



FY26 Plan At A Glance: Network Capacity Initiative

Network: DuPage 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	Connecting with Underserved Families By June 2030, 60% (20 of 34) DA ECC early childhood partners will connect with underserved families in DuPage, increasing parents as partners as a result of approaches.	1.5.1	Increase Family voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, we expect the number of EC collaborations to include family voice in early learning to increase from 4 to 6 by the end of this fiscal year.
		1.5.2	Community of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, EC Collaborations across DuPage learn from parents' perspective on how the EC system may promote parents as partners.
1.6	Enhance Family Engagement By June 30, 2026, 8 Parent Ambassadors will have leadership skills to contribute their voice and perspectives to improve local systems, enhancing family engagement as a result of the approaches below.	1.6.1	Parent Ambassador Insights and Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, there will be an increase in the number of families on our distribution list that want to be more aware of and be knowledgeable of resources and opportunities in the community increasing access to services their family needs and wants.
		1.6.2	Parent Ambassador Community of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, all PAs will increase their knowledge of the EC system and confidence to engage families in AOK Network initiatives.



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1.7 By June 30, 2026, AOK Network will meet Contract Deliverables, increasing Network Capacity as a result of the approaches below.	Contract Deliverables	1.7.1	Resource Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, community partners and families in DuPage will increase their knowledge of resources in DuPage by the end of this fiscal year.
		1.7.2	State Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, AOK network partners will increase their knowledge of AOK efforts by the end of this fiscal year.
		1.7.3	Self-Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, AOK Staff will complete self assessment survey by the end of this fiscal year.
		1.7.4	Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, AOK staff will increase their professional skills by the end of this fiscal year.
		1.7.5	Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of these efforts, AOK network partners and families in DuPage will increase their knowledge of children's mental health initiatives by the end of this fiscal year.