

# strengthening families

THROUGH EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

## massachusetts

strengthening families national network affiliate

### LEAD AGENCY

Massachusetts Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (MECCS)  
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### ASPECTS OF MASSACHUSETTS'S APPROACH

Bring speakers from the Center for the Study of Social Policy to present on the Strengthening Families Initiative to professionals in public health, social services, health and human services, and early care and education

Use Strengthening Families and the Protective Factors as the foundation of the Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund's strategic planning process

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Incorporate Strengthening Families into strategic planning for Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems building

Build parent partnerships and parent leadership engaging parent consumers representing a wide range of program services and interests to inform and advise next steps

Convene a forum in Spring of 2008 for MECCS and its partners on the Strengthening Families Initiative

## 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.org](http://www.strengtheningfamilies.org)

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