

Name of Lead Agency	Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.
Location	Graettinger, IA
Title of Project	Parent Partners of NW Iowa Program
Program Option	RPG 5-Year Grant; \$500,000 annually
Geographic Area and Congressional District Served	Sioux City Region Congressional District 5
Brief Program Description	Three partners - Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc., the Iowa Department of Human Services-Sioux City Region and Juvenile Court Services-Third Judicial District - collaborated to build regional capacity in rural northwest Iowa. These three partners collaborated to increase access, availability and outreach to programs and services to increase the well-being of, permanency outcomes for, and enhance the safety of children who are in out-of-home or at risk of placement as a result of parent’s or caretakers methamphetamine or other substance use.
Target Population	<p><b>The project targeted:</b></p> <p>Families that met the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children living within the nine counties in rural Northwest Iowa (Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Lyon, O’Brien, Osceola, Plymouth, and Sioux) who are in, or at-risk for an out-of-home placement due to methamphetamine or other substances by a parent/caretaker.</li> </ul>
Participants Served	<p>Children: 389</p> <p>Adults: 267</p> <p>Families: 201</p>
Major Goals	<p><b>Major program goals included:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Build Capacity:</u> To demonstrate the organizational capacity to lead and champion a regional partnership to meet a broad range of children’s needs for families involved in both the child welfare and the substance abuse systems.</li> <li>• <u>Engage Parents:</u> To offer an organizational environment that supports parent mentoring to assist other parents to navigate the child welfare system.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Integrate Services</u>: To have increased capacity to support the individualized and diverse needs of families involved in the child welfare and substance abuse systems.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Major Program Services</b></p>	<p><b>Case Management and In-Home Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional Case Management</li> <li>• Family Group Decision Making</li> <li>• Wraparound/Intensive In-Home Services</li> </ul> <p><b>Parenting/Family Strengthening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhanced Parenting</li> <li>• Evidence-Based Parenting or Family Strengthening Program - Strengthening Families Program</li> </ul> <p><b>Visitation Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervised Visitation</li> <li>• Supportive Supervised Visitation</li> </ul> <p><b>Mental Health and Trauma Services for Adults</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trauma Informed Services</li> </ul> <p><b>Substance Abuse Treatment for Adults</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intensive Outpatient - Matrix Model</li> <li>• Aftercare/Continuing Care/Recovery Community Support Services</li> </ul> <p><b>Specialized Outreach, Engagement and Retention</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cognitive Behavioral Strategies - Motivational Interviewing/Motivational Enhancement Therapy</li> <li>• Peer/Parent Mentor</li> <li>• Co-located/Out Stationed Staff</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Major Program Strategies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment and Professional Development for Parent Partners</li> </ul> <p><b>Family Treatment Drug Court</b></p>
<p><b>Partner Agencies and Organizations</b></p>	<p><b>Child Welfare</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional/County Child Welfare Agency</li> <li>• Child Welfare Services Provider</li> </ul> <p><b>Substance Abuse</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substance Abuse Treatment Agency/Provider(s)</li> </ul> <p><b>Courts</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Treatment Drug Court (FTDC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Legal and Related Organizations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Endangered Children (DEC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Community and Child and Family Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer/Parent/Mentor Group or network</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Evaluation and Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluator (University or Affiliated or Other)</li> <li>• Consultant/Training</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other State/County Agency (State Accreditation Technical Assistant)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Evaluation Design and Comparison Group Type</b></p>	<p>Quasi-experimental Same-Time, Matched Case-Level</p>
<p><b>Performance Indicators</b></p>	<p>The program did not include indicator data in the final report.</p>
<p><b>Sustainability Status</b></p>	<p>Funds were secured to continue Parent Partner mentoring services on a part-time basis in eight counties in FY 2012-2013. The site anticipates obtaining a permanent funding stream from the state Parent Partner rollout in FY 2013-2014.</p>