

## Community Partnerships for Protecting Children SFY 2026 Plan

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### **Section 1. Shared Decision-Making Team.**

1.	<p><i>Discuss governance structure, including how decisions are made and how priorities are identified.</i></p> <p>Johnson County CPPC has several bodies that comprise the structure. Our local CPPC includes the Shared Decision-Making Team, Prevent Child Abuse-Johnson County, Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee, Decat Governance Board, Early Childhood Iowa/Empowerment Area Board, and Juvenile Justice Youth Development Policy Board. All are coordinated through Johnson County Social Services.</p> <p>The Shared Decision-Making Team (SDMT) has oversight and financial decision-making authority for initiatives, priorities, and funding. Meetings are held bi-monthly to provide direction and input on how funding is allocated and programming is being implemented in the community. Frequent email communication ensures sharing of timely information.</p> <p>Prevent Child Abuse-Johnson County (PCA-JC) supports the Community &amp; Neighborhood Networking strategy, facilitating networking within communities and among service providers.</p>
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	<p>SDMT meets adjacent to PCA-JC in order to facilitate participation in both meetings. Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee (DMC) and Juvenile Justice Youth Development (JJYD) Policy Board both provide recommendations for Policy &amp; Practice Change and address those priorities within the community. DMC meetings bi-monthly and JJYD meets quarterly.</p> <p>Johnson County Empowerment/Early Childhood Iowa Area (JCE/ECIA) coordinates services and interventions for families and children beginning prenatally through the start of kindergarten. JCE/ECIA conducts community needs assessments, develops and updates a Community Plan, provides early childhood system coordination, and has funding available for early childhood system building in Johnson County.</p> <p>The CPPC Coordinator also coordinates Johnson County Decat, DMC Committee, JCE/ECIA Board, and JJYD Board. This facilitates cross-collaboration and reduces duplication efforts, especially those to address disproportionality and increase youth and family engagement. Planning committees are established on an as-needed basis to work on specific projects such as annual child abuse prevention activities and involvement in cultural events. We have historically co-sponsored a Good Trouble Youth Summit around MLK Day and a Juneteenth Health, Education, and Resource Fair. Additional committees may be formed as needed.</p> <p>Decisions are made by consensus, with votes needed for approval of mini-grant applications and other expenditures.</p> <p>Priorities are identified by review of community needs, service gaps, and emerging trends in the community.</p>
2	<p><i>How are needs assessed? Include prioritization of the needs of families as well as capacity needs within community service organizations.</i></p> <p>Priorities are identified by review of community needs assessments conducted by other entities (Public Health, United Way, Early Childhood Iowa, schools, etc.) as well as anecdotal information from Parent Partners, HHS, and community-based service partners.</p>
3.	<p><i>How is the SDMT involved with building awareness of available community resources and promoting a shared responsibility for the safety of children?</i></p> <p>During meetings, service providers share information about programming, emerging community needs, and other resources. Program and budget updates are provided and mini-grant applications are voted upon. CPPC activities include participation in resource fairs, National Night Out, and community-based activities.</p> <p>We encourage participation from a diverse set of stakeholders to promote shared responsibility for child safety as well as promoting that concept within organizations including neighborhood groups, service providers, schools, law enforcement, and more.</p>
4.	<p><i>Discuss priorities for recruitment and outreach for your team.</i></p> <p>Recruitment priorities always include parents and those with lived experience in child welfare or juvenile justice systems. We strive to ensure participation from rural communities (outside Iowa City/Coralville), immigrant and refugee communities, and communities of Color.</p>

## Section 2. Community and Neighborhood Networking

1.	<p><i>What events are planned to build professional capacity, for example, community trainings, or collaborative planning for capacity building.</i></p> <p>Historically we have partnered with the Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee to host annual Race: The Power of an Illusion and Understanding Implicit Racial Bias training sessions in different communities. With the elimination of ISU Extension's Statewide Cultural Equity program, this has become more challenging. Hosting training and facilitating community-wide planning is staff intensive and we are struggling with the capacity to continue to do that work. Of course, we still utilize our Shared Decision-Making Team to share information about available community trainings, connections between service providers, and other opportunities.</p>
2	<p><i>What events are planned for community information exchange, for example, ongoing provider networking/collaboration, resource fairs, or other general awareness events?</i></p> <p>Our Shared Decision-Making Team meetings provide opportunities for ongoing networking and collaboration. We partner with other organizations for resource fairs (e.g., North Liberty Library, Safe Kids Coalition) and participate in awareness events such as the Juneteenth Education &amp; Resource Fair.</p>
3.	<p><i>What types of community events are planned to strengthen informal support systems (for example, community meals, participation at community festivals, national night out etc.)</i></p> <p>Due to staff shortages for almost all community partners, we are no longer hosting our own stand-alone events such as Kites for Kids and the Juneteenth Resource Fair. Instead, the CPPC Coordinator and SDMT members participate in locally organized community and outreach events. Events have included North Liberty Community Center Open House, Iowa City Reggae Fest, Juneteenth Commemoration, Celebrating Educators of Color Conference, Back-to-School supply distribution, and other activities during which we engage in networking and outreach.</p>

### **Section 3. Family and Youth Centered Engagement**

1.	<p><i>What activities are proposed to promote leadership and engagement of youth?</i></p> <p>We support (financially and with staff time) the Juvenile Court Services Youth Advisory Council which provides a formal system to collaborate with youth who have lived experience in the juvenile justice system to analyze the system and make recommendations for change.</p>
2	<p><i>What activities are proposed to promote leadership and engagement of families?</i></p> <p>Continued participation with the Juvenile Court Services Youth Advisory Council and partnering with Parent Partners.</p>
3.	<p><i>How will your site collaborate with Parent Partners in order to utilize their lived expertise to guide CPPC efforts?</i></p> <p>We engage with Parent Partners to identify local needs and develop local strategies to address them. Discussion includes cleaning supplies and education which we will pursue further this year.</p>
4.	<p><i>How will information about youth and family lived experience be shared with leadership with other community leaders and within HHS? How will lived experience of youth and caregivers guide decision-making?</i></p>

	Participation of those with lived experience is valued and provides direction for our activities. Participation and presentation during SDMT meetings is one way in which that information is shared. It is also shared through CPPC Coordinator updates to Decat, ECI, Board of Supervisors, and other entities.
5	<p><i>Does your CPPC plan to offer Parent Cafes? If yes, please describe planned implementation.</i></p> <p>We have worked to offer Parent Cafés for several years. Our initial offerings were facilitated by CPPC/County staff and were well attended. We have provided local Parent Café facilitator/host trainings twice in the past 5 years, but we have not found partner agencies who are willing to take this project as their own, even with available funding.</p>
6.	<p><i>How will your CPPC build awareness of needs and resources within the community?</i></p> <p>We collaborate with Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee, Juvenile Court Services Youth Advisory Council, and Parent Partners to identify local needs and share that information with the SDMT and other entities.</p>

#### **Section 4. Policy and Practice Change**

1.	<p><i>Discuss the CPPC's priorities related to policy/practice change. What data has been used to identify priority areas.</i></p> <p>We continue to focus on disproportionality in child welfare, education, and juvenile justice systems. We utilize the HHS Data Dashboard, Department of Education reports, Public Health data sets, and information from Juvenile Court Services. We are experiencing challenges with the change in how state and federally funded entities collect, track, and report data.</p>
2	<p><i>Identify plans and proposed activities to address desired policy changes.</i></p> <p>We will continue to advocate for attention to disproportionalities and disparities in youth-serving systems in order to provide the best outcomes for all youth and families.</p>
3.	<p><i>How will your site promote the use of innovative and best practices to improve child safety?</i></p> <p>Our work on addressing community norms in calling HHS and the police where there are child protection concerns, especially unsupervised children, will continue. Johnson County has experienced disproportionality in the calls received as well as the calls accepted, and we continue our work to move “upstream” with our prevention efforts.</p>
4.	<p><i>How will policy/practice change impacts be measured and/or evaluated?</i></p> <p>Whenever possible, we will track changes in child welfare calls to law enforcement and HHS and analyze change over time. We will work to identify other data sets that can be used to measure progress.</p>

#### **Additional Information**

Please use this space to share any additional information about your site's planned activities.