



# JOHNSON COUNTY Decategorization Program

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## For Immediate Release

### OPENINGS ON CHILD WELFARE DECAT PROGRAM BOARD

The Johnson County Decategorization Board has openings for representatives to the Board. Individuals representing substance abuse treatment and prevention, mental health, domestic violence and youth services, education, public health, and/or the faith community are encouraged to apply.

The purpose of this program is to implement Iowa's Child Welfare Decategorization Program. Decategorization of child welfare and juvenile justice funding is designed to redirect child welfare and juvenile justice funding to services that are more preventive, family-centered, and community-based in order to reduce use of restrictive approaches that rely on out-of-home care. The Decategorization Board partners with community stakeholders to develop service alternatives that provide less restrictive levels of care for children and families within Johnson County. Duties also include analysis of community needs, allocation of funding, contract oversight and fiscal management.

Application forms are available in the Johnson County Social Services Department on the second floor of the Health and Humans Services Building, 855 South Dubuque Street, Suite 202B, Iowa City or at [www.johnson-county.com](http://www.johnson-county.com) under *Jobs, Boards & Commissions*.

Completed applications must be returned to Lynette Jacoby at [ljacoby@co.johnson.ia.us](mailto:ljacoby@co.johnson.ia.us) or delivered to 855 South Dubuque Street, Suite 202B, Iowa City, IA 52240 on or before 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 1, 2017.

For more information, contact Lynette Jacoby, Decat Coordinator, at 319-356-6090

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**APPLICATION FORM FOR JOHNSON COUNTY DECATEGORIZATION BOARD**

To: Lynette Jacoby, Social Services Director, 855 S. Dubuque Street, Suite 202 B, Iowa City, IA 52240  
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The **Johnson County Decategorization Program** implements Iowa’s Child Welfare Decategorization Program. Decategorization is designed to redirect child welfare and juvenile justice funding to services that are more preventive, family-centered, and community-based in order to reduce use of restrictive approaches that rely on institutional, out-of home, and out-of community care. The JC Decat Program partners with community stakeholders to develop service alternatives that provide less restrictive levels of care for children and families within Johnson County. Collaboratively, services are planned through the Johnson County Decategorization Board, which provides input from citizens, consumers, education, health, human services, and local government. The goal of this planning will be to ensure that services are provided that will promote child health and safety, family stability, and positive youth development.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of employment and/or activities such as hobbies, volunteer work, affiliations, etc. that you feel may qualify you for this position:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**The following questions will assist the Johnson County Decategorization Board in its selection:**

- **Are you willing and able to commit to approximately four hours per month to Decategorization business?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- **Reason for applying for membership?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Contributions you feel you can make to the Decategorization Board:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **In lieu of / in addition to the above, do you have any comments to add that may assist the Johnson County Decategorization Board in its selection?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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State of Iowa legislation empowers local communities and their citizens to develop collaborative planning and implementation of strategies to meet the needs of children and families. The establishment of a local board is required to administer Decategorization monies. **Terms of office are 3 years.**

Please indicate whether you are paid staff or a volunteer for any of the following organizations:

	<b>Name of Organization</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Paid</b>
School District	_____	_____	_____
County	_____	_____	_____
City	_____	_____	_____
Local Board of Health	_____	_____	_____
Hospital	_____	_____	_____
Charitable Funding Group (e.g. United Way)	_____	_____	_____
Department of Human Services	_____	_____	_____
Religious Institution	_____	_____	_____
Area Education Agency	_____	_____	_____
Juvenile Court Services	_____	_____	_____
Domestic Violence services	_____	_____	_____
Area Substance Abuse Agency	_____	_____	_____
Community Action Program	_____	_____	_____
Business Organization	_____	_____	_____
Labor Organization	_____	_____	_____
Service Club	_____	_____	_____
Business	_____	_____	_____
Private Community-Based Organization	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood Organization	_____	_____	_____
Community Representative	_____	_____	_____
Other _____	_____	_____	_____

**THIS APPLICATION IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND AS SUCH CAN BE REPRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED FOR THE PUBLIC.**

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