



Parent Advocacy Training & Supporting Families

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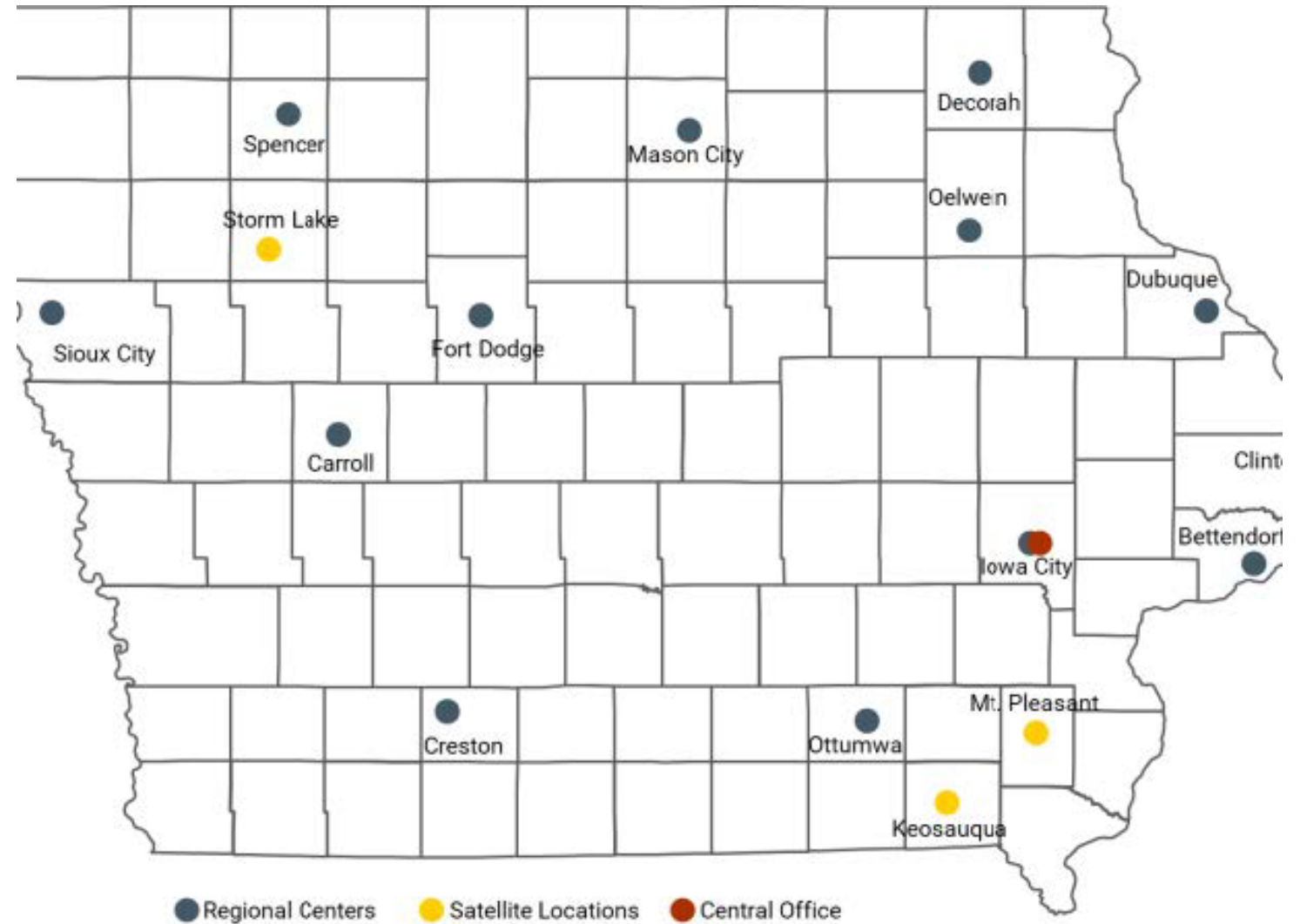
I am passionate about helping the Dubuque Marshallese families and Marshallese families across the state of Iowa.



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University of Iowa Child Health Specialty Clinics

- Map: Statewide network of 13 regional centers and 7 satellite locations
- Provides services and supports to Iowa children and youth with special health care needs and their families
 - Gap-filling clinical services
 - Care coordination
 - Family to family support



Supporting Marshallese families in Iowa

Family Navigator Role:

- Started in July 2019
- All children with any diagnosis
- Cover all of Iowa
- Serve 10-12 families each month





Supporting Marshallese families in Iowa

And provide.....

- Emotional Support
- Resource Assistance
- System Navigation
- Social Media
- Support Group– Summer 2024

Supporting Marshallese families in Iowa

Parent Advocacy Training

- Partnership between Heartland & CHSC
- 2 parts: Information & Role Play
- Posters/Materials translated into Marshallese (Lynda Riklon)
- 26 Families
- Ottumwa and 2 in Dubuque
- Training evaluations were positive

