

IOWA'S CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM OF CARE

Iowa's child welfare system is staffed by dedicated professionals who are motivated to meet the unique needs of our children and families. To better support you in that important role, **our system of care will be improved** through procurements that go into effect starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.



**GUIDING PRINCIPLE #10**

*Decision making will be outcome - based, resource-driven, and continuously evaluated for improvement.*

TOP TOOL

The **TOP Tool** is tailored for child welfare and juvenile justice systems, driving uniform assessment, tracking child social and emotional well-being, and helping match child needs with the right services and level of care.

This scientifically validated tool will serve to amplify the voice of children and families in planning; **keeping the child's needs front and center.**

**CRISIS INTERVENTION STABILIZATION & REINTEGRATION (CISR)**

- Child Welfare Emergency Services (CWES)
- Foster Care Group Care Services (FGCS)
- Supervised Apartment Living (SAL)

*CISR Service Highlights*

The **One Case Worker Model** supports a holistic view of a child's needs. This model will make **communication between DHS/JCS and providers more efficient**, facilitating improved services and outcomes.

The **no eject/no reject** policy in shelter and residential placement promotes **stability of placement** and reduces distance of placement from a child's home of origin.

*RRTS Service Highlights*

Contractors for RRTS will be **evaluated for successful matches** between children and foster parents to promote the **first match being the best match.**

The increased level of contact between RRTS and foster parents is expected to promote **stabilization and reduce lateral moves.**

**RECRUITMENT & RETENTION OF RESOURCE FAMILIES (RRTS)**

- Recruitment & Retention of Resources Families (R&R)
- Training & Support of Foster Parents (T&S)

{ *What to expect next*  *A Kickoff Presentation coming to your Service Area soon!* }