FY27 Plan At A Glance:
Network Capacity Initiative

Network: **EVERYCHILD-Rock Island**

Network Capacity	The Network Capacity Initiative focuses on building the collaborative capacity and structure that is needed to improve the system and enhance outcomes for children and families. By building their network capacity, AOK Network partners become more capable of creating powerful and sustainable system improvements. AOK Network partners work together to build their collaborative capacity by focusing on four core areas: Shared Agenda, Collaborative Leadership and Engagement, Continuous Learning and Adaptive Action, and Network Governance.
Overall Result Desired:	The AOK Network partners have an agreed upon shared agenda and Network governance. Partners have the capacity through improved collaborative leadership and engagement to generate changes to improve the early childhood system. The Network partners understand the importance of collective learning and adapt well to changing conditions in the community.

Objectives		Approaches/Strategies		Outcomes
1.4	**Contract Requirements** By June 30, 2030, Rock Island County AOK local staff will meet 100% of the Performance Standards outlined by the Illinois Department of Early Childhood as evidenced by AOK Connect reports and the semi-annual PPR.	**1.4.1**	**Local & State AOK Website & Social Media Updates**	• More people have increased knowledge of AOK events, mission, objectives, and successes.
		1.4.2	**Professional Development**	• Increase in AOK Networks staff's implementation of evidence-based practices.
		1.4.3	**AOK Family Resource Guide**	• More families will have increased knowledge of the AOK Network and contact information for local resources.
		1.4.4	**Network Capacity Assessment**	• Increased understanding of AOK Network Partners' perception of strengths and challenges related to Network Capacity.
		1.4.5	**Early Childhood Mental Health**	• Increased awareness of early childhood mental health and available community resources.
1.6	**Enhance Family Engagement** By June 30, 2030, more parents will have the capacity to help partners meaningfully engage parents in systems change (or program design), increasing parents as partners as a result of	**1.6.3**	**Conversation Cafes for Family Engagement**	• More partners are knowledgeable about family engagement strategies.
		1.6.4	**Conversations with Caregivers**	• More families receive information about ECEC programs and community services. • More Parent Ambassadors are engaging in 1:1 conversation with parents at community outreach events.

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	the approaches described below.	**1.6.5**	**Parent Cafes**	• More caregivers feel supported and better able to use the 5 Protective Factors in their lives.
1.7	**Collaborative Process Development** By June 30, 2028, more system actors will collaborate to address barriers families experience around state & federal funded services and resources within the early childhood system such as WIC, SNAP, pediatric health care, childcare, and preschool.	**1.7.3**	**Local Political Engagement**	• More partners feel knowledgeable about policy changes affecting the families they serve. • More families feel supported while navigating policy changes that affect them.
		1.7.4	**Navigating WIC Resources**	• More families are enrolled and utilizing WIC services. • More families can easily navigate the WIC system.