

## 2011 Parent Partner Approach Readiness Assessment

### Site Contact Information

Site Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form will assist in determining your area's level of readiness for Parent Partner implementation.** Based on this readiness assessment, your site *may* be selected to receive technical assistance (TA) and additional support through our partnership with federally funded Midwest Child Welfare Implementation Center (University of Nebraska).

A. To qualify as a Parent Partner Site, eligible sites must:

1. Demonstrate the ability to contribute cash or in kind contributions to the Parent Partner Approach
2. Identify potential parent partners, including noncustodial parents
3. Secure buy-in from local DHS supervisors and frontline staff
4. Develop strategies for local coordination
5. Secure stakeholder support

B. Every Parent Partner site agrees to:

1. Form a local oversight committee that includes DHS, Parent Partners, Parent Partner Coordinator, and other stakeholders;
2. Select a Parent Partner Coordinator to work with the local oversight committee, and Parent Partner State Coordinator to develop a specific TA and training plan for their area;
3. Follow the Parent Partner Approach Handbook (including governing protocol and policy) for implementation;
4. Participate in statewide and peer support meetings as appropriate; and
5. Collect and submit data as requested by MCWIC and the Parent Partner State Coordinator

C. Please answer the following questions.

1. There are a disproportionate number of children of color in foster care, and families need supports that are culturally appropriate. How will you ensure that minority families are best served by Parent Partners, e.g., efforts to recruit minority Parent Partners?

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2. Does your site have any local contributions for the Parent Partner Program?

Yes  No

3. If yes, please list each funding source and amount:

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4. Please list potential Parent Partners, including noncustodial parents:

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5. Please identify the total number of potential Parent Partners: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Does your site have a verbal commitment to support the Parent Partner Approach from local DHS supervisors and front-line staff? Yes  No

7. If yes, please list these individuals: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Please describe your strategies for continuing to develop local DHS buy-in for the Parent Partner Approach: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Please describe your strategies to demonstrate a commitment to the Statewide Iowa Parent Partner Approach: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Please describe your strategies for local coordination of this program, e.g. hiring a coordinator or assistance from a partnering agency. \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Do you have a Parent Partner Coordinator? Yes  No

If yes, please identify:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Which stakeholders have committed to helping support the Parent Partner Approach?

| Stakeholder (Categories) | ✓ | Name of agency/Name of contact |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Faith Based              |   |                                |
| DHS                      |   |                                |
| Domestic Violence        |   |                                |
| Mental Health            |   |                                |
| Practice Partners*       |   |                                |
| Health                   |   |                                |
| Education                |   |                                |
| Substance Abuse          |   |                                |
| Law Enforcement          |   |                                |
| Legal System (Court)     |   |                                |
| State/County/Local Gov't |   |                                |
| Empowerment/Decat Staff  |   |                                |
| Business                 |   |                                |
| Neighborhood Partners    |   |                                |
| Other                    |   |                                |

\*Practice Partners- includes all social service agencies that do not fall under another category (i.e. FaDSS workers, Community Action Agency)

**Sites will be selected based on strengths in the following areas**

- ✓ Identified approaches to support minority families
- ✓ Commitment from local community, DHS, and parents
- ✓ Identified local contributions and coordination strategies
- ✓ Recruitment of potential Parent Partners
- ✓ Commitment to statewide Iowa Parent Partner Approach

For questions about the selection process, please contact Geri Derner, Iowa Parent Partner State Coordinator, by **phone**: 515-281-0617 or by **e-mail**: [gderner@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:gderner@dhs.state.ia.us).

**Please return this completed assessment no later than Friday, August 5, 2011 to:**  
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