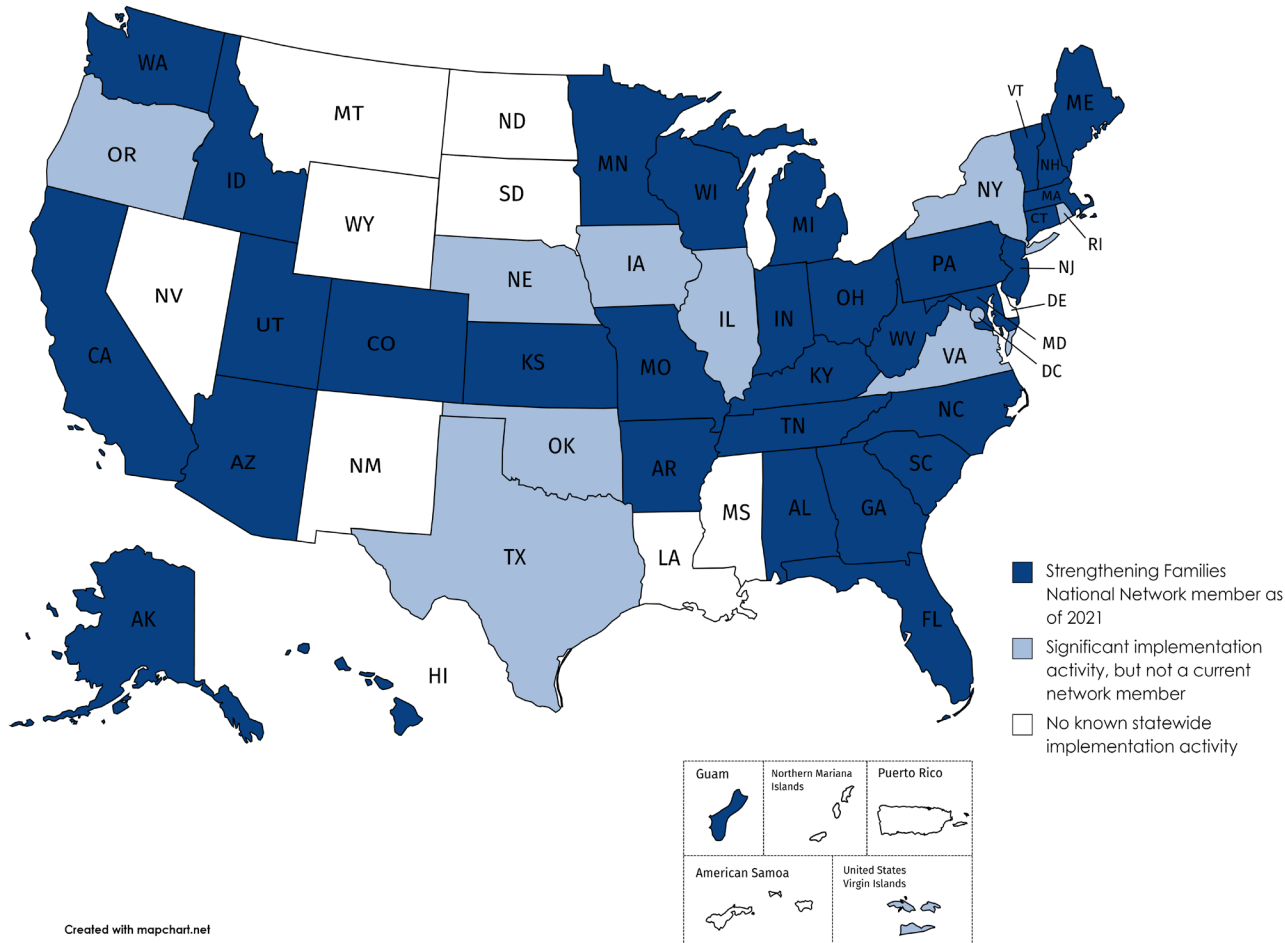


# OVERVIEW OF STATE IMPLEMENTATION

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## State Leadership Teams

- Of 23 states responding to the 2020 survey, 13 report having an active state leadership team.
- Among states that have an active leadership team, median team size is 11 individuals representing 10 organizations.
- The most common sectors represented on leadership teams are child abuse and neglect prevention, family support programs and providers, Children's Trust Funds, child welfare, and early care and education system representatives and providers.
- Nearly half of states with Strengthening Families leadership teams include parent leaders on the team.
- Eleven states had a designated Strengthening Families coordinator in 2020, including 2 with full-time coordinators, and 9 in positions that also include other responsibilities.

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<b>Implementation in Early Care &amp; Education: Strategies</b>	Number of states (2020)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework is integrated into state Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). (Integration strategies vary by state.)</li> </ul>	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework is used in State Early Learning and Development Advisory Council planning and policy efforts.</li> </ul>	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child care resource and referral (CCR&amp;R) network is engaged in professional development and support for programs that are implementing the Strengthening Families approach.</li> </ul>	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strengthening Families approach and Protective Factors Framework is integrated into state early care and education workforce knowledge and competency framework.</li> </ul>	11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework is used in Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) planning and/or other early childhood systems development efforts.</li> </ul>	11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework is used to support family, friend and neighbor care providers (also referred to as informal or license-exempt child care providers).</li> </ul>	6

<b>Implementation in Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention: Strategies</b>	Number of states (2020)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training is provided for child abuse and neglect prevention providers about the Strengthening Families approach and Protective Factors Framework.</li> </ul>	22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strengthening Families Protective Factors are part of the Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Request for Proposal (RFP) process.</li> </ul>	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County or community-level prevention planning processes are aligned to the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework.</li> </ul>	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strengthening Families protective factors are integrated in state-level work related to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)</li> </ul>	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandatory reporter training is adapted to include the Strengthening Families approach and Protective Factors Framework.</li> </ul>	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public awareness campaigns use the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework.</li> </ul>	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The state Prevent Child Abuse chapter is engaged in Strengthening Families.</li> </ul>	14

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<b>Implementation in Child Welfare Systems: Strategies</b>	Number of states (2020)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strengthening Families approach and Protective Factors Framework are integrated into training for child welfare workers.</li> </ul>	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strengthening Families approach and Protective Factors Framework are integrated into training for foster parents.</li> </ul>	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strengthening Families approach and Protective Factors Framework are part of the child welfare practice model.</li> </ul>	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strengthening Families approach and Protective Factors Framework are integrated into assessment tools.</li> </ul>	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strengthening Families approach and Protective Factors Framework are being used in differential response efforts in the child welfare system.</li> </ul>	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening Families approach and Protective Factors Framework are being used in planning for implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA).</li> </ul>	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child welfare systems are partnering with early care and education programs using Strengthening Families approach and Protective Factors Framework.</li> </ul>	1

<b>Implementation in Home Visiting: Strategies</b>	Number of states (2020)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening Families is part of the state plan under the federal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program.</li> </ul>	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening Families and the Protective Factors Framework are used as a common frame across multiple home visiting programs and/or models.</li> </ul>	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening Families and the Protective Factors Framework are used in intake and/or referral systems for home visiting services.</li> </ul>	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specific training on Strengthening Families and the Protective Factors Framework is provided to home visitors.</li> </ul>	16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families receiving home visiting are referred to other child and family serving programs using a Strengthening Families protective factors frame.</li> </ul>	9

<b>Implementation in Other Systems: Strategies</b>	Number of states (2020)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening Families and Protective Factors Framework is used within centralized referral and care coordination services.</li> </ul>	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening Families is utilized at the community-level through community-wide efforts to ensure families have support.</li> </ul>	18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening Families approach is used in services for incarcerated parents, their children, and their children's caregivers, and/or for parents on probation and parole.</li> </ul>	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith leaders are using Strengthening Families in their ministry to families.</li> </ul>	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health care: Health care providers (pediatricians, AAP chapter, hospitals, others) are using Strengthening Families .</li> </ul>	2