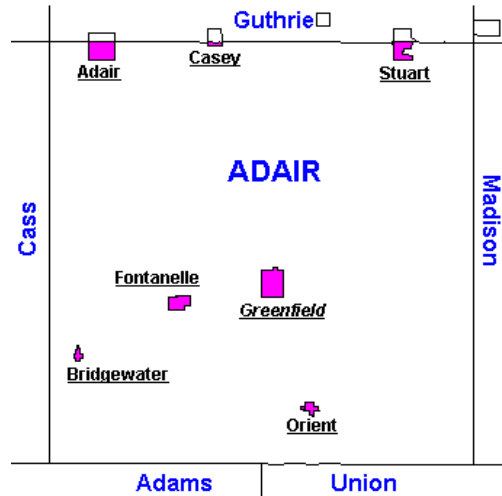


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Families and
communities
Together

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Empowerment

What is FACT Empowerment?

Community Empowerment is to empower individuals and their communities to achieve desired results to improve the quality of life for children ages 0-5 and their families. Empowerment also serves as a catalyst to integrate and coordinate an early care, health and education system for our youngest Iowans.

Vision Statement

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

Mission Statement

*“Families and Communities together
will achieve a productive and
sustainable future”*



Empowerment

Overview/Purpose

Community Empowerment was founded in 1998 on the premise that communities and state government can work together to improve the well being of our youngest children. Community Empowerment's efforts unite agencies, organizations and community partners to speak with a shared voice to support, strengthen and meet the needs of all young children and families.

It is believed individuals in local communities working together can identify and implement the best means for attaining desired results.

Achieving Results

Accountability measures are in place in every community in Iowa to demonstrate the capacity and commitment for achieving these results:

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

FACT Empowerment Board Organizational Structure

The Board consists of thirteen (11) members. Membership has members to represent education, health, human services, business, faith, citizens, consumers, and public interest throughout Adair County area. The majority (51%) of members of the Board are elected officials and/or members of the public who are not employed by a provider of services to or for the Board. Every effort is made to appoint representatives from all areas of the county.

FACT Empowerment Community Plan Priorities

Warren County Empowerment desires long-term sustainable results and supports the following priorities and strategies for early childhood programming efforts:

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

FACT Empowerment Community Plan Indicators

The following are identified indicators in the FACT Empowerment Community plan. The FACT Empowerment Board monitors the indicators which drive funding decisions.

- ☺ Immunized Children
- ☺ Pre-Literacy Skills
- ☺ Child Abuse
- ☺ Employment Rate
- ☺ Teen Births
- ☺ Availability of Child Care
- ☺ Quality Child Care



Comprehensive Services and Supports

State funding is provided to FACT Empowerment through a formula and the local board then allocates funding to agencies. This funding allows the Empowerment Board to: support home visitation and parent education; create quality improvement activities for child care and preschool providers, including professional development and training; and increase access to child care and preschool.