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Delaware Family Support Network

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The newly-developed Delaware Family Support Network is centered around a holistic wraparound service approach that allows families to be better supported. It utilizes as a unique cross-collaboration model built out of strong community partners and anchor institutions with a goal of reducing family trauma, intergenerational poverty, and entry into the child welfare system by identifying long-standing barriers and needs, and providing comprehensive services and supports that will increase progress toward strengthening children and families and promoting community resilience. The Network currently consists of two members - Seaford Community of Hope and the Dual Generation Center/Stubbs Early Education Center.

At a Glance

- Network Structure: Volunteer-Coordinated
- Types of Members:
 - o Community-Based FRCs: 1
 - o Government Departments: 1

YEAR
FOUNDED

2021

NETWORK
MEMBERS

2

FAMILIES
SERVED

654



Network Functions

- Connecting Members Through Regular Meetings

Member Service Areas

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Family Development Services
- Child Development Services
- Parent Leadership Development
- Family Economic Success Activities
- Educational Activities
- Health Wellness Activities
- Intentional Multiple Family Member Engagement
- Community-Strengthening Activities

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MISSION STATEMENT:

To strengthen the family as a whole and reduce the number of families living in poverty and those impacted by child welfare by working to identify long-standing barriers and the services and supports needed to reduce them.

Highlights

- Identified the initial implementation location where high rates of poverty exist in a Section 8 Housing and Urban Development housing development on the outskirts of the western rural community of Seaford. Hired a team leader, parent partner, and family partner to expand staffing capacity for the initiative.
- The Parent Advisory Committee has acted as a point of contact for the residents to help plan community activities and disseminate information throughout the Seaford Community of Hope.
- Delaware First Lady Tracey Quillen Carney, together with other community organizations, announced an expansion of the First Chance Delaware initiative to build on progress toward strengthening children and families and promoting community resilience in Wilmington.

Outcomes

- The Dual Generation Center assisted 12 homeless families to purchase their first home and attain stability.
- Reduced the number of students reporting as homeless by 10%.
- Stabilized over 100 families in safe, affordable rental properties.
- Connected over 60 families to mental health services.

