

349—1.7(28) Empowerment area.

1.7(1) Structure. A large enough population and geographic area exist to efficiently and effectively administer the responsibilities and authority of the community board to enable citizens to lead collaborative efforts involving early care, education, health, and human services on behalf of children, families and other citizens in the empowerment area.

a. A governing board is established to meet criteria for membership and structure and to assume the responsibility of a community board.

b. An empowerment area of a county or school district not meeting required criteria may request an exception to policy from the Iowa board.

1.7(2) Responsibility. An empowerment area is established to enable local citizens to be involved and commit to reaching the desired results for children and their families and to fulfilling the purpose of community empowerment.