

Together for Kids and Families

Parent Education & Family Support Work Plan

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Together for Kids & Families Goals				
Early care and education in Nebraska is high quality, developmentally appropriate, and accessible to all children.	All Nebraska children have access to a dental/medical home, and receive high quality health services.	The early childhood social, emotional, and behavioral health needs of Nebraska's children are met.	Nebraska families support their children's optimal development by providing safe, healthy, and nurturing environments	
Strategies	Action Steps	Who	Completion Date	Activities/Notes/Resources
Strategy 9 <i>Promote and support evidence-based home visitation services for families with young children.</i>	9.1 Support <i>Recharge for Resiliency</i> conference, October 2014.	Work Group	October 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 375 attended the conference. Interest in this becoming an annual event. Sixpence and MIECHV presented.
	9.2 Invite program managers to present.	Work Group	August 2014	
Strategy 10 <i>Promote integration of parent-to-parent peer support systems, when appropriate, into programs and services for families.</i>	10.1 Identify Best Practices inclusive of training, dissemination, etc. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literature Review Programmatic Review (NE & other states)- including evaluation efforts Select a definition of peer-peer support from best practice info 	Subcommittee of Work Group		
	10.2 Small group filter through program chart and connect with agencies to ask what data they have and what they collect.	Subcommittee of Work Group	Winter 2013	Members involved: Petra, Jenni, Amy, Mark, Lynne, Tonia.
	10.3 Surveys for parents sent through programs	PE-FS Group - led by Tonia	Spring / Summer 2013	Need Commitment by PE-FS group (programs) to get certain number of surveys completed for reliability and validity.

	10.4 Conduct focus group	PE-FS Group - led by Tonia	Fall 2013 Fall 2014	Small budget for focus groups needed. Parent Survey utilized in 3 county area [Lancaster, Douglas, Lincoln]. Tonia presented recommendations at February 2015 meeting.
	10.5 Disseminate findings widely; Identify stakeholders to assist with defining next steps;	PE-FS Group	11/01/2013	Potential Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Development • Relationship Development • PE/FS Coalition Building • Early Childhood Research Conference (Spring-Fall)

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Strategy 11 <i>Promote respite and crisis respite services for families with young children.</i>	11.1 a) Review the survey results about Respite that was sent to WIC offices. b) Review the parent survey results from Lincoln, Lancaster & Douglas counties. c) Promote respite services to families and communities [families via NRRS system and A4F website; communities via www.ecclink.org]	PE-FS Sharon will bring to group	Summer 2013	2 respite work groups *Policy, written materials, etc.
	11.2 Develop questions for Caregiver and Respite Provider Focus Groups to assess accessibility and recommend system collaboration changes.	PE-FS Sharon will bring to group	Spring / Summer 2013	
	11.3 Identify resources for inclusion on ADRC website to enhance timely access to Respite & Crisis Respite resources.	Sharon will bring to group	Spring / Summer 2013	
	11.4 Propose standards for Crisis Respite training including but not limited to first responders, individuals, and state licensed entities interested in providing Crisis Respite.	Sharon will bring to group		Fall 2013

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Strategy 12 <i>Coordinate statewide systems for sharing comprehensive information with families.</i>	12.1 Identify local to statewide organizations & networks "sharing info with families" in their organizational goals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define • See Examples listed in referenced doc • Formal/informal? • Virtual/otherwise? 			Local CA Prevention Councils NCFE April awareness campaigns Answers 4 Families could build a system.
	12.2 Create a structure/venue (clearinghouse) for dialogue among the systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dynamic, flexible, adaptable • Planning for sustainability - systemic & financial 			Examine existing systems for sharing information (public, professional, etc.) such as 211 or A4F (NRRS), Nebraska Family Help Line, and www.ecclink.org
	12.3 Assemble key stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID resources/assess capacity • Core Concepts around "comprehensive info." 			
	12.4 Acquire resources for ongoing planning & implementation to promote coordination & dissemination.			