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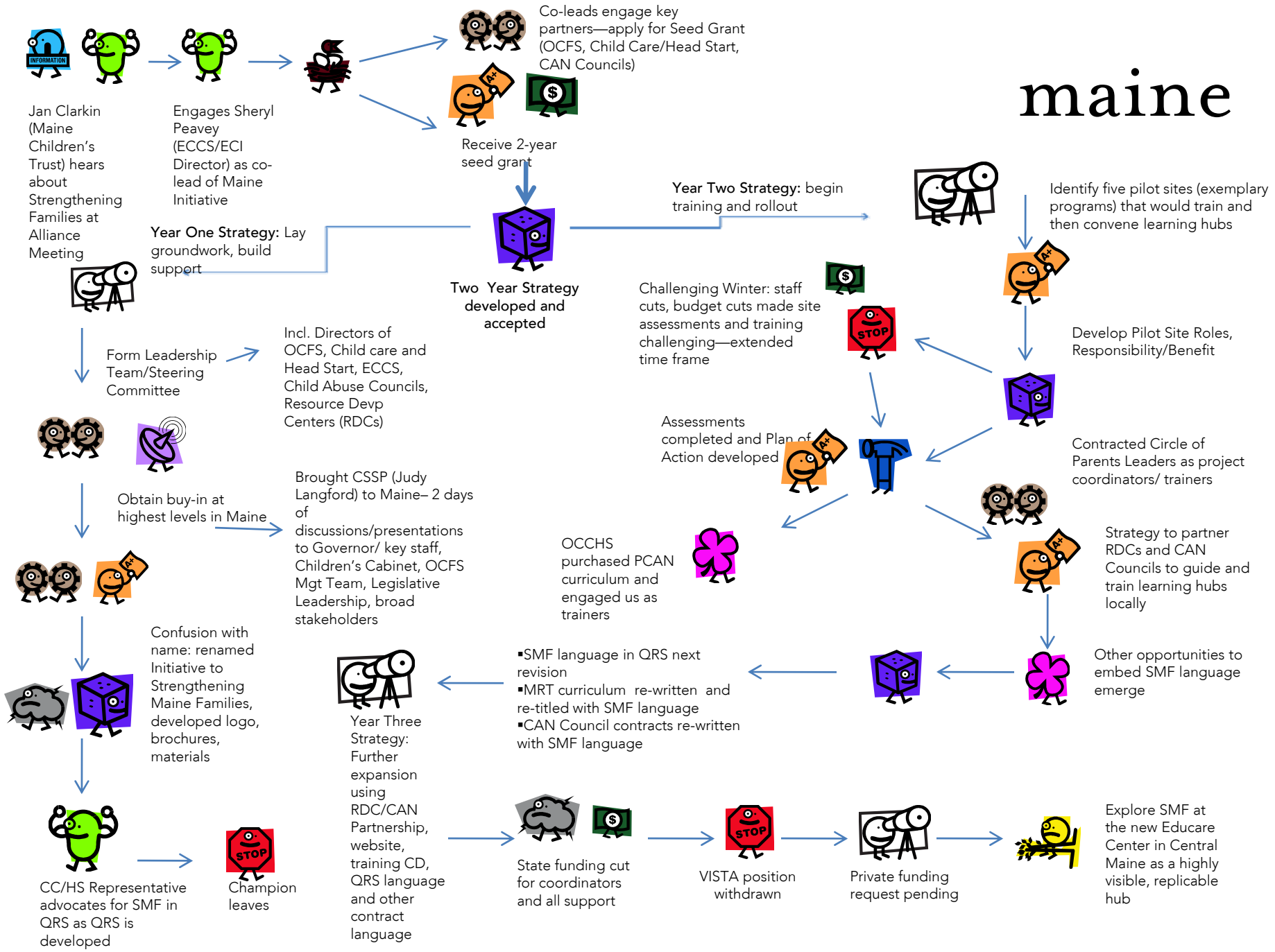
Jan Clarkin (Maine Children's Trust) hears about Strengthening Families at Alliance Meeting
Engages Sheryl Peavey (ECCS/ECI Director) as co-lead of Maine Initiative
Co-leads engage key partners—apply for Seed Grant (OCFS, Child Care/Head Start, CAN Councils)
Receive 2-year seed grant
Year One Strategy: Lay groundwork, build support
Two Year Strategy developed and accepted
Year Two Strategy: begin training and rollout
Identify five pilot sites (exemplary programs) that would train and then convene learning hubs
Develop Pilot Site Roles, Responsibility/Benefit
Challenging Winter: staff cuts, budget cuts made site assessments and training challenging—extended time frame
Assessments completed and Plan of Action developed
Contracted Circle of Parents Leaders as project coordinators/ trainers
Strategy to partner RDCs and CAN Councils to guide and train learning hubs locally
Other opportunities to embed SMF language emerge
OCCHS purchased PCAN curriculum and engaged us as trainers
▪SMF language in QRS next revision
▪MRT curriculum re-written and re-titled with SMF language
▪CAN Council contracts re-written with SMF language
Year Three Strategy: Further expansion using RDC/CAN Partnership, website, training CD, QRS language and other contract language
State funding cut for coordinators and all support
VISTA position withdrawn
Private funding request pending
Explore SMF at the new Educare Center in Central Maine as a highly visible, replicable hub
Form Leadership Team/Steering Committee
Incl. Directors of OCFS, Child care and Head Start, ECCS, Child Abuse Councils, Resource Devp Centers (RDCs)
Obtain buy-in at highest levels in Maine
Brought CSSP (Judy Langford) to Maine– 2 days of discussions/presentations to Governor/ key staff, Children's Cabinet, OCFS Mgt Team, Legislative Leadership, broad stakeholders
Confusion with name: renamed Initiative to Strengthening Maine Families, developed logo, brochures, materials
CC/HS Representative advocates for SMF in QRS as QRS is developed
Champion leaves