2023 National Briefing

May 31, 2023
Welcome & Introduction

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NFSN Policy Committee Chair
Kentucky Division of Family Resource & Youth Services Centers
Where are you joining us from?
National Family Support Network

- Founded in 2011 by 8 state Networks as a membership organization
- Volunteer-coordinated until November 2015
National Family Support Network

- Grown to 39 Member Networks of more than 3,000 Family Resource Centers
NFSN Mission

- To promote positive outcomes for all children, families, and communities by leveraging the collective impact of state Family Resource Center Networks and championing quality family support and strengthening practices and policies.

NFSN Vision

- A nation in which every family is thriving and every state has a strong and effective Family Resource Center Network.
NFSN Areas of Work

1. Connecting and convening member networks to enhance their effectiveness - Increasing connectedness amongst members for peer learning and mutual support.


3. Raising the visibility of the value and impact of FRCs and FRC Networks - in order to strengthen and increase support for families.
Briefing Objectives

- To focus national attention on the value and impact of Family Resource Centers and Family Resource Center Networks
- To report out on progress with implementation of the Blueprint
- To provide a unique opportunity for various stakeholders to connect with FRC Networks from across the country
Blueprint for the Development of Strong Networks of Family Resource Centers

I. Strengthen Existing FRC Networks
II. Establish New Networks
III. Strengthen the Family Resource Center Workforce
IV. Connect and Leverage FRC Networks with Other Initiatives
Speakers

Emma Mogendorff
Program Officer
Sauer Family Foundation
Minnesota

Janie Cole
Commissioner, Bureau for Family Assistance
West Virginia Dept. of Health & Human Resources

Cheryl Lissak
Kinship Caregiver
New Hampshire

Becky Berk
Impact and Evaluation Director
New Hampshire Children's Trust

Stan Rosenzweig
Chairperson, Board of Directors
Family Support Centers of Utah
Briefing Overview

- Blueprint Area Report Out
- Progress Update
- Bright Spot
- Looking Forward
- Connecting Dots
- NFSN Resources & Opportunities
- Exploring FRC Networks
- Thanks & Evaluation
Blueprint Area 1: Strengthen Existing FRC Networks & Area 2: Establish New FRC Networks
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Objective: Increase the capacity of existing FRC Networks

Objective: Support the creation of new Networks

Systems Change Actions

- Support efforts at the federal level to increase funding that can be leveraged for FRC Networks
- Support efforts at the state and county levels to leverage federal, state, and local funding for FRC Networks
- Encourage funders to allocate resources to FRC Networks to increase their capacity and sustainability and to seed and develop new FRC Networks
Blueprint Area 1: Strengthen Existing FRC Networks & Area 2: Establish New FRC Networks

Progress to Date

- Investments in FRC Network Infrastructure: Hawaii, North Carolina, Texas
- Deeper investments in FRCs: Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, New Hampshire, New York City, New York State, Oklahoma, Utah, West Virginia
- New Networks Established: Minnesota, Nebraska
- First-time investments in FRCs: Kansas, Michigan, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington
Bright Spots: Minnesota & West Virginia

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Looking Forward

NFSN Internal Actions

- Advance policy discussions related to ensuring adequate resources for FRC Networks, providing impact data and an analysis of how FRC Networks are currently funded.

- Conduct outreach to key stakeholders in states without Networks, such as state human services departments, philanthropy, Children’s Trust Funds, and existing FRCs to promote the concept of developing FRC Networks.
Blueprint Area 3: Strengthen the FRC Workforce

Matricia Patterson
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Wisconsin
Blueprint Area 3: Strengthen the FRC Workforce

Objective: Advance understanding of the value of the FRC workforce

Systems Change Action

Encourage systems to recognize that FRC work is valuable and needs to be adequately resourced.
Blueprint Area 3: Strengthen the FRC Workforce

Progress to Date

- Illinois provided additional funding to Family Advocacy Centers to increase salaries and staffing.
- Vermont Network conducted a salary analysis comparing salaries and benefits of Parent Child Center staff with those of state government and education employees. Used it to advocate for increased funding to address wage and benefits gaps.
- Vermont legislature included $2M increase in state budget. Governor vetoed budget, and there will be a veto override session in June.
Bright Spot: Utah

Stan Rosenzweig
Chairperson, Board of Directors
Family Support Centers of Utah
The mission of Family Support Centers of Utah is to ensure our Centers are optimally equipped to strengthen families and prevent child abuse.

Family Support Centers of Utah provides local Family Support Centers with the tools and resources to ensure they are strong and optimally equipped to strengthen Utah families and prevent child abuse.
Statewide Network

11 Family Support Centers are strategically placed throughout Utah to provide services to all Utah families.

17 Crisis and Respite Nurseries are managed by those 11 centers.
Strengthening the Workforce

How we got there

Needs Assessment 2021

Top Funding Priorities as identified by 100% of the Family Support Center directors:

1. Raising employee wages
2. Providing employee benefits.

2022 Legislative Session

Funding request to the Utah state legislature for $3.4M State funding was Approved!
Invest Now for Future Savings

Every $1 invested in a Family Support Center results in $3.65 of savings for the child welfare system per year.*
*omni.org/nfsn-reports

Each substantiated case of child maltreatment costs an estimated $830,928 over the victim’s lifetime.*
*health.utah.gov/vipp/kids/childmaltreatment
Blueprint Area 3: Strengthen the FRC Workforce

Looking Forward

NFSN Internal Actions

- Develop a framework and tools to support Member Networks to conduct wages and benefits surveys and analysis in their states.
- Develop and provide budget advocacy tools for Member Networks.
Blueprint Area 4: Connect and Leverage FRC Networks with Other Initiatives

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Blueprint Area 4: Connect and Leverage FRC Networks with Other Initiatives

Objective: Increase and highlight connections of FRC Networks with other initiatives

Systems Change Actions

- Facilitate connections between FRC Networks and current and proposed initiatives.

- Include FRC Networks in initiatives, funding opportunities, policy papers, and statements related to areas where they can affect impact.
Together with Casey Family Programs and Chapin Hall, convene a cohort of FRC Networks and Child Welfare staff in 7 states (CO, IL, KY, ME, NJ, NY, WV) to coordinate efforts

NFSN engaged as a Subject Matter Expert for the new Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network

Held Webinar Wednesdays highlighting the intersection of FRCs with Community Schools and Health Care

Invited presenters to connect with NFSN Member Networks from Nonprofit VOTE, National Diaper Bank Network, and PACES Connection
Bright Spot: New Hampshire

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Kinship Navigation - Program Eligibility

Program participation is **free, voluntary** and open to grandparents, relative caregivers, and fictive kin who are raising a child/children in the absence of the child/children’s biological parents.
Kinship Navigation Programs
Fill the Gap

Kinship Navigation Program Locations
The Role of the Family Resource Centers

TO PROMOTE AND DELIVER THE KN PROGRAM TO ELIGIBLE FAMILIES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

COLLABORATE + PROGRAM DELIVERY + SUPPORT GROUPS & TRAINING

OUTREACH & PROMOTION + COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS + DATA COLLECTION

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The Role of the Kinship Navigator

TO PROMOTE INDEPENDENCE AND ENHANCE WELL-BEING OF FAMILIES THEY SERVE

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT + EDUCATION + GUIDANCE

INFORMATION + REFERRAL + FOLLOW UP

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Program Funding & Administration

- State of New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
- Bureau of Economic and Housing Supports
- Department of Child Youth Families (DCYF)
- Center for Disease Control (CDC)
- The Governor’s Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Administered by NH Children’s Trust
# Numbers Served

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<td>Discharged from FRC without KNP enrollment</td>
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## Causal Factors

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A Kinship Caregiver’s Perspective

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Blueprint Area 4: Connect and Leverage FRC Networks with Other Initiatives

Looking Forward

NFSN Internal Actions

- Raise the visibility of the value of FRC Networks as potential partners in key initiatives.
- Connect Member Networks to initiatives and opportunities related to areas where they can affect impact.
Connecting Dots

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Connecting Dots

- Click on link to go to the Connecting Dots Blueprint Supporter Form.

- Fill out your contact info on the first page, and then click “next” to share your ideas, resources, and suggested action items for any of the Blueprint Areas.

- If you cannot access the form, please fill out the Word document and send it to NFSN – Mary Robinson-Griffey
NFSN Webinar Wednesdays

June 7, 2:30pm – 3:45pm ET
Uncovering America's Best Kept Secret: Family Resource Centers and Family Resource Center Networks

Register at www.nationalfamilysupportnetwork.org
Developing and Sustaining Effective Parent Advisory Committees Training

June 27 & 28
Register by 6/15

July 25 & 26
Register by 7/13

- Unique highly-rated virtual training for Program staff to maximize the great potential of Parent Advisory Committees
- Co-trained by NFSN staff and an experienced National Parent Leader

Register at www.nationalfamilysupportnetwork.org
Standards Certification Trainings

June 29 & 30
NFSN Open Training
Register by 6/19

July 27 & 28
NFSN Open Training
Register by 7/17

Register at: www.nationalfamilysupportnetwork.org

Check the Certification Training page on the NFSN website to see if your state has a Network that currently offers the Standards Certification Training
FRC Resources

- FRC Page of NFSN Website
  - FRC Overviews
  - Videos
  - Research reports
  - Systems-level funding information

www.nationalfamilysupportnetwork.org/family-support-programs

- Webinar Wednesdays Library
  www.nationalfamilysupportnetwork.org/family-resource-center-webinars
NFSN Hubs

FRC Network Hub
A compilation of both NFSN templates and documents from Member Networks that can be used as examples for FRC Networks and Funders of FRCs

Learning Hub
A compilation of resources for those developing an individual FRC

Access via NFSN website
NFSN Services

- Facilitating connections to NFSN Member Networks
- Presenting for key stakeholders - education leaders, Child Welfare leaders, Children’s Trust Funds, and other public and private funders - about working with and investing in Family Resource Centers
- Providing technical assistance for FRC Network development
- Providing Trainings:
  - Standards Certification Training
  - Developing and Sustaining Effective Parent Advisory Committees Training
Exploring FRC Networks

- Unique opportunity to virtually visit up to 2 NFSN Member Networks
- Use Snapshots on Member Network map as a guide
Thanks & Evaluation