



Learning Supports: Networking Together

Learning Supports is an initiative led by the Iowa Department of Education and the Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development. This initiative provides a *framework* allowing agencies and organizations to align their work targeting specific results for students and families. The Iowa Learning Supports framework is intended to help state and regional agencies and organizations identify and connect with their colleagues as they work to implement programming/actions that support the learning and positive development of children and youth. Meaningful community involvement, linkages, and collaborations are key to providing a comprehensive system of Learning Supports and will result in better outcomes for children and youth.

This forum will be the first in a series of presentations defining and creating an infrastructure that responds to the needs of students who are experiencing barriers to learning.

Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency will host the forum about positive youth development with representatives from the Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development. The panel includes:

- Jane Todey, Department of Education
- Steve Michael, Department of Criminal Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP)
- Cindy Schroeder, Iowa Department of Public Health
- Jody Benz, Iowa's Commission on Volunteer Service (America's Promise)
- AEA Learning Supports Committee Members

The presentation will occur on **Tuesday, April 4 from 1:00 to 3:30 pm in the AEA Learning Center** (Conference Center). The intended audience is **LEA administrators, curriculum coordinators, AEA staff, and community partners.**