

In the Iowa Supreme Court

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In the Matter of the Judicial)	
Branch FFPSA Review Task Force)	Order
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On February 9, 2018, President Trump signed the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 that included the Family First and Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). FFPSA changes the child welfare system and the way states can utilize Title IV-E funds. Many provisions have the potential to affect Iowa’s juvenile justice system as well. Effective and timely FFPSA implementation will involve communication and cooperation between the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), judges, juvenile court services and service providers. In order to be an effective partner in this effort and to ensure compliance with the new federal requirements, the judicial branch must review its own policies, procedures, rules and judicial educational materials.

To that end, the supreme court establishes the Judicial Branch FFPSA Review Task Force to review the FFPSA and its potential impact on the role of the judicial branch in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems and appoints the following persons to serve on the Task Force:

Members:

- Honorable Susan Christensen, Justice, Iowa Supreme Court, Harlan, chair
- Honorable Mary Tabor, Des Moines
- Honorable Julie Schumacher, District Court Judge, Schleswig
- Honorable Barbara Liesveld, District Associate Judge, Cedar Rapids
- Honorable Linnea Nichol, District Associate Judge West Union
- Honorable Adam Sauer, District Associate Judge, Mason City
- Honorable Scott Strait, District Associate Judge, Council Bluffs
- Honorable Cheryl Traum, District Associate Judge, Davenport
- Honorable Colin Witt, District Associate Judge, Des Moines
- Honorable Bill Owens, Associate Juvenile Judge, Ottumwa
- Scott Hobart, Chief Juvenile Court Officer, 7th Judicial District, Davenport

Christopher Wyatt, Chief Juvenile Court Officer, 6th Judicial District, Cedar Rapids
Janece Harvey, Bureau Chief, Department of Human Services, Des Moines
Molly Kottmeyer, West Des Moines
Kathy Thompson, Director, Children's Justice Initiative, Des Moines

The Task Force is encouraged to coordinate its efforts with DHS and service providers. By July 1, 2019, the Task Force will submit a report to the supreme court that identifies any rules or policies that the judicial branch should adopt or change in order to comply with FFPSA. The report should also include the identification of educational opportunities, materials or training for judicial officers or juvenile court staff on FFPSA.

Task Force members may be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable travel expenses according to Iowa Court Rules 22.16 through 22.2.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2018.

The Iowa Supreme Court

By Mark S. Cady
Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice