

BETTER TOMORROWS EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA APPLICATION OVERVIEW FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Vision – All children (age 0 – 5) living in Benton and Tama County will be healthy, have a safe, secure, nurturing home and childcare environment, and be ready to succeed in school.

Mission – To enhance the quality of life in Benton and Tama County by promoting strong, healthy families. Barriers will be overcome and programs and services coordinated through community collaboration.

Purpose – To ensure the collaboration within our community, the organization will provide families, with children 0 – 5 years old, the resources and opportunities necessary for their children to be healthy, safe, secure, ready to succeed in school, have available affordable, high quality child care and access to a preschool opportunity.

Board Membership

The Board shall consist of a membership of eleven (11). A vacancy shall not prevent the Board from conducting business. All members shall be equally represented from Benton and Tama County. The majority membership will fall to Tama County in even fiscal years and Benton County in odd fiscal years. The Board shall comply with federal, state and local laws which prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, race, disability or national origin. Board membership shall follow Tool LL guidance. (Attached)

Membership includes representatives from public health, human services and education. Additional members shall include a representative from the business community, a member of faith a consumer of services, a citizen who represents childcare providers or volunteers and an elected official. Majority needs to be 51% citizens and/or elected officials.

If three consecutive meetings are missed without notification to the Co-Directors, written notification will be sent to him/her stating a replacement will be selected in the same demographic area to fill their vacancy.

Board Member Job Descriptions for Community Early Childhood Iowa Boards

Full Board Responsibilities

- Interpret the scope of responsibilities of the Early Childhood Iowa Area as set by Iowa Legislation;
- Establish the mission of policies to support the legislative intent;
- At a minimum, administer funds from the state;

- Ensure that interest on earnings from the community Early Childhood Iowa funds be used for services in the community plan;
- Award contracts and request funding proposals;
- Develop and implement the community plan with identified priorities, based on community assessments, which address human service, education and health needs to support the children and their families to reach desired results;
- Evaluate the outcome of community plans;
- Assure wide community input as part of all procedures by forming standing committees, task groups and focus groups;
- Assign tasks to committees as appropriate;
- Ensure that the annual report is submitted each fiscal year by September 15th to the Iowa Early Childhood Iowa Board;
- Develop a plan to continue community efforts to support children and their families within the Early Childhood Iowa area;
- Assume other responsibilities established by law or administrative rule.
- Use data to make informed funding decisions.

Individual Board Member's Responsibilities:

- Attend all meetings of the Board, including assigned committees and task forces. Notify the Co-Directors of any absences in advance, if possible.
- Prepare for board meetings by reading all material and come to all meetings prepared to contribute to the discussion of issues and business to be addressed.
- Consider serving on at least one committee.
- Represent the area board in a positive and supportive manner.
- Keep the Board Chairperson informed about any community concerns or issues that are relevant to this board.
- Recognize conflicts of interest between position as a board member and personal and professional life. If such a conflict does arise, declare that conflict before the board and refrain from voting on matters in which a conflict exists.

APPLICATION FOR BETTER TOMORROWS BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Please mark the position in which you are applying:

- Business Elected Official Human Services Health Faith Education Citizen
- Consumer/Parent (must be primary caregiver of a child or have a grandchild less than 6 years of age)

Contact Information

Name: _____

Employer: _____

Address to receive mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Best Contact Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Background

- Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No
- Do you have a criminal record? Yes No
- Are you a direct or indirect recipient of ECI funds or services? Yes No Not sure

Work Experience: _____

Other Board/Volunteer Experience: _____

What skills can you contribute to the Board: _____

Discuss your interest in serving on the Board: _____

Any other information you would like to share: _____

Do you have children or grandchildren under age 6? _____

How did you find out about the Early Childhood Iowa Board (ECI): _____

The Better Tomorrows Board membership requires an average of 1-2 hours per month for a 3-year term. Members may be asked to serve on ad-hoc committees as needed. Is there any reason known to you why you might not be able to perform consistently on the Board?

Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return this application to:

Better Tomorrows, Erin Monaghan, PO Box 516, Vinton, Iowa 52349 or email to:
director@bettertomorrowseci.org.