



FY26 Plan At A Glance: Network Capacity Initiative

Network: Will 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
1.5	Enhance Family Engagement By June 30, 2030, Parent Ambassadors have the capacity to help other parents navigate the early childhood system, specifically around communication and literacy, increasing parents as partners as a result of the approaches described below.	1.5.1	Building Capacity of FE Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, we expect the number of Parent Ambassadors to have a strong connection to the AOK Family Engagement (FE) team and to be informed and trained to connect families to resources to increase from 2 Parent Ambassadors to 4 Parent Ambassadors by the end of this fiscal year.
		1.5.3	Connecting Parents to Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, we expect families in the community will increase their knowledge of services and resources they may need and want.
1.4	Contract Deliverables By June 30, 2030, AOK Network will meet Contract Deliverables, increasing Network Capacity as a result of the approaches below.	1.4.1	AOK Family Resource Guides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, we expect the number of families and providers with knowledge of local resources to increase from 1,327 to 2,500 by the end of this fiscal year.
		1.4.2	Local and State Website Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, we expect the number of people who go to the Will County AOK webpage to increase from 943 to 1,000 people by the end of this fiscal year.



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		1.4.5	Wilder Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, we expect the number of AOK members that complete the Wilder Survey to increase from 25 to 30 AOK members by the end of this fiscal year.
		1.4.3	Local Staff Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, we expect the number of AOK staff with an increased sense of capacity and skills built to increase from 0 to 2 AOK staff members by the end of this fiscal year.
		1.4.4	Promote Early Childhood Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, we expect more providers participating in the conference to report an increase in their knowledge on early childhood mental health by the end of this fiscal year.
1.6	<p>New Partners /Host Networking Events</p> <p>By June 30, 2030, more key service providers in Will County are connected with each other and the AOK Network, enabling providers to directly support families to access services and increase coordination of efforts as a result of approaches described below.</p>	1.6.1	Inviting New Partners to AOK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, we expect the number of active AOK members to increase from 30 to 35 by the end of this fiscal year.
		1.6.2	Hosting Networking Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, we expect the number of providers with increased understanding of early childhood programs and services to increase by the end of this fiscal year.