



**Handout 3: FCRB Program Status Report
State Board Meeting – September 9, 2022**

Number of Reviews Conducted

	Number of Youth Reviewed *	Number of Review Slots
FY 2018	2,055	1,364
FY 2019	1,876	1,243
FY 2020	1,867	1,289
FY 2021	1,566	1,093
FY 2022	1,652	1,191

(*) Not a unique number of children as some children have more than one review in a year.

While some areas have seen a decrease in the number of children reviewed, the addition of Polk in FY22 accounts for some of the increase seen in the number of reviews and number of children reviewed compared to FY21.

All prior reporting requirements have been discontinued through the DIA-DHHS memorandum of understanding.

FY23 Populations Reviewed by Local Boards

The DHHS Service Business Team requested a prioritized list of children to be reviewed by local boards. Reviews are conducted for children in paid placements which excludes unlicensed relative and fictive kin placements.

Through back and forth discussions, agreement was reached regarding the populations to be served by the FCRB program in FY23.

1. Children 0-5 years of age (and any siblings in the case)
2. Youth with court-ordered goal of APPLA

If a local board has capacity to review additional children, the following cases will be scheduled.

3. Children 6-10 years of age (and any siblings in the case)
4. Cases with a transition staffing for youth 16 ½ years or older
5. All other children traditionally reviewed by FCRB

The only exception to this is in Polk County. Plans were already in place to review children, ages 12-15 years, who have been in foster care one year or more.

FY23 Program Priorities

These are the priority project areas for this current fiscal year. Updates will be provided at each meeting.

1. Implementation of CAMS: FCRB Case Management

- Staff are continuing to acclimate to the new data system for case management. It will take until January 1, 2023 to update all the converted records as staff are working on the case updates as the child/ren come up for review. Once we get through the initial six month cycle, all records will be updated.
- At that point, facilitators and volunteers will be given access to the system. Tentatively planning for virtual training / demonstrations in December so they can start using the system for reviews in January 2023.

2. Hybrid Foster Care Review Model

In June 2022, there was discussion about technology needs for local review boards to be able to host virtual participation by board members and/or interested parties.

- A survey was completed of the 10 FCRB coordinators. 8 coordinators identified the need for equipment and a secure hotspot to host virtual participation.
- Approximately \$25,000 is needed to ensure each board has the capability to host a hybrid model for reviews.
- ICAB is looking for funding to cover the initial costs of a laptop, speaker, camera (where needed) and a hotspot device.
 - Equipment has been purchased for the Dubuque board through the eastern region Friends account.

3. Update CAB Admin Rules (Chapter 3)

- Changes have been proposed to update the Administrative Rules with the code and policy changes. This is a separate agenda item for the board to review and discuss.

4. Review and updates to Pre-Service Training Curriculum

- Given the legislative updates and procedural changes as a result of the web-based data system, aspects of the pre-service curriculum need to be revised.
- The FCRB program committee (5 staff plus Program Manager) are working on this project.

5. Collaborate with DHHS on data and outcome reporting

As noted earlier, the other reporting requirements have been discontinued in the DIA-DHHS MOU. Timely distribution of FCRB reports and Interested Party participation are no longer required.

- Meetings will be held between ICAB and DHHS staff to discuss data points for the identified priority populations that can be incorporated into the local review process.
- Data will be collected and reported out in the annual report.

6. Review and update the FCRB Program Policy manual

- In light of the legislative changes, there will be FCRB program policy updates for the state board to review and approve, tentatively planned for the December 2022 meeting.
- Policy and procedures will be updated and disseminated to the appropriate individuals once the Iowa Administrative Code updates are approved.