



FY26 Plan At A Glance: Network Capacity Initiative

Network: Wabash County

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		Outcome
1.6	Increase parents as partners By June 30, 2030, at least 50% of 20 Wabash/Edwards AOK Network partners include family voice in decision making, increasing parents as partners as a result of the approaches below.	1.6.1	Partner Cafes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Café participants increase their understanding and commitment to include family voice in their program planning and decision-making.
		1.6.2	FET Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase FE team’s ability to engage parents as leaders through COFI model. Increase parent participation through establishment of COFI parent group.
1.7	Contract Deliverables By June 30, 2026 the Wabash/Edwards County AOK will complete all contract deliverables included in the AOK contract	1.7.1	Website updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By providing quarterly updates to the State AOK website by end of FY25, AOK staff will showcase Wabash/Edwards progress to statewide viewers
		1.7.2	Resource Directory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By maintaining and regularly updating the resource directory by end of FY26, AOK staff will empower 200+ families, providers, and partners annually with current, verified resources for nutrition, activity, and family strategies
		1.7.3	Annual Self-Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase AOK Network partners’ understanding of collaboration’s strengths and challenges.
		1.7.4	Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By participating in professional development training by end of FY26, AOK staff will master advanced strategies in nutrition, physical activity, and family engagement



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1.8	Shared Learning By June 30, 2030, the Wabash/Edwards AOK Network annually implements quarterly shared learning series for service providers and community partners focused on promoting healthy childhood weight (nutrition, physical activity, and family engagement strategies), increasing participants' knowledge	1.8.1	Knowledge and capacity building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase training participants knowledge of nutrition, physical activity and family engagement strategies, so that more children grow up at a healthy weight and enter school ready to learn, move, and thrive.
		1.8.2	Collaboration and Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So that service providers don't just learn new strategies — they actually apply them in their daily work, leading to more coordinated, consistent, and effective support for families across both counties.