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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 Care and Share Programs.

At a Glance

- Year founded: 2020
- Year joined NFSN: 2020
- Network type: Public Funder-Coordinated

Network Functions

- Training/technical assistance

Highlights

- The Network provides free Certification Trainings on the Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support.
- The Network engages all new Family Advocacy Center staff to complete the Standards Certification Training.
- Developed plans to fund up to 6 new Family Advocacy Centers.



Standards of Quality Implementation

Standards of Quality



for Family Strengthening & Support

STANDARDS TRAINERS

2

CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

8

CERTIFIED INDIVIDUALS

206

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Network Mission Statement:

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

Members

- FRCs in state statute since: 2000
- Number of Members: 36
 - 24 Community-Based FRCs
 - 4 County/City Facility-based FRCs
 - 7 Crisis Nurseries
 - 1 Parent Care and Share Program
- Funding: \$11,423,170
- Funding sources:
 - State General Funds \$9,576,993
 - Federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) \$1,846,177

Member Service Areas

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



Outcomes

- Family Advocacy Centers (FACs) have maintained a 98% rate of keeping families who are at risk and participating in services intact - i.e. without their children entering kinship or foster care, and preventing further child abuse investigative reports.

