

Mission

The mission of the Story County Empowerment Board is to empower individuals and their communities to improve the well-being of children, ages birth to 5, and their families.

Vision

Our Vision: Communities with the capacity & commitment to achieve these goals

- Healthy Children, ready for school
- Excellent childcare
- Nurturing families in safe environments

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Visit these websites to learn more about the Empowerment initiative:

[Story County Empowerment](http://www.storycountyfamily.org)
www.storycountyfamily.org

[Iowa Community Empowerment](http://www.empowerment.state.ia.us)
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*Community Planning for
Children and Families*

About the Empowerment Initiative

Iowa Community Empowerment began in 1998 as a statewide initiative to build partnerships between communities and state government. Efforts target children from the prenatal period through 5 years of age.

Empowerment's Goal—to work collaboratively to improve the wellbeing and quality of life for children and families.

Local Empowerment areas unite efforts of communities, agencies, and local and state government to identify needs of children and families, and work together to meet those needs. Story County Empowerment serves all of Story County, including the cities of Ames, Cambridge, Collins, Colo, Gilbert, Huxley, Kelley, McCallsburg, Maxwell, Nevada, Roland, Slater, Story City, and Zearing.



Story County Empowerment Board

Story County Empowerment has a 16-member board that serves as the governing body of the Story County Empowerment Area. Representatives include citizens, elected officials, parents, and representatives of education, health, human services, faith, and business.

Responsibilities of the Board include ~

- Be a local leader in community planning for children and families
- Administer funds awarded to the Story County Empowerment Area
- Monitor programs and services funded with local Empowerment funds

Priorities ~ the local Empowerment Board has identified the following priorities:

- Affordable, quality, accessible child and infant care
- Coordinated prenatal and postnatal services
- Affordable, quality, accessible other early childhood experiences
- Educational training and support for parents and providers

Funding

Story County Empowerment receives funds through the State of Iowa. The local Board administers these funds to address local priorities within the county. Visit www.storycountyfamily.org to learn about local Empowerment grant opportunities.



School Ready Funds - used to provide services that address early childhood priorities identified in the Empowerment area. Funds have been used for family support services and education, supports to increase access to preschool for low income families, early literacy programs, and supports for improving early child care settings.

Early Childhood Funds - used to enhance the quality and capacity of child care. Funds have been used for recruitment of child care providers, care for mildly ill children, infant care, and efforts to enhance quality of child care environments.