FY27 Plan At A Glance:
Network Capacity Initiative

Network: **ADAMS 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
1.4	**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, specifically the percentage of Performance Standards met. Data source: AOK Connect reports and PPR.	**1.4.1**	**AOK Family Resource Guide**	• More families will have increased knowledge of the AOK Network and contact information for local resources.
		1.4.2	**Local & State AOK Website Updates**	• More people have increased knowledge of AOK events, mission, objectives, and successes.
		1.4.3	**Local Staff Professional Development**	• Increase in AOK Networks staff's implementation of evidence-based practices.
		1.4.5	**Network Capacity Assessment**	• Increased understanding of AOK Network Partners' perception of strengths and challenges related to Network Capacity.
		1.4.6	**Early Childhood Mental Health**	• Increased awareness of early childhood mental health and available community resources.
1.5	**Network Infrastructure** By June 30, 2030, more AOK Network partners understand their role as a collaborative leader and take individual and organizational responsibility for	**1.5.3**	**Create Video Library**	• Increase partners' understanding and awareness of early childhood programs and AOK initiatives.
		1.5.4	**Weekly Network News**	• Increase communication among partners and community about important dates, events, and current information • Increase engagement and participation in Network efforts.

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	carrying out the Network's shared agenda.	**1.5.5**	**Member Recruitment**	• Increase cross-sector representation to support the Network's mission and goals.
1.6	**Family Engagement** By June 30, 2030, more Parent Ambassadors are engaging families and incorporating family perspectives into the planning and implementation of AOK Network efforts.	**1.6.3**	**Parents as Ambassadors**	• More Parent Ambassadors commit to engaging families to understand the strengths and challenges of navigating the EC system of services and support.
		1.6.4	**Week of the Young Child**	• Increased engagement and collaboration among Parent ambassadors, Network members and community stakeholders through participation in the WOYC. • Increase Parents' knowledge of the importance of early learning and community resources.
		1.6.5	**Parents as Partners**	• Increase parents' knowledge of the AOK Networks system improvement efforts and community resources. • Increase the Network's understanding of system strengths and challenges from families.
1.7	**Understanding Parents' Managing Styles** By June 30, 2030, more AOK Network partners have an increased understanding of parents' lived experiences and the Strategies they use to support their families, increasing parents' role as partners in making the system work for them.	**1.7.3**	**Trauma-informed Workforce Development Trainings (1.4.4 State Contract Requirement)**	• Increase Network partners' knowledge on how trauma affects parents' behavior.

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