

APPENDIX C

ACTION PLANNING TEMPLATE

Action Planning Template

Use this action plan template to help you move from completing the Progress Rating Tool to action. The North Star and the desired outcomes should guide the actions you choose. Use the “Getting Started” questions to jumpstart your planning process. It is important for everyone involved in the action planning process to have a shared understanding of the context, the vision for the community, and the current reality. It is also important for stakeholders to think about the commitment they are willing to make toward achieving the vision, goals and outcomes, and understand the commitments others are willing to make.

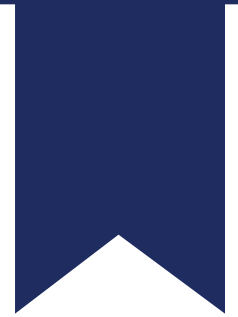
In the table, action planners can identify the targets on which they want to focus and choose actions that will help the community meet those targets. Use the Early Learning Community Action Guide to help you think of actions you might want to take. Your community may create other actions that are unique to your early childhood system.

You can print the blank template and work on as many building blocks and targets as needed.

THE NORTH STAR: All Children Thrive

Desired Outcomes:

- Pregnant women and young children are healthy
- Children are ready to succeed in school
- Children live in safe, stable and nurturing families and communities



GETTING STARTED

The Context

Who is involved in implementing this action plan?

What is the overall goal of your action plan?

When (what is the timeline for implementation)?

How will this action plan help you accomplish your goal?

Your Community's Vision

What does it look like when you achieve your goal? Imagine the day after you've completed all your actions and achieved your goal.

Current Reality

What are the strengths of the team that will lead you to accomplish your goal?

What are the weaknesses of the team that are barriers to your goal?

What are the potential dangers of succeeding?

What are the potential benefits of pursuing these actions?

Commitments

In light of the current reality, what is the group willing to commit to?

