

What some families have gained from FaDSS.....

“I came from ADC and Food Stamps—now I am working full time as a Registered Nurse. The FaDSS Specialist encouragement was the key to my success.”

“I am in transition from depending on all programs to becoming self-sufficient. I am attending college. My FaDSS Specialist helped me find the way and believe in myself that I can do this.”

“Thank you! This is a great feeling to be self-sufficient. I have come from depending on everyone for my needs to taking care of myself and my family.”

“For me, being self-sufficient means I am **INDEPENDENT!** Now I think for myself, I do things for myself and when I need resources I can find them for myself”

“FaDSS put me in touch with a part of the world I didn't know existed”.



NEICAC's mission is to help meet the primary needs of people and create opportunities for basic self-sufficiency through community partnership, education and the provision of services.”

NEICAC's FaDSS Specialists strive to implement this mission on a daily basis.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

NEICAC's Family Development and Self Sufficiency Program (FaDSS) can be your path to the future. The first step is up to you.

Who is eligible for the FaDSS Program?

Families who are participating in the Family Investment Program (FIP) and live in Allamakee, Bremer, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard or Winneshiek counties

Contact your nearest NEICAC FaDSS Specialist:

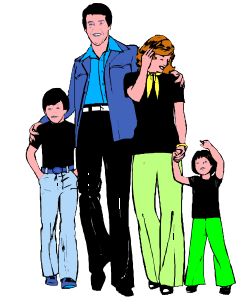
Allamakee, Clayton & Winneshiek Counties
110 Allamakee Street, Waukon
(563) 568-5030

Howard & Chickasaw Counties
204 2nd Avenue East, Cresco
(563) 419-8243

Fayette & Bremer Counties
297 6th Avenue SW, Oelwein
(access off 5th Ave SW)
(319)- 283-4150



Families moving forward, One step at a time....



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FaDSS Program
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Are you looking for ways to build a better life for yourself and your family?



What is FaDSS?

FaDSS is a voluntary confidential program designed to provide support services to families who are receiving FIP (Family Investment Program) support.

Many families want to be on their own. They may need someone to support them as they get started. Sometimes the barriers seem to be too much. It is hard to get a new start.

Lack of transportation, lack of childcare, lack of employment and lack of education are a few of the common barriers.

FaDSS Specialists know what is available to help you. They help you identify what you can do and what you are good at.

We are convinced that you can make yourself self sufficient.



FaDSS is designed to offer your family the support and guidance you want.

IF YOU ARE READY TO:

- **Make important decisions about your life.....**
- **Reach goals for school, work and your family.....**
- **Gain pride and confidence in your own strengths.....**
- **Lead the life you hoped for.....**
- **Make your dreams come true....**

Then FaDSS may be for you.

The FaDSS Program:

Is voluntary! — You choose whether or not to participate!

Believes in your family!

Works with all family members!

Follows your family's lead!

Acknowledges that every family has strengths to build upon!

Recognizes that you are the expert when it comes to your family!

Recognizes that you have the best interest of your family at heart!

And most importantly, FaDSS cares!

It is “Your” Family.....

You will lead the relationship.

You will set and reach your own goals.

You will discover your own strengths and learn to build on those strengths.

You will experience the joy and the power that comes from being in control of life.

You will gain more pride in your families accomplishments.

You will learn to celebrate your family's strengths and accomplishments.

You will have the opportunity to build skills like budgeting, problem solving, and planning.

You will have the support of a Family Development Specialist as you move towards self-sufficiency.

If you decide to participate in the FaDSS Program, you will receive:

- Monthly home visits from your FaDSS worker
- You will also receive referrals and support as needed for your family.

All family members are encouraged to participate.

REFERRALS

How to become a FaDSS Participant?

You can refer yourself. Call the Specialist for your county listed on the back of this brochure.

Promise Jobs or DHS can refer you.

Other individuals or agencies may refer as well.