



The offices of CAS empower our diverse communities to improve the lives of all Iowans.

Our future looks amazingly healthy and prosperous.

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Community Advocacy and Services - 515-281-3164

Iowa Department of Human Rights DIVISION OF COMMUNITY ADVOCACY AND SERVICES

*Seven Offices
Working Together
to Serve Seven
Distinctive
Communities ...
Energizing a
Dynamic Iowa*



Community Advocacy and Services (CAS) streamlines access to services offered by the State of Iowa for specific underserved populations. We are the vital connection between Iowa's diverse communities and the programs, events and information that can provide understanding and equity.

CAS partners with public and private agencies, institutions and groups to enable more people to participate fully and make living in Iowa a richer experience.



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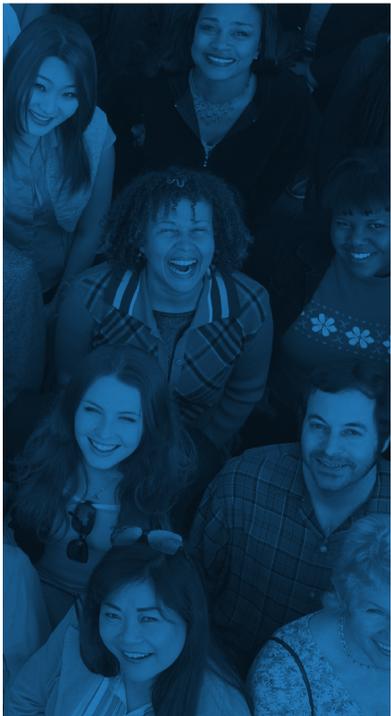
All offices in Community Advocacy and Services (CAS) are working toward the same goal of improving the lives of Iowans – including those who are underserved.

The offices employ a variety of proven and innovative initiatives to:

- Provide information and referral for their communities.
- Offer youth programming designed to empower leaders of tomorrow.
- Advocate for system-wide changes.
- Influence policy makers on how their decisions impact lives.
- Provide specialized training and education on many issues.
- Assist community members to overcome barriers, such as language and special needs.
- Gather and share meaningful information.
- Celebrate cultures.



OFTEN WE ARE THE LINK THAT CHANGES LIVES



Office of Native American Affairs

We work to carry out activities designated by our Commissioners with a primary focus on providing information and referral as needed, often in areas of financial assistance, housing and transportation.

Office on the Status of African Americans

We work with public and private agencies to expand equal rights and opportunities for Iowa's African American population in areas that include employment, economic development, education, health, housing, and social and legal services.

Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

We work with partners to increase access to information and services, and we work diligently to respond to issues that impact our diverse ethnic groups. We advocate for system-wide solutions.

Office of Latino Affairs

We connect our Latino communities and state government and agencies, communicating issues, needs and concerns as well as providing programming and advocacy to eliminate barriers.

Office of Deaf Services

We provide a key link to services that help deaf and hard of hearing people succeed, including health, education, employment and justice: and we advocate to help people to meet needs.

Office for Persons with Disabilities

We work to equalize opportunities and open doors for participation in all facets of life for people with a wide range of disabilities. Our services include education, training, referral, mediation, negotiation, hands-on advocacy and policy initiatives.

Office on the Status of Women

We promote the inclusion of women in decision making, ensure that information about women is available to all stakeholders and enable government to be responsive to needs of women and girls in all facets of life.