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Illinois Family Support Network

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The Network consists of a partnership with the state child welfare agency and nonprofit organizations to promote services statewide that support families and children within their own communities, to increase parenting knowledge and skills, and to offer prevention services to reduce child abuse and neglect. The nonprofit organizations are Family Advocacy Centers, Crisis Nurseries, and Parent Cafe and Share Centers.

In addition to a core service model of family-centered advocacy, mentorship, and community partnerships, the nonprofit organizations provide specific services needed in their own communities such as immigrant welcome centers, food pantries, child care, computer literacy, and substance abuse education and counseling.

At a Glance

- Network Structure: Public Funder-Coordinated
- Types of Members:
 - o Community-Based Programs: 41

Network Functions

- Training/Technical Assistance

Member Service Areas

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Family Development Services
- Child Development Activities
- Intentional Multiple Family Member Engagement



YEAR
FOUNDED

2020

NETWORK
MEMBERS

41

FAMILIES
SERVED

11,000

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MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote child safety by maintaining, strengthening, and safeguarding the functioning of families.

Highlights

- The Network commenced in 2020 and began collaborating with its partners.
- The Network provides free Standards of Quality Certification Training.

Outcome

Family Advocacy Centers have maintained a 90% rate of keeping families who are at risk and participating in services intact without their children being separated from them and entering kinship or foster care.



Standards of Quality Implementation

Standards of Quality



for Family Strengthening & Support

STANDARDS TRAINERS

6

CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

4

CERTIFIED INDIVIDUALS

138