LEADERSHIP TEAM ROLES

The Role of a Strengthening Families Leadership Team

The Role of Individual Leadership Team Members

Build an Infrastructure to Advance and Sustain the Work

- Create and hold a vision for the initiative within the state/jurisdiction
- Maintain a multi-sector implementation partnership
- Coordinate work across all implementing partners
- Create and support a state/jurisdiction level action plan
- Identify funding to support work in state/jurisdiction
- Build and sustain relationships with key agencies and individuals to expand leadership and support for the initiative
- Represent the state/jurisdiction and engage in learning activities through the Strengthening Families National Network

- Create and hold a vision for the initiative within the home agency
- Advocate for the initiative's vision within the home agency/constituency
- Represent the interests of the home agency/ constituency on the leadership team
- Integrate Strengthening Families into planning processes within home agency/constituency
- Identify funding to support work within the agency/system
- Reach out to partners within the home agency or those with which the home agency/constituency is allied

Build Parent Partnerships

- Engage parents in shaping systems and policies at the state level, including parent partnership in Strengthening Families leadership
- Encourage and promote parent partnerships among implementing programs and agencies
- Support parent leadership development (trainings, opportunities to network, communicate, participation in state summits, etc.)
- Develop parent engagement tools and strategies and put them to use in multiple ways

- Recruit parents served by agency or system for SF leadership roles and support them in those roles
- Encourage parent participation within the Strengthening Families implementation team at the agency or system level
- Develop parent engagement tools and strategies for parents served by agency or system
- Include parent representatives on boards and advisory groups and actively seek their input

Deepen Knowledge and Understanding of a Protective Factors Approach

- Develop/adapt tools and messaging to build broad awareness of Strengthening Families and the protective factors
- Create a Strengthening Families professional development agenda for the state/jurisdiction
- Establish and support learning communities among implementers
- Identify opportunities to integrate protective factors into existing professional development systems or curricula
- Share knowledge and information with Strengthening Families partners and the broader Strengthening Families network both in the state and nationally

- Share knowledge and information about the initiative within the home agency/constituency
- Create a Strengthening Families professional development agenda for the agency/system
- Identify opportunities to integrate the protective factors approach within existing professional development systems or curricula and learning tools being used within the home agency/constituency
- Share implementation experience, new tools and knowledge with the Strengthening Families National Network

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Shift Practice, Policies and Systems toward a Protective Factors Approach

- Identify incentives or leverage to promote implementation by service providers, programs and agencies
- Create shared technical assistance resources to support implementation across sectors
- Work collaboratively to align Strengthening Families practice tools across disciplines
- Identify points of alignment with priorities of existing systems in the state/jurisdiction
- Work to integrate Strengthening Families into crosssystem planning and thinking
- Infuse Strengthening Families into responses to new policy opportunities

- Identify incentives or leverage for programs that build protective factors and/or use the self-assessment tool
- Weave Strengthening Families capacity into technical assistance, program monitoring and accountability infrastructures
- Integrate protective factors into practice tools for the constituency
- Infuse Strengthening Families and the Protective Factors Framework into policies and infrastructure within the home agency
- Engage in policy advocacy around Strengthening Families as appropriate
- Infuse Strengthening Families into responses to new policy opportunities

Ensure Accountability

- Establish outcomes and metrics to monitor implementation and its effects
- Monitor the arc of the initiative's development and its impacts
- Monitor programmatic implementation
- Develop an evaluation plan for the initiative
- Evaluate the impact of the initiative

- Establish programmatic outcomes and metrics that align with/contribute to those of the initiative
- Monitor implementation among programs funded or managed by the home agency or the activities undertaken by the constituency
- Evaluate the impact of a protective factors approach within the home agency and among programs funded
- Design, fund and implement evaluation strategies for Strengthening Families implementation within agency/system and at the program level as appropriate