

# strengthening families

THROUGH EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

## alaska

strengthening families national network affiliate

### LEAD AGENCY

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### ASPECTS OF ALASKA'S APPROACH

Piloting Strengthening Families in five early care and education programs around the state, providing each with a mini-grant of \$10,000. A second cohort of programs has been chosen to continue the pilot

Working with higher education and training entities to incorporate the Protective Factors framework into coursework and curricula

Building relationships between Child Protective Services and early care and education systems

Collaborating with early childhood groups to advocate for embedding the Strengthening Families approach into existing and developing systems

Incorporating the Protective Factors and the Strengthening Families approach into Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems planning efforts

### EXCITING UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Developing a cross-training for Child Protective Services and early care and education professionals

Continuing to work with Child Care Resource and Referral Network to embed the Strengthening Families Framework into licensing and training for child care programs

Expanding the network of early care and education programs participating in Strengthening Families and evaluating sustainability with existing programs

### STRENGTHENING FAMILIES NATIONAL NETWORK

With funding from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, the SFNN, brings together states, territories, and tribes implementing Strengthening Families with national organizations embedding the approach into their work.

**Partners** in the SFNN have deep, broad-based Strengthening Families initiatives across multiple systems in the state, and have a leadership role in the network. 9 states are partners in the SFNN.

**Affiliates** in the SFNN are strongly committed to Strengthening Families and are in the earlier stages of planning and implementing the approach at the state level. 14 states are affiliates in the SFNN.

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