

strengthening families

THROUGH EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

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strengthening families national network affiliate

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ASPECTS OF ARKANSAS'S APPROACH

Identify and work with five early care and education sites across the state to pilot Strengthening Families

Provide parent leadership ambassador training as well as mini-grants for parent leadership activities

Offer Protective Factors training across the state to early care and education program administrators and providers

Develop an online training module on the Protective Factors and Strengthening Families Program Strategies, as well as use of the online Strengthening Families Self Assessment

Work to infuse Strengthening Families principles into the early care and education Quality Rating System

Participate in Zero to Three's *Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect (PCAN)* training initiative

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Recruit new stakeholders as partners on the Strengthening Families leadership team

Work with the Division of Children and Family Services to train Family Service workers on utilizing and accessing quality child care in case planning

Work with the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education Professional Development system to infuse Strengthening Families principles into training

Promote wide use of the Strengthening Families online training module

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 working towards comprehensive implementation of the approach at the state level. 14 states are affiliates in the SFNN.

For more about Strengthening Families visit www.strengtheningfamilies.net

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