Results Count™

Des Moines, Iowa – Feb. 1, 2018 - The Youth Policy Institute of Iowa is one of four Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative sites selected to participate in the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s Results Count™ Program in 2018. This highly-regarded leadership program enables selected teams to identify the unique and powerful contributions they can make to achieve a shared result. The Iowa team convened by YPII for the program includes:

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Young Adult Leader

Chad Jensen, Chief Juvenile Court Officer  
Fifth Judicial District

Janice Lane, CEO  
Children and Families of Iowa, Inc.

Mike McInroy, Des Moines Service Area Manager  
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Executive Director

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“I greatly appreciate the willingness and commitment all members of the Iowa team have made to participate in this process,” stated Carol Behrer, Executive Director of YPII. “We have the right people at the table to really make a difference for youth in the system.”

Results Count™ uses a disciplined process of identifying and analyzing trend data, setting ambitious yet attainable targets, and committing to high impact, high alignment strategies and actions to achieve those targets. The Iowa team will initially focus its efforts on reducing the number and percentage of young people of color who “age out” of foster care in Polk County by increasing the number and quality of family and social connections these young people have. With focused efforts on this population of youth, the intent is that all youth who experience an out-of-home placement have a connection to a positive social network that assures their safety, well-being and success.

The Iowa team, along with teams representing Jim Casey Initiative sites from Georgia, Indiana, and Mississippi, attended the first of six two-day seminars in January 2018. The seminars provide an opportunity for team members to learn and apply Results Count™ leadership skills, tools and methods.

The team returned from the first seminar enthusiastic about the process and the team’s early progress. “I am truly energized and ready to get to work on this result,” commented team member Janice Lane, CEO of Children and Families of Iowa.

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About Youth Policy Institute of Iowa

Founded in 2000, the Youth Policy Institute of Iowa (YPII) works to expand and improve the delivery of services and supports for Iowa youth by partnering with public and private entities throughout the state. YPII is involved in a wide range of initiatives, but specializes in policies and programs affecting youth transitioning from adolescence to adulthood, particularly those who have been involved in child welfare (foster care) or juvenile justice systems. YPII also provides coordination, outreach, and evaluation support to the Iowa Aftercare Services Network.