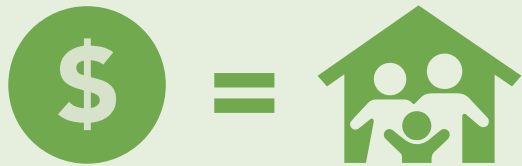


TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE: PROTECTING CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING

Children and families are falling through the cracks in Iowa's Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice systems. As the State of Iowa shifts toward a prevention-focused philosophy in alignment with the federal Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), there will always be a need for services for children with extremely complex needs. And those needs are not being met by the current system.



**THE CHILD WELFARE AND
JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS
NEED IMMEDIATE AND
SUSTAINABLE FUNDING IN
ORDER TO BUILD STRONG
FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.**

In 2020 and 2021, multiple Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs) and Shelters have permanently closed or temporarily halted admissions, creating major gaps in the system and leading to unsuitable placements for children who cannot safely remain in their home of origin. In addition, the complexity and acuity of children who need out-of-home care has increased significantly. The reimbursement rates the state pays providers to treat and heal these children have never kept pace with providers' cost to do business. Without investment, services for children and families will continue to close, putting children, families, and their communities at greater risk.

With appropriate support, Iowa's providers can create positive, durable outcomes for families in the child welfare system. We can prevent youth in the juvenile justice system from becoming adults in Iowa's prison system. We can help children return to their homes and be successful in their schools and communities. Please partner with us to support Iowa's providers and the children and families they serve.

STATEWIDE COVERAGE: THE COALITION'S PROVIDER NETWORK SERVES ALL 99 COUNTIES.

American Home Finding Association • Bethany Christian Services • Boys Town of Iowa • Children and Families of Iowa • Christian Home Association – Children's Square, USA • Counseling and Family Centered Services, Inc. • Crittenton Center • Ellipsis • Family Access Center • Family Resources • Families First Counseling Services • First Resources • Foundation 2 • Four Oaks • Hillcrest Family Services • Lutheran Services in Iowa • Mid-Iowa Family Therapy • Midwest Christian Services • Orchard Place • Quakerdale Family Services • Tanager Place • WYC: Woodward Academy • WYC: Woodard Community-Based Services • Young House Family Services • YSS • Youth Shelter Care of North Central Iowa



The Coalition for Family and Children's Services in Iowa is an alliance of member agencies that provide direct service to children and families in the child welfare, juvenile justice, and children's mental health systems.

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QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMS (Q RTP)



Youth enter Q RTP through the Child Welfare or Juvenile Court system.

SHELTER SERVICES



Youth enter Shelter through Child Welfare, Juvenile Court, or local law enforcement.

All children who enter Q RTP and Shelter have experienced trauma; many have survived significant trauma and multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

Almost two-thirds of the youth who receive Q RTP services in Iowa have delinquent status from Juvenile Court Services.

In order to prevent recidivism and prevent these youth from entering the adult court system, Q RTPs must have appropriately trained staff and programming to ensure youth have the treatment they need to heal and de-escalate.

Wait time for an appropriate Q RTP placement for youth in juvenile detention:



129 CHILDREN in Iowa shelters

(monthly average in 2020)

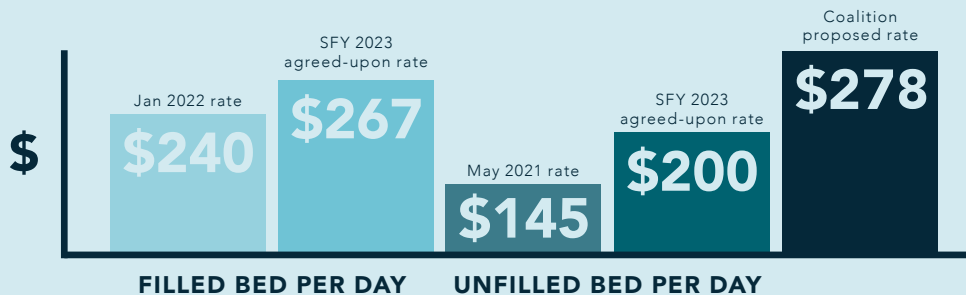
(COVID likely depressed this number and we expect it to increase again in 2022)

**TWO
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THIS WORKFORCE IS IN CRISIS: Staff turnover among Iowa's Q RTP and Shelter providers was 70% in 2021.



MINIMUM INVESTMENT NEEDED: \$6.2 MILLION



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