

**216A.107 FAMILY DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY --
COUNCIL AND GRANT PROGRAM.**

1. A family development and self-sufficiency council is established within the department of human rights. The council shall

consist of the following persons:

a. The director of the department of human services or the director's designee.

b. The director of the department of public health or the director's designee.

c. The administrator of the division of community action agencies of the department of human rights or the administrator's designee.

d. The director of the school of social work at the university of Iowa or the director's designee.

e. The dean of the college of human sciences at Iowa state university or the dean's designee.

f. Two recipients or former recipients of the family investment program, selected by the other members of the council.

g. One recipient or former recipient of the family investment program who is a member of a racial or ethnic minority, selected by the other members of the council.

h. One member representing providers of services to victims of domestic violence, selected by the other members of the council.

i. The head of the department of design, textiles, gerontology, and family studies at the university of northern Iowa or that person's designee.

j. The director of the department of education or the director's designee.

k. The director of the department of workforce development or the director's designee.

l. Two persons representing the business community, selected by the other members of the council.

m. Two members from each chamber of the general assembly serving as ex officio, nonvoting members. The two members of the senate shall be appointed one each by the majority leader and the minority leader of the senate. The two members of the house of representatives shall be appointed one each by the speaker and the minority leader of the house of representatives.

2. Unless otherwise provided by law, terms of members, election of officers, and other procedural matters shall be as determined by the council.

3. The family development and self-sufficiency council shall do all of the following:

a. Identify the factors and conditions that place Iowa families at risk of dependency upon the family investment program.

The council shall seek to use relevant research findings and national

and Iowa-specific data on the family investment program.

b. Identify the factors and conditions that place Iowa families at risk of family instability. The council shall seek to use relevant research findings and national and Iowa-specific data on family stability issues.

c. Subject to the availability of funds for this purpose, award grants to public or private organizations for provision of family development services to families at risk of dependency on the family investment program or of family instability. Not more than five percent of any funds appropriated by the general assembly for the purposes of this lettered paragraph may be used for staffing and administration of the grants. Grant proposals for the family development and self-sufficiency grant program shall include the following elements:

(1) Designation of families to be served that meet one or more criteria for being at risk of dependency on the family investment program or of family instability, and agreement to serve clients that are referred by the department of human services from the family investment program which meet the criteria. The criteria may include but are not limited to factors such as educational level, work history, family structure, age of the youngest child in the family, previous length of stay on the family investment program, and participation in the family investment program or the foster care program while the head of a household was a child. Grant proposals shall also establish the number of families to be served under the grant.

(2) Designation of the services to be provided for the families served, including assistance regarding job-seeking skills, family budgeting, nutrition, self-esteem, methamphetamine education, health and hygiene, child rearing, child education preparation, and goal setting. Grant proposals shall indicate the support groups and support systems to be developed for the families served during the transition between the need for assistance and self-sufficiency.

(3) Designation of the manner in which other needs of the families will be provided for, including but not limited to child care assistance, transportation, substance abuse treatment, support group counseling, food, clothing, and housing.

(4) Designation of the process for training of the staff which provides services, and the appropriateness of the training for the

of purposes of meeting family development and self-sufficiency goals
the families being served.

for (5) Designation of the support available within the community
the program and for meeting subsequent needs of the clients, and
the manner in which community resources will be made available to the
families being served.

(6) Designation of the manner in which the program will be
subject to audit and to evaluation.

(7) Designation of agreement provisions for tracking and
reporting performance measures developed pursuant to paragraph
"d".

d. Develop appropriate performance measures for the grant
program to demonstrate how the program helps families achieve
self-sufficiency.

e. Seek to enlist research support from the Iowa research
community in meeting the duties outlined in paragraphs "a"
through "d".

the f. Seek additional support for the funding of grants under
welfare the program, including but not limited to funds available through
the federal government in serving families at risk of long-term
welfare dependency, and private foundation grants.

the g. Make recommendations to the governor and the general
assembly on the effectiveness of programs in Iowa and throughout
the country that provide family development services that lead to
self-sufficiency for families at risk of welfare dependency.

4. a. The division shall administer the family development
and self-sufficiency grant program. The department of human
services

shall disclose to the division confidential information
pertaining to
authorized individuals receiving services under the grant program, as

under section 217.30. The division and the department of human
services shall share information and data necessary for tracking
performance measures of the family development and self-
sufficiency

grant program, for referring families participating in the
promoting

independence and self-sufficiency through employment job
opportunities and basic skills (PROMISE JOBS) program under
section

239B.17 and related activities and programs to the grant program,
and

for meeting federal reporting requirements. The division and the
department of human services may by mutual agreement, as
specified in

the memorandum of agreement entered into in accordance with
paragraph

"b", add to or delete from the initial shared information items
listed in this lettered paragraph. The initial shared
information

shall include but is not limited to all of the following:

(1) Family enrollments and exits to and from each of the programs.

(2) Monthly reports of individual participant activity in

PROMISE

JOB components that are countable work activities according to federal guidelines applicable to those components.

(3) Aggregate grant program participant activity in all

PROMISE

JOB program components.

(4) Work participation rates for grant program participants

who

were active family investment program participants.

(5) The average hourly wage of grant program participants who left the family investment program.

(6) The percentage of grant program participants who exited

from

the grant program at or after the time family investment program participation ended and did not reenroll in the family investment program for at least one year.

b. The division shall develop a memorandum of agreement with the department of human services to share outcome data and

coordinate

referrals and delivery of services to participants in the family investment program under chapter 239B and the grant program and

other

shared clients and shall provide the department of human services with information necessary for compliance with federal temporary assistance for needy families block grant state plan and

reporting

requirements, including but not limited to financial and data reports.

c. To the extent that the family development and self-sufficiency grant program is funded by the federal temporary assistance for needy families block grant and by the state maintenance of efforts funds appropriated in connection with the block grant, the division shall comply with all federal

requirements

for the block grant. The division is responsible for payment of

any

federal penalty imposed that is attributable to the grant program

and

shall receive any federal bonus payment attributable to the grant program.

d. The division shall ensure that expenditures of moneys appropriated to the department of human services from the general fund of the state for the family development and self-sufficiency grant program are eligible to be considered as state maintenance

of

effort expenditures under federal temporary assistance for needy families block grant requirements.

e. The commission shall consider the recommendations of the council in adopting rules pertaining to the grant program.

f. The division shall submit to the governor and general assembly on or before November 30 following the end of each state fiscal year, a report detailing performance measure and outcome

data

evaluating the family development and self-sufficiency grant program for the fiscal year that just ended.

Section History: Recent Form

2008 Acts, ch 1072, §1
Referred to in § 232.69, 239B.8
Legislative appointments, see §69.16B

Footnotes

Family development and self-sufficiency grant funding; 2008 Acts, ch 1187, §5
Membership of family development and self-sufficiency council as of June 30, 2008, to continue until revised by council; grants in effect as of that date to continue pursuant to terms of the grants;
2008 Acts, ch 1072, §7