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FAMILY
NETWORK

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Maryland Family Network (MFN) was originally formed in 1986 as a prevention-oriented program in response to the increasing number of children entering the foster care system. MFN has become the primary advocate for the needs of young children and their families. MFN provides oversight for the Network of Early Head Start Centers, Family Support Centers, and Child Care Resource Centers, referral services for parents seeking childcare for their young children, leadership training for parents, and conducts Parent Cafes.

At a Glance

- Year founded: 1986
- Year joined NFSN: 2011
- Network type: Independent Nonprofit
- Network staff: 25 FTE
- Network annual budget: \$7.4M
- Funding sources:
 - Early Head Start
 - State Education Funds

Highlights

- The Network added four new Family Support Centers (FSCs)
- The Network provided professional development opportunities for the FSCs, including the Certification Training on the Standards of Quality, ITERS-3 training, and parent education curricula trainings.
- The Network coordinated a Network-wide field trip for the first time, sponsoring more than 50 families from all the 17 FSCs to participate in a joint field trip to Port Discovery in Baltimore.

Network Functions

- Connecting Members
- Training/technical assistance
- Working on systems change/policy/advocacy
- Securing/raising funds that are distributed to Members
- Marketing/public awareness activities
- Shared data management system

Standards of Quality Implementation

Standards of Quality



for Family
Strengthening & Support

STANDARDS
TRAINERS

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CERTIFICATION
TRAININGS

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CERTIFIED
INDIVIDUALS

19

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Network Mission Statement:

To ensure young children have strong families, quality early learning environments, and a champion for their interests.

Members

- Number of Members: 34
- Type of Members:
 - 16 Community-Based FRCs
 - 1 School-based FRC
 - 17 Non-FRC Family Support Programs
- 3,000 Individuals served
- Network pass through funding: \$5.6M
- Network pass through funding sources:
 - Federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)
 - Early Head Start
 - State Education Funds

Member Service Areas

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Concrete Support
- Family Development Services
- Child Development Activities
- Parent Leadership Development
- Family Economic Success Activities
- Education Activities
- Health/Wellness Activities
- Community Strengthening Activities

Outcomes

In Fiscal Year 2021:

- 100% Family Support Center adult participants engaged in goal-setting made progress toward their goals
- 97% of children participating in Family Support Center received a developmental screening.
- 93% of children attending a Family Support Center were up to date with immunizations.

