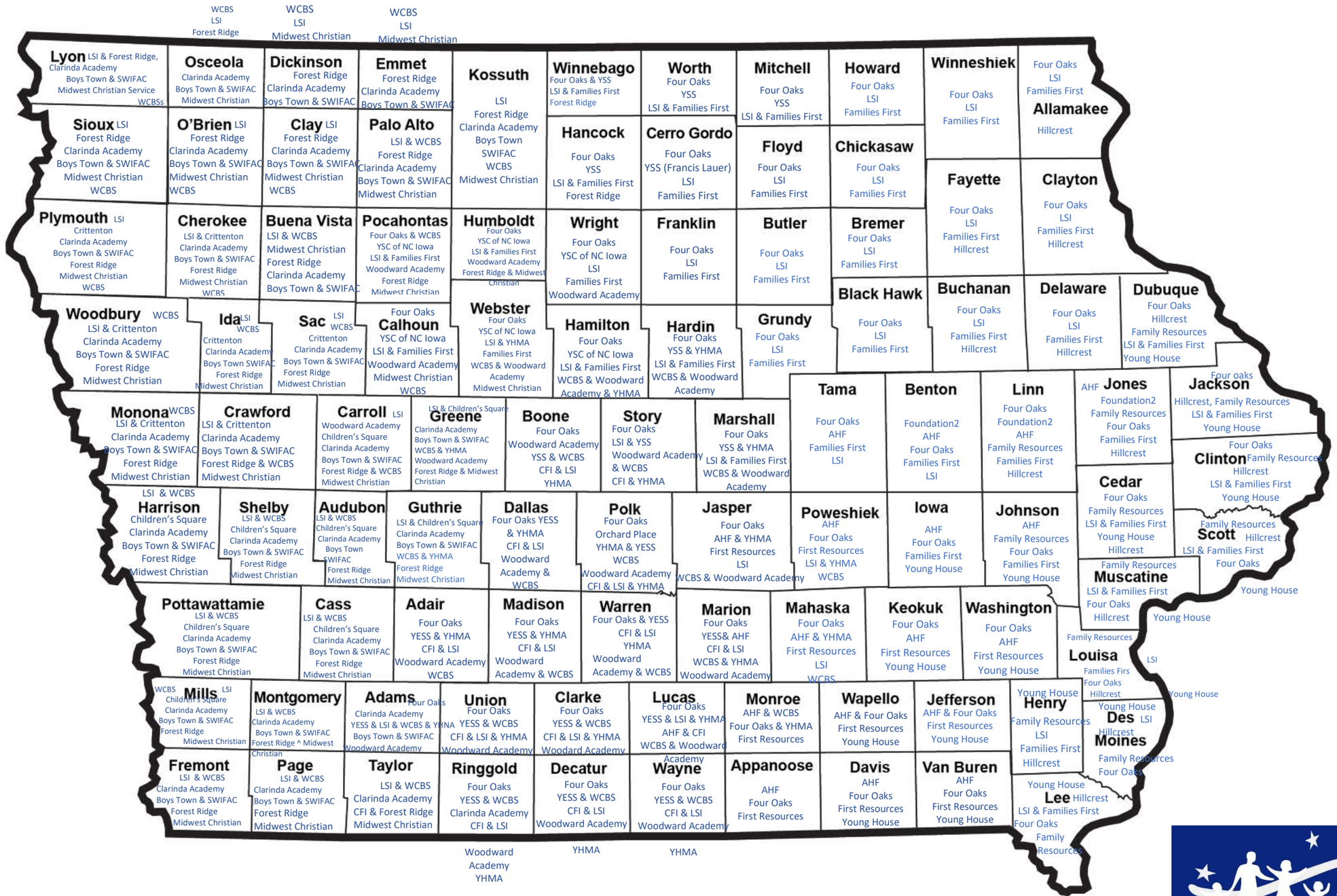

The Coalition
Coalition for Family and Children's Services in Iowa

Recruitment, Retention, Training & Support (RRTS): The parties have entered into this Contract for the recruitment, retention, training and support of resource families that are available to be successfully matched with children who need out-of-home care in a foster family care setting, adoptive placement or relative placement.

SP: Safety Plan Services is a time-limited service package that helps maintain child safety while Department staff completes a Child Protective Services (CPS) Child Abuse Assessment or Child Protective Services (CPS) CINA Assessment in which children are determined to be conditionally safe. These services are provided in the child(ren)'s home or in locations as specified in the Department Safety Plan. These services involve provision of a flexible array of monitoring activities and interventions used to supplement the family's protective capacities needed to keep child(ren) safe. Services are to assure that the child(ren) is safe and that without such services the removal of the child(ren) from the home or current placement would be necessary.

FSRP: Family Safety, Risk, and Permanency (FSRP) Services is the primary family-centered service intervention purchased by the Department of Human Services (Department). FSRP Services focus on promoting safety, permanency, and well-being for child(ren); and providing interventions to preserve families, reunification of child(ren) who have been removed from their homes, or achieving alternative permanent family connections, such as through making and maintaining an adoptive or guardianship placement, for child(ren) who cannot return home. The services are designed to deliver a flexible array of culturally responsive interventions and supports to achieve safety and permanency for child(ren) regardless of the settings in which a child(ren) reside.

- The facilitation of Family Team Decision-Making (FTDM) Meetings and Youth Transition Decision-Making (YTDM) Meetings on open Department Child Welfare Service cases are also provided within FSRP Services.

CWES: Child Welfare Emergency Services (CWES) are short term and temporary child welfare interventions provided through the child welfare system. They focus on children's safety, permanence, and well-being and are intended to immediately respond to the needs of the eligible target population. CWES approaches range from the least restrictive "crisis interventions" that can be used -- e.g., family conflict mediations or in-home services provided before children require removal from their home -- to more restrictive "emergency" child welfare services including out-of-home placements with relatives, foster families, or **emergency juvenile shelter care** (as permitted by the Iowa Code). Eligible children are referred by the Iowa Department of Human Services, Juvenile Court Services, and law enforcement.

Foster Group Care is one service of Iowa's child welfare service continuum that offers a safe and protective structured living environment for eligible foster care children. Care is provided in licensed facilities 24 hours a day and seven days per week offering room, board, and age appropriate and transitional Child Welfare Services.

Contractors provide foster group care services that are responsive to the unique needs of each child and that promote life skills development through training offered in this setting. The service offers a safe and protective structured living environment where youth can thrive. Around the clock parenting-type support is provided by qualified and competent staff and programs are designed to suit individual children in placement. The safety, permanence, and well-being of children is addressed by:

- Providing a stable living environment;
- Engaging families to help eliminate conditions that may have led to a child's removal from their home;
- Maintaining connections to home and community (in collaboration with the referral entities); and,
- Providing for children's rehabilitation needs.

Supervised Apartment Living Foster Care (SAL) is the least restrictive foster care placement in Iowa. Youth either live in a cluster site living arrangement (where up to 6 youth can live in the same building and are supervised 24/7 or is a scattered-site living arrangement (where a youth is placed in their own living arrangement, such as an apartment, and have access to contractor staff 24/7. The living arrangement must provide the youth with an environment in which the youth can experience living in the community with less supervision than other types of foster care placements. Contractors must provide life-skills training services to youth in SAL.

Coalition Members are also contracted to provide Iowa Aftercare Services, Parent Partners and Recruitment, Retention, Training and Support of Iowa's foster and adoptive families.

Coalition Members also provide behavioral health (mental health & substance abuse) services, including, but not limited to:

- **A Psychiatric Medical Institution for Children (PMIC)** is a non-secure institution that provides 24 hours of continuous care and diagnostic or long-term psychiatric services to children (under age 21). PMIC's may provide mental health or substance abuse services. PMIC's must be licensed as health care facilities and must also have a license as either a foster care facility or a substance abuse treatment facility.
- ***Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS)*** is a home-based skill building program that helps children and teens learn to make healthy and positive choices. We work with families to build practical skills that improve day-to-day life including conflict resolution, social skills, communication skills, and ways to cope with frustration, fear, or anger. By bringing the entire family together for BHIS services, clients improve their communication, manage unhealthy behaviors, and build stronger relationships.
- Other Direct Clinical Services including therapy and medication management.
- Mobile Crisis

Coalition Members also provide juvenile justice services including, but not limited to:

- Family Functional Therapy (FFT)
- School based liaisons

Coalition Members also provide adoption services, child care and other prevention/public health related services.