and type/source of funding. The majority of the required fiscal information is public record, however obtaining complete information was challenging. This information is difficult to obtain for various reasons. Although the request stated the purpose and how the information would be used as part of redesignation process, it appears that some of the organizations did not understand the intent or the value of providing the information.

In March 2009 utilizing the Empowerment community partner list serve, several agencies responded to this fiscal mapping request. The second attempt was through personal phone calls and other personal contact. The Empowerment Area has demonstrated a good faith effort to obtain the information as required.

Funding and Collaboration

Empowerment encourages community partners to pool resources in the areas of education, health, and human services programs on behalf of children, families and other citizens residing in the area. By pooling resources, duplication is reduced and quality of services increases. For example, Adair County ISU Extension has braided several funding streams to provide comprehensive family support services utilizing, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, Empowerment, Philanthropy initiative, and Community Partnerships for protecting children. Another example is the blending funding from the state wide voluntary preschool initiative from all four school districts and Empowerment to provide comprehensive services for preschool aged children.

Fiscal Assessment Data

ORGANIZATION / PROGRAM	SERVICE	# of Children Served	\$ ESTIMATE	SOURCE OF FUNDING
West Central Mental Health	Mental Health Services			
Nodaway Valley Community School District	Preschool	3-5	\$158,600	State Adair CEA
Orient-Macksburg Community School District	Preschool	3-5	\$92,106	State and Adair CEA
Adair Casey Community School District	Preschool	3-5	\$70,101	State Adair CEA
West Central Community School District	Preschool	3-5	\$190,250	State Adair CEA
Little Lambs Preschool	Preschool	3-5	\$15,000	Private Adair CEA
B-F Preschool	Preschool	3-5	\$9,000	Private Adair CEA
Matura	Maternal & Child Services		\$30,735	State/Federal
MATURA	Child Care Nurse Consultant	0-18	\$2,500	State Adair CEA
Community Partnership for Protecting Children	Prevention of Child Abuse	0-18	\$20,000	Federal
Department of Human Services	Food Assistance	All ages	\$126,186	State Federal
Department of Human Services	Family Investment Program (FIP)	All ages	\$70,790	State Federal
Department of Human Services	Medicaid/Other	All ages	\$520,184	State Federal
Department of Human Services	Child Care Assistance	All ages	\$82,000	State/Federal
MATURA	FaDSS (shared by 6 counties \$133,000)	0-18	\$22,000	Federal Local
Green Valley AEA	Early Access	0-3	\$14,463	State, Federal
MATURA	Child Care Resource & Ref.	0-18	\$29,028	State, Federal Adair CEA
CRISP	Child Adult Care Food Program	0-12	\$5,500	Federal
MATURA	WIC Clinics		\$38,964	State/Federal
Success 4 Kids Council	Parent Ed/Child Abuse Prevention	0-18	\$2,000	State
Adair County/MATURA	General Assistance	All ages	\$2,600	County
Central Point of Contact for Mental Health	Mental Health Services	All ages	\$110,000	State/Federal
Adair County Memorial Hospital	Medical Services	All ages	-	Unknown
Sunshine Day Care Center	Child Care	0-13	-	Private
O-M Bulldogs Child Care Center	Child Care	0-13	-	Private
YMCA Child Care Center	Child Care	0-13	-	Private
Adair County I.S.U. Extension	Family Support	0-5	\$48,277	County, State Adair CEA
Adair County I.S.U. Extension	Early Childhood Education	0-5	\$29,576	County Adair CEA
South Central Youth and Family Services	Family Support	0-5	\$29,409	Adair CEA
Creston Cluster Decat Project	Family Team Meetings (Adair only)	0-18	\$3,430	State/Federal

FACT Empowerment Collaborations

Currently, FACT Empowerment has several networking and collaboration opportunities for early childhood providers and system builders. Below is a list of collaborations or system building opportunities.

Success 4 Kids Council

Purpose: To review and assist with community assessment and identified community needs; assist with community plan and community mapping; community plan evaluation process; identify and update community indicators; strategies to support the community plan. *Meeting:* Fourth Wednesday of each quarter. *What:* Make recommendations to Empowerment Board. *Membership:* community partners, key thought leaders, early childhood partners, Decatur, Empowerment Board, and interested parties.

FACT Empowerment Program and Service Committee

Purpose: To review the process for program funding, request for proposal process, best practices, outcome performance, and annual report compliance. *Meeting:* Every Quarter *What:* Make recommendations to the Empowerment Board. *Membership:* Empowerment providers and Empowerment Board.

FACT Empowerment Board Processes Committee

Purpose: To review and update by-laws, review vision and mission, legislation compliance, board trainings, board structure, and outreach/advocacy activities. *Meeting:* Every Quarter. *What:* Make recommendations to the Empowerment Board. *Membership:* Empowerment Board and community leaders with specific interests.

Collaboration with Decategorization and Empowerment

Purpose: The Adams, Adair, and Union County Empowerment Boards and the Creston Cluster Decategorization Board met to provide information around 2008 programming results/outcomes, 2008 programming efforts, and to share community plans. The other objective was to meet the intent of Iowa Code IAC 349.1 – 1.8(2) – (6). The code states that empowerment boards shall “coordinate with the Decategorization governing boards the community plan and budget for the empowerment geographic area”. By all four boards meeting together the intent of the Iowa Code will be met but more importantly information was shared. *Meeting:* It is planned to have a yearly meeting to review each board’s objectives. *Membership:* Empowerment board and Decategorization Board representatives.

Multi County Empowerment Collaboration

Purpose: Collaboration, networking, professional development and an agenda; these are tools the Southwest Iowa Empowerment Coordinators are using to move their empowerment areas to a higher level of quality. *Membership and meetings:* Empowerment Coordinators from Adair, Adams, Page/Fremont, Taylor, Clarke, Decatur, Wayne, Ringgold, Union and Dallas met on a quarterly basis with support from Southwestern Community College TriUMPH Early Childhood, Adult Continuing Education, Green Valley AEA and the State Empowerment Technical Assistance Team. Coordinators send agenda items and professional development topics to a designated person who organizes the agenda and the details for the day. SWCC provides the space and the Adult and Continuing Education provides the expertise and training for the professional development. Networking is done before and during lunch which is provided free of charge by TriUMPH. A member from the Green Valley AEA attends the meetings to keep the

group updated on happenings within their program especially those that might have an impact on Empowerment and offer valued thoughts as we go through the day. Also on site is one of the state empowerment team members who provides technical assistance specific to the areas on the agenda as well as relaying any other important information from the state. This assures two communications between the state and local empowerment.

Resources and Information for Community Partners

Below is a list of agencies/organizations that attend the above meetings and/or receive information from the Adair County Early Childhood distribution list.

Child Care Resource and Referral
MATURA
Adair County Home Care
West Central Mental Health
Neighborhood Center
Adair County Board of Supervisors
Department of Human Services
Southwestern Community College
Nodaway Valley Community School
West Central Community School
Adair-Casey Community School
Little Lambs Preschool
B-F Pre-kindergarten
Little Bombers Preschool
Nodaway Valley Preschool
West Central Valley Preschool
Sunshine Daycare
O-M Bulldogs Daycare
Shared Vision Preschool
Adair County Memorial Hospital
Greenfield Public Library
Southwest Iowa Residential Facility
Prevention Concepts
Early Access
Green Valley Area Education Agency
Decategorization
FaDSS
Iowa State Extension
Heartland Area Education Agency

FACT Empowerment Evaluation Process

The following components are currently in place to ensure on-going evaluation and effectiveness of the community plan.

Monthly

✓The finance committee reviews all expenditures and financial statements monthly and provides feedback to the Empowerment Board.

Quarterly

✓The Warren County Empowerment Board requires funded projects to submit written quarterly reports.

✓The Program and Service Committee thoroughly reviews all quarterly reports and provides feedback to the Empowerment Board on a quarterly basis.

Annually

✓Contractors are required to come before the Warren County Empowerment Board and provide an oral report on an annual basis.

✓A yearend report is completed by each funded project with outputs, inputs, outcomes, and finances.

✓The community plan will be reviewed on an annual basis to address any changes within the community and legislation.

✓The FACT Empowerment Board submits an annual report to the state of Iowa.

Multi Year

✓The FACT Empowerment Board seeks re-designation from the state of Iowa every three years.

Other Information

✓A “cowboy card” is prepared with information from the yearend report to provide a snapshot view of the results. This information is utilized for communication purposes at state and local events.

✓Legislators and other officials are provided information on a yearly basis, such as the annual report, “At a Glance”, “cowboy card”, and testimonials.

✓The annual executive summary will be utilized as a condensed version of the annual report and will be utilized with policy makers.

FACT Empowerment FY2010 Funding Process and Plan

Funding Process

The FACT Empowerment Board funding plan consists of a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process each year.

Programs address the needs of the Empowerment area as well as meet legislative requirements. Applicants are required to identify state result areas, local indicators and priorities the services will impact. Applicants selected from the following menus when submitting the RFP.

Empowerment Result Areas

- Healthy Children
- Safe and Supportive Communities
- Secure and Nurturing Child Care Environment
- Children Ready for School
- Secure and Nurturing Families

Empowerment Local Indicators

- # of children enrolled in Hawk-I and Medicaid
- % of kindergartners who had a preschool experience
- Employment Rate
- # of confirmed child abuse for children 5 years and under
- # of licensed and registered child care slots (*licensed capacity*)
- # of licensed and/or Dept of Ed preschool slots (*licensed capacity*)
- % of participating child care providers at each level of the voluntary QRS system
- % of participating preschools at each level of the QRS System

Empowerment Local Priorities

- Family support opportunities
- Professional development opportunities
- Preschool enrichment opportunities, including access to and quality
- Child care enrichment opportunities, including quality and capacity building
- Supportive of research based and/or evidence based practices
- Demonstrate performance measures for input, output, quality/efficiency, and outcomes

FY2010 Plan

The 2010 plan for programming is similar from years past, however due to the economic climate and the current recession, state allocations were decreased by more than % from last year to this year. It is anticipated that additional funding will be sought community partners to fill gaps.

Spread of Infectious Disease

The board supports services to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, prevent child injuries, develop emergency protocols, help with medication, and care for children with special health needs are being provided to child care facilities registered or licensed under IA code Chapter 237A by funding the Child Care Nurse Consultant Program.

