

strengthening families

THROUGH EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

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strengthening families national network affiliate

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ASPECTS OF TENNESSEE'S APPROACH

Engage collaborative partners in creating a child abuse and neglect prevention framework that shifts the focus of prevention efforts from family risk and deficits to family strengths and resiliency

Initiate conversations with child care staff, board, or advisory committees and parents in early care and education programs

Develop strong relationships between early childhood programs and community service providers

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Hire a statewide Strengthening Families coordinator in the Child Care Resource and Referral network

Establish parent representation on the Strengthening Families leadership team

Create a "train the trainer" module for the Tennessee Child Care Provider Training (TN-CCPT)

Work to integrate Strengthening Families into existing training grants

Develop an evaluation plan

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.

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