

Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development Council

Logistics

Name of Coordinating Body: Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development (ICYD) Council

Administrative Home: Department of Human Rights (DHR)

Staffing: ICYD is supported with one full-time employee, who serves as lead staff for the Council; and one full-time AmeriCorps member, who provides administrative support to lead staff and the Council, and coordinates the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC), which is a group of 24 youth from across the state.

Funding: DHR provides funding for staffing, and over the years various member agencies have dedicated discretionary funds for specific projects. Since 2000 ICYD has leveraged over \$20 million in new federal and private funding, mostly via federal competitive grants, to support youth development in Iowa.

Membership: The ICYD Council is in the Iowa Code with required membership of 10 executive branch agencies, with the ability to add new members. ICYD has added one member – juvenile court services. The member agencies represent the major public systems that address the needs of Iowa's youth (ages 6 to 21).

- Department of Education
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Public Health
- Iowa Workforce Development
- Department of Human Rights
- Office of Drug Control Policy
- Commission on Volunteer Service
- Iowa State University Extension, 4H – Youth Development
- Early Childhood Iowa
- Child Advocacy Board
- Juvenile Court Services

Structure

- The Council itself is made up of agency administrators that function as a steering committee that meets quarterly.
- The Council's work group, the ICYD Results Team, is comprised of state program managers, meets monthly to support the activities of the Council. The Results Team frequently collaborates with direct service providers on various initiatives.

History

Year & Method of Establishment: The ICYD and SIYAC were established in the Iowa Code, section 216A.140, in 2009. Prior to this legislative action, both ICYD and SIYAC had operated as non-statutory networks since 1999.

Duties/Responsibilities/Goals: The ICYD is committed to improving results among Iowa's youth through the adoption and application of positive youth development principles and practices at the state and local levels. It is a dynamic, evolving partnership of state and local entities designed to better align state policies and programs and to encourage collaboration among multiple state and community agencies on youth-related issues. The goals of the initiative are to promote the use of positive youth development (PYD) principles in state policies and programs and to facilitate the use of effective youth development practices in communities throughout Iowa.

Current Work:

Results/Outcomes Framework: ICYD has developed a results framework that focuses on four broad areas:

1. All youth have the benefit of safe and supportive families, schools and communities.
2. All youth are healthy and socially competent.
3. All youth are successful in school.
4. All youth are prepared for a productive adulthood.

These areas are designed to guide youth policy, organize planning activities, and monitor youth

development outcomes across state departments and agencies and at the community level.

Priority Projects/Initiatives

Currently, the ICYD is focusing on the following long-range issue: By 2020, Iowa will increase the graduation rate from 89 percent to 95 percent.

It is with the understanding that several issues (e.g., substance abuse, family, employment, teen pregnancy and mental health) prevent many youth from graduating from high school, that the ICYD Council agencies work to address these issues as individual agencies and together as a team to maximize efficiency in state government, make the best use of existing resources, and create substantial and lasting positive changes for Iowa's youth.

Accomplishments

Since its formation ICYD has participated in a variety of state and national youth initiatives and has been recognized nationally for its work in coordinating youth development efforts at the state level. In partnership with the Forum for Youth Investment, ICYD has adopted several key principles of Ready by 21. It continues to serve as a multi-system forum for the improvement and coordination of state youth policy and programs.

- Getting the support of the state legislature and placing ICYD in the state code has given the coordinating body the ability and opportunity to embed PYD practices into state government
- Other options discussed to formalize ICYD at the time included an executive order from the governor, and a MOU with all of the participating agencies; however, legislation gave the most permanency.
- SIYAC has grown and partnered with other youth initiatives such as Iowa Youth Congress and Achieving Maximum Potential. SIYAC's purpose is to advocate for youth on important issues affecting youth with state and local policymakers, legislators, and the governor. In recent years, SIYAC's youth voice has partnered with the governor on anti-bullying legislation, and meets regularly with legislators. In addition, SIYAC members participate in service

projects in their respective communities and highlight youth issues across the state.

- Within the Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning, federal juvenile justice funds are allocated to local juvenile court systems. This Juvenile Justice and Youth Development allocation is used for PYD-services and supports for youth in the juvenile justice system, shifting the mindset of local juvenile court services officers to focus on positive behaviors youth need to develop to successfully transition to adulthood.
- Iowa Department of Education received a Safe and Supportive Schools federal grant and selected approximately 20 schools in the state to receive grants to improve climate in schools. Funding was used to address safety and environment issues at high-need schools.

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Words of Wisdom:

- "Collaboration is supposed to be messy. Knowing that going in will make a big difference."
- "Find common ground – something that everyone can rally around to support youth."

Links

- 2014 ICYD Council Annual Report: [www.icyd.iowa.gov/2014%20ICYD%20COUNCIL%20ANNUAL%20REPORT%20\(3\).pdf](http://www.icyd.iowa.gov/2014%20ICYD%20COUNCIL%20ANNUAL%20REPORT%20(3).pdf)
- ICYD Results Framework: www.icyd.iowa.gov/Planners_GrantWriters/ICYD_results.html
- State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC): www.icyd.iowa.gov/SIYAC/
- Legislation: Iowa Code, section 216A.140 – coolice.legis.iowa.gov/Cool-ICE/default.asp?category=billinfo&service=lowaCode&input=216A.140