

Appendix Five

Empowerment Professional Development Planning Committee

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Proposal Outline

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Summary of Proposal:

Improve the quality of well child services by conducting professional development activities for primary care providers who care for infants and children. This proposal spreads the adoption of the standards for developmental screening to primary health care providers throughout Iowa. Specific objectives include:

- Design of an education/training dissemination plan and materials to spread successful screening and identification practices including referral standards and linkages with community services. The proposal will reach primary health care providers across the state. Minimally, the plan will include group-training sessions as well as individual instruction and consultation within practices that agree to proceed with implementation.
- Implementation of the education/training plan utilizing University of Iowa Health Sciences faculty and members of Iowa health provider associations.
- Development and implementation of training for mental health diagnosticians (physicians, psychologists, mental health centers, and licensed social workers) on the use of “crosswalks” to make mental health diagnoses more appropriate for young children.

How will this proposal be accessible throughout the state of Iowa? Health provider trainings will be offered in community sites strategically located throughout Iowa. Individual instruction and consultation will be offered to any practice in any location that agrees to implement the standards.

Estimated Cost: The ABCD II Board requests funding in the amount of \$75,000 for the Center for Disabilities and Development. Iowa Medicaid has agreed to seek a federal match for these state funds to bring full project funding for one year to a total of \$150,000. Funding would support a part-time coordinator, faculty time and travel, costs for education materials, and health provider association initiated activities.

Outcomes to be measured from this proposal: This proposal addresses the Early Childhood Iowa Strategic Plan, Result Area: Healthy Children, Goal: Increase access to and utilization of social, emotional, and mental health services. It also contributes to result areas and goals dealing with: access to preventive health services; the performance level of children entering school; family relationships and capacity to provide quality learning environments, and; safety of children in home environments. Outcome measures include:

- Increased number of providers trained and screening children according to ABCD II standards.
- Increased number of young children receiving screening according to the standards.
- Increased number of children referred to Title V Care Coordinators or Early ACCESS for additional developmental and/or mental health services.
- Increased number of children enrolled in Early ACCESS.