Early Childhood Iowa State Board Update

Program Status Report

Reporting Period: June - August 2024

Report Date: September 1st, 2024

I2D2 is authorized by the ECI State Board and Department Directors and advised by the I2D2 Data Stewardship Committee: Amanda Winslow (ECI; HHS); Heather Rouse & William Abraham (ISU); Ryan Page (Child Care; HHS); Shelley Horak (Early Intervention, HHS); Kelsey Feller (HHS); Jay Pennington & Monica Garner (Education); Wendy Greenman & Donna Burkett (Workforce).

> **Early Childhood Iowa VISION for I2D2:**
> *Iowa's early childhood system will be effectively and efficiently coordinated among health, social service, and education agencies to support healthy and successful families. This work will be informed by actionable intelligence derived from a statewide integrated data system that comprehensively identifies and addresses the needs of Iowa's young children and their families.*

Overview: Iowa's investment in building an integrated data system approach to help address the comprehensive needs of families began in 2015, with full implementation and completion of three demonstration projects funded by the Administration for Children and Families (Preschool Development Grant) and the Iowa Department of Public Health in 2019. Between 2019 and 2021, advancements in technology, governance, and communications were made possible through additional state contracts, university awards, and federal research grants.

In 2022, Early Childhood Iowa initiated an annual contract to support the foundational operations of I2D2 that is essential to facilitate more efficient and effective use of I2D2 data capacities. The following report outlines activities accomplished during the current reporting period.

Activities Update for the Current Reporting Period:

- Data Sharing Agreement updates continue, including amendments to all but 2 Head Start agency agreements and the Iowa Department of Education. We are currently working on a streamlining of agreements with health and human services to adhere with HHS department alignment.

- IA Data Drive upgrades are in progress to better guide decision-makers for early childhood programs across the state. In addition to the current Early Childhood Iowa indicators, commonly used indicators for Head Start and home visiting programs are being proposed for addition to the IA Data Drive. Dashboard upgrades will also include the ability to see county-level risk-rankings and downloaded reports for program areas in addition to ECI (e.g., Head Start, DCAT), similar to the functions of the current IA Data Drive.

- ECI Services: Enhancements are underway to the IA Data Drive to demonstrate local investments in early childhood services. These services are outlined in the ECI State Board approved Tool O and Tool P. The IA Data Drive will include downloaded reports via Excel Spreadsheet, exports organized, at minimum, by services type, funding source, and amounts,

and county level investments. Data collection will be managed by Qualtrics surveys sent to program directors to enhance the efficiency of data collection.

- The ECI FSSD Annual Report is in progress using DAISEY data for fiscal year 2024 (7/01/2023 – 6/30/2024). This report will contain summative information about families and children served in Iowa's family support programs statewide and across ECI areas. Reports will be available for the next state Board meeting in November.

Anticipated Activities in the Next Reporting Period ~ *Directors and Board Input Needed*:

- Data Stewardship Committee will update the I2D2 Governance Plan to ensure procedures align with ongoing work and include revisions to incorporate Department/Agency process changes. *Department Directors and Board Members may reach out to Committee members for input/feedback.*

- Annual data updates to all I2D2 data holdings will continue throughout September – with anticipated completion by October to ensure available data to complete the ECI Annual Report and IA Data Drive annual updates, and other approved ongoing projects. *Please support Department/Agency data team members' involvement in these activities to ensure our data capacity is ready to complete approved projects that are in the pipeline for 2024.*

- I2D2 Website will be updated and revised to include broader descriptions of statewide priorities informed the Data Stewardship Committee work and recent reports of findings from ongoing approved projects. *Department Directors and Board Members may reach out to Committee members for input and feedback.*

- Executive leaders and legal teams will begin the process of renewing legal agreements to align with approved governance protocols, security updates, and prioritized uses of I2D2 for 2024.

For more information about any of these projects or I2D2 processes, please visit our website or contact us. Stay in touch via i2d2.iastate.edu or follow us on LinkedIn via the QR code.