

Training Options for Local CEA Boards

The Community Empowerment State Technical Assistance Team is available to provide training in Community Empowerment Areas (CEA). The most requested topics are provided below. The guidelines to locally host a training event are as follows:

- The CEA must be willing to secure a location, invite neighboring CEA, and handle the registration
- There must be a minimum of 12 participants registered representing at least 4 different CEA
- The Office of Empowerment will provide the trainer(s), registration flier templates and be responsible for all handouts and equipment.

To schedule any of the training opportunities below, contact:

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<p>A Discussion in Ethics <i>3 hours in length</i></p> <p>Ethical issues tend to be complex and do not have a right or wrong answer in the traditional sense of those words. Behaving ethically more often refers to a thought process that results in ethical behavior rather than a set of rules to be followed. The goal of this workshop is to have an open discussion about what our ethical responsibilities are, discuss specific ethical issues, and learn some appropriate ways to handle these issues when they arise.</p>	<p>Board Basics for CEA Boards <i>3 hours in length</i></p> <p>Are you a board member or a person responsible for staffing a board? Could your board be working more efficiently? Join this three hour workshop and walk away with strategies and techniques that promote effective board structure, a clearer understanding of roles and responsibilities, and more valuable meetings for everyone involved. This workshop will share tips and techniques through hands-on activities, tools, and resources that you can take back to help the boards you work with.</p>
<p>So You've Issued an RFP – Now What? <i>1 ½ hours in length</i></p> <p>How can the local funder know they've selected a high quality program to move their vision for children and families forward? Program accountability begins with a strong process for awarding contracts. This workshop will delve into the details of reviewing, scoring and awarding requests for proposals.</p>	<p>Results Accountability Training <i>3 hours in length</i></p> <p>Having a community road map with the destination in mind will help your organization get to the results it is driving towards. This training will provide board coordinators, and providers with concepts and tools to use in reporting Result-based Community and Organizational Plans. Participants will have an increased understanding of the concepts and methods used to report results and have the opportunity for hands-on experience with a variety of tools.</p>
<p>Empowerment 101 <i>2 hours in length</i></p> <p>Legislation calls for the creation of local community empowerment areas across Iowa. The purpose of the legislation was to create a partnership between communities and state government to improve the well-being of families with young children. This workshop will give an overview of the Empowerment structure at both the state and local level.</p>	<p>Open Meetings/Open Records <i>2 hours in length</i></p> <p>This training will give an overview of Iowa's Open Meetings and Open Records laws. It will be presented by the Ombudsman's office.</p> <p>History of this Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowerment Contacts/Coordinators Quarterly Technical Assistance meeting – June 15, 2009 • ICN – Fall 2009, 4:30 – 7:30 PM