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Organizational Profiles and Project Summaries  
Regional Partnership Grants to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the  
Permanency Outcomes for, Children Affected by Substance Abuse  
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**Award Number:**  
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**Project Title:**  
Iowa Children and Family  
Collaborative

**Judiciary Courts for the State**  
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**Project Period:**  
36 Months

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**Target Population:**  
Families and their children who are  
in out-of-home care or at risk for  
being placed out of the home due  
to parental substance use.

**Geographic Area(s) Served:**  
Two Service Areas in the Eastern  
Region of Iowa

**Agency Region:**  
ACF Region 7

## Judiciary Courts for the State of Iowa

### Organizational Description

In an attempt to find ways to improve the outcomes for children when parental substance use or abuse impacts their families, in 2007 the Iowa Department of Human Services (IDHS), the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), and Iowa Children's Justice on behalf of the juvenile court formed a partnership, with each agency bringing an important role to the table. These three agencies subsequently led the formation of the *Iowa Children and Family Collaborative*, bringing departments of the Executive Branch together with the Court and inviting other key representatives to join the effort to keep children safe from parental substance use and provide the best of interventions available. In 2015, the members of the *ICFC* created a 5-year strategic plan, based on a universal vision: Iowa's children will thrive in safe and healthy families.

### Use of Program Funds

The specific aim of this project, representing a key element of *ICFC's* strategic plan, is to develop, implement and evaluate two *Child and Family Assessment and Treatment Centers (CFATCs)* that will serve children and families in IDHS's two Service Areas in the Eastern Region of Iowa. The program will be driven by the following hypotheses: 1.) Parents of children in out-of-home-care or at risk of being placed out of the home due to parental substance use who are enrolled in *CFATCs*, as compared to a randomized control group who do not receive services through these *Centers*, will demonstrate significantly improved parental functioning, abstinence from substances of abuse, and mental health status. 2.) Children in out-of-home-care or at risk of being placed out of the home due to parental substance use who are enrolled in *CFATCs*, as compared to a randomized control group of similar children who do not receive services through these *Centers*, will demonstrate significantly improved well-being, permanency, and safety.

### Expected Outcomes

A randomized control design will be used to assess outcomes across four domains: systems integration, family and child health and behavioral health, parental functioning, and child permanency and stability within the child welfare system.