

## **Iowa Head Start Association**

Directors Networking: Healthy Marriage Initiative

Dec. 4, 2007 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Ames Public Library, Ames, IA

### Presenters:

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Audience: Head Start Directors, Assistant Directors, Family Service Coordinators

### Participant Objectives:

This presentation will provide information that should allow participants to:

- 1) Understand and describe the federal government's Healthy Marriage Initiative
- 2) Explore strategies for incorporating the Healthy Marriage initiative into Head Start services delivery
- 3) Identify data used to support the Healthy Marriage Initiative
- 4) Compare data used to support the Healthy Marriage Initiative to trends and data from their own programs
- 5) Locate resources that support the development of Healthy Marriage Initiative strategies in local programs
- 6) Develop plans to incorporate the Healthy Marriage initiative into current program activities
- 7) Identify potential community partners to help support Healthy Marriage education

### Agenda:

9:45 AM	Check in
10:00 AM	Large Group Presentation: Healthy Marriage Initiative Overview of Healthy Marriage Initiative and ACF Programs Data regarding marriage trends and changes in family script Discussion: national and local data Large Group Presentation; Strategies for incorporating and supporting Healthy Marriage Education Resources
12:00	Lunch
1:00 PM	Participant presentation and discussion: current local efforts
2:00 PM	Small group work: Brainstorming for possible improvements in current activities Identifying community partners for healthy marriage education Identifying needed program resources
2:45 PM	Evaluations
3:00 PM	Adjourn