

strengthening families

THROUGH EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

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ASPECTS OF MINNESOTA'S APPROACH

Adopt Strengthening Families as a framework to orient and align work across the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Children and Family Services Administration

Develop a broad awareness of Strengthening Families among Minnesota's early care and education community by highlighting the initiative at the *Strong Foundation Conference*

Give \$4,500,000 over three years to 16 grantees to develop, operate, and expand community-based family support programs to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect by promoting Protective Factors that strengthen families

Increase statewide public awareness of Strengthening Families with a messaging and networking campaign led by Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota

Build parent leadership with parent cafés and an intensive, multi-year Parent Leadership Consortium in several communities

Incorporate Strengthening Families into Program Improvement Plan following federal Child and Family Services Review

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Develop a layered approach to professional development that includes a focus on early child practitioners, including family, friend, and neighbor caregivers

Create an evaluation framework that maps the connections between state-level policy changes, program and staff practice changes, and impacts on children and families within a Strengthening Families framework

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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