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2	Intensive Care Manager/ County Positions	Polk County Social Services/ Marshall County Social Services	To be announced
1	Juvenile Justice, Mental Health Professional	Tri-County Community Corrections	To be announced
1	Therapeutic Support of Foster Care Worker	Northwestern Mental Health Center	January 1 st , 2008
1	Care Team Facilitator	Northwestern Mental Health Center	Pending
2	Youth Mentors	Northwestern Mental Health Center	January 2008