PARTNERING TO CREATE CHANGE

The AMP Partnership of Iowa Foster Care Youth Councils is a collaboration of 10 organizations led by YSS. The Iowa Department of Human Services is the primary grant funder for AMP, with donations and local community support supplementing local youth AMP councils.

The Partnership includes: American Home Finding Association (Ottumwa Council), Children’s Square USA (Council Bluffs & Sioux City Councils), Foundation 2 (Cedar Rapids Council), Four Oaks (Iowa City & Waterloo Councils), Francis Lauer, a YSS organization (Mason City Council), Youth Shelter Care of North Central Iowa (Fort Dodge Council), YSS (Ames, Marshalltown & Davenport Councils), Iowa Homeless Youth Centers, a YSS organization (Des Moines Council), Hillcrest Family Services (Dubuque Council) and Young House Family Services (Burlington Council).

The partnership networks with other stakeholders, including but not limited to, the Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parent Association, Iowa KidsNet, the Iowa Aftercare Services Network, Juvenile Court Services, as well as both governmental and private agency service providers.

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UNLEASHING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE YOUTH IN IOWA.
NOTHING ABOUT US, WITHOUT US

AMP involves young people as advocates for themselves and as a voice for system-level improvements in child welfare policies and practices. Through supportive productive partnerships with adults, youth are authoritative advocates for making foster care more responsive and effective.

Members of AMP also encourage others to open their homes to teens in foster care, or to adopt. AMP youth educate legislators, child welfare professionals, juvenile court representatives, foster parents and the public about foster care and adoption from a youth perspective.

GET INVOLVED

Whether you are able to offer an hour, afternoon, or perhaps a lifetime, AMP can benefit from your time, talents and treasures.

ALLOW US TO SPEAK AT YOUR EVENT
AMP youth have a compelling story to share, and would welcome the opportunity to speak at your next luncheon, meeting or event.

SHARE A SKILL, TALENT OR HOBBY
The majority of youth who reach adulthood while in foster care do not get the chance to develop critical life skills that enable others their age to succeed. Please consider sharing your skills and knowledge with our youth.

DONATE A SERVICE OR PRODUCT
Teens leaving foster care have the same needs as others their age, as they move toward living independently. Furnishings, linens, personal hygiene products, cleaning supplies, towels, kitchen supplies, etc. are welcomed by donors to help AMP youth succeed.

PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT
Visit ampiowa.org to make a secure online donation to AMP’s lead organization, YSS. You can also mail your contribution via check to: YSS, 420 Kellogg Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010.

Please make your check out to YSS and note “AMP” in the memo line. To ensure your financial support is allocated to the AMP council of your choice, also include the location in the memo line.

AMP YOUTH COUNCIL LOCATIONS
Local AMP youth councils are available across Iowa, including: Ames, Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Eldora State Training School, Fort Dodge, Iowa City, Marshalltown, Mason City, Ottumwa, Sioux City and Waterloo.

An AMP facilitator is also available to travel to councils located within youth facilities.

Council members are also invited to join the members-only AMP Facebook group, Achieving Maximum Potential – AMP.