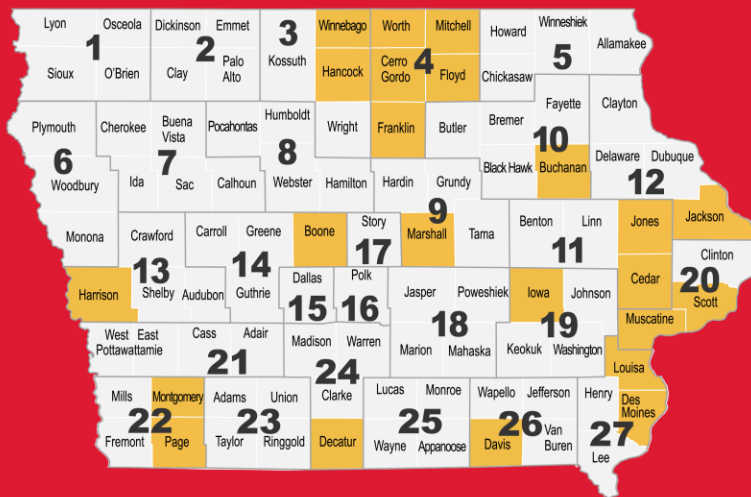


INITIATIVE

Youth Education



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Overarching Goal:

Expand educational opportunities for youth

- Connect youth to educational opportunities that support academic achievement and foster innovation
- Help Iowa youth thrive through adversity
- Connect youth to educational opportunities that support a sense of belonging

Effects of the Pandemic

- Studies highlight an up to 30% decline in reading, 50% in math due to the pandemic
- 7 in 10 teens are currently experiencing struggles with mental health
- 61% of youth report that the pandemic has increased feelings of loneliness
- 64% of youth reported that they believe COVID will have a lasting impact on their generation's mental health
- 65% said the pandemic has increased stress on their family





4-Hers have their own set of specific concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic

4-Hers are more likely to say that, during the COVID-19 pandemic, they have felt anxious or depressed due to the following:



**Cancellation of
Extracurriculars,
Jobs, Internships**
44% 4-Hers vs
32% non 4-Hers



**Loss of Normalcy
and Routine**
40% 4-Hers vs
32% non 4-Hers



**Worrying about
Running out of
Basics**
27% 4-Hers vs
20% non 4-Hers



**Not Being Able to
go to Work**
23% 4-Hers vs
16% non 4-Hers



**College Tests and
Tours**
18% 4-Hers vs
13% non 4-Hers



Helping Youth Thrive

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1. Implement research-based educational programs that **spark** interest, support academics and promote youth agency and resiliency.

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2. Support educational programs that foster **positive youth-adult partnerships** and create a sense of **belonging** for youth.

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3. Promote **youth voice** through leadership and civic engagement roles that foster identity and hopeful purpose.

Identified Curriculums

Learning Goals	Program	Targeted Grade Levels	Potential I-Team Connect	Evaluation	PD Available
Literacy	Read Across Iowa	K-12	All Teams	Embedded	Webinar
Literacy	Gardening to Give	K-12	Food Supply, Safety and Access	Embedded	
Literacy, Math and SEL	Story Walks	K-3	All Teams	Embedded	Webinar
Literacy, Some Math	Check Out STEM	K-3			Journal article
Literacy, Some Math	STEM-Lit and STEM-Lit to Go Iowa	K-3		Embedded	Workshop
Math	Clover Cookie Factory	4-12	Food Supply, Safety and Access	Embedded	
SEL	Mindful Teens	4-12	Mental Health	Embedded	Workshop
SEL	On Their Own & OK	4-12	Mental Health	Embedded	Workshop
SEL, Math	Kids in the Kitchen	K-3	Food Supply, Safety and Access	Embedded	
SEL	Ricochet	4-12	Mental Health	Embedded	Workshop
STEM w/embedded literacy, math	Animal U	4-12		Embedded	
STEM w/embedded literacy, math	Astro Camp	4-12		Embedded	

How can councils support?

- Staff Time
- Professional Development
- Partnerships
- Identification of Needs/Resources



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