

Children's System State Board Listening Posts 9.24.18

Background and Purpose

Area Education Agencies (AEA) are hosting listening posts at locations across Iowa on behalf of the Children's System State Board (Children's Board) established by Gov. Kim Reynolds in April. The focus of the listening posts is to understand what children's mental health services families and local entities feel need to be available locally. The Children's Board will review the information gathered from these listening posts as part of its charge to review existing resources and develop a strategic plan with specific recommendations to create a statewide system to help children with mental health issues. The strategic plan is due to the governor by November 15, 2018.

Listening Post Locations

Each AEA will host a listening post at the following locations:

- **Fairfield Arts & Convention Center**
200 North Main, Fairfield
October 8th from 6:00-7:30pm
- **Mississippi Bend AEA**
729 21st Street, Bettendorf
October 11th from 5:30-7:00pm
- **Carrie Lee Elementary Auditorium**
210 Vernon Street, Decorah
October 10th from 6:00-7:30pm
- **Northwest AEA**
940 Lincoln St. SW, LeMars
October 2nd from 6:00-7:30pm
- **Green Hills AEA**
257 Swan Street, Creston
October 10th from 5:30-7:00pm
- **Prairie Lakes AEA**
500 NE 6th Street, Pocahontas
October 3rd from 6:00-7:30pm
- **Central Rivers AEA**
9184 265th Street Suite B, Clear Lake
October 10th from 6:00-7:30pm
- **Grant Wood AEA**
4401 6th St. SW, Cedar Rapids
October 11th from 6:00-7:30pm
- **Heartland AEA**
6500 Corporate Drive, Johnston
October 8th from 5:30-7:00pm

Two additional opportunities have been created for parents/children unable to attend the time/date/places outlined above:

1. A [survey](#) is available for those unable to attend a listening post. The deadline to complete the survey is October 12, 2018.
2. An online listening post has been scheduled for October 4 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. To join from your computer, click on this URL: <https://zoom.us/j/290354386>
To join via phone, dial 1-646-876-9923 and when prompted, enter meeting code: 290-354-386

Listening Post Agenda

- Welcome – AEA staff
- Background on Executive Order 2 – Department of Human Services or Department of Education Staff
- Discussion on children's services in Iowa

More information on the Children's System State Board can be found at:

<https://www.dhs.iowa.gov/about/mhds-advisory-groups/childrens-system-state-board>