



FY27 Plan At A Glance: Network Capacity Initiative

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Network: Cicero Berwyn

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
1.4	State Contract Requirements By June 30, 2027, AOK local staff will meet 100% of the Performance Standards outlined by the Illinois Department of Human Services as evidenced by AOK Connect reports and the semi-annual PPR as the approaches described below.	1.4.5	AOK Resource Directory	More families will have increased knowledge of the AOK Network and contact information for local resources.
		1.4.6	AOK Website and Social Media Updates	More people have increased knowledge of AOK events, mission, objectives, and successes.
		1.4.7	Network Capacity Assessment	Increased understanding of AOK Network Partners' perception of strengths and challenges related to Network Capacity.
		1.4.8	Local Staff Professional Development	Increase in AOK Networks staff's implementation of evidence-based practices.
1.5	Enhance Family Engagement By June 30, 2030, the AOK Network enhances meaningful family engagement by increasing opportunities for families to connect, share their voices, influence Network priorities, and access community resources through the Parent Ambassador model.	1.5.3	Parent Ambassador Professional Development	Increase the skills needed to enhance PAs' family engagement.
		1.5.4	Parent Ambassador Engagement Activities	Increase Parent Ambassadors' engagement and influence within the AOK Network by consistently contributing family perspectives and feedback that inform Network planning and decision-making. 80% of PAs participate in PA Team Meetings 80% of PAs participate in each AOK Network meetings



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1.6	Network Partner Community Response By June 30, 2030, AOK Network Partners and community service providers have the knowledge and capacity to respond to family needs and connect families to timely resources and essential supports.	1.6.3	Community Led Learning	Increased knowledge and confidence in supporting families on the topics covered.
		1.6.4	Community Needs Structure	Increase Partner engagement in a coordinated community response system that increases the availability of essential resources and improves families' access to basic needs supports.