Thriving Families 2021 Workgroups:



STATE STEERING COMMITTEE

FOURTH TUESDAY OF EVERY OTHER MONTH | 1:00 - 3:00PM

March 23, May 25, July 27, September 28

How is the State Steering Committee structured?

The State Steering Committee will be the key support team for round one communities in Nebraska. The team will meet regularly (*every other month in 2021) to help implement Nebraska's Thriving Families plan and provide support to each round one community. The representatives on the State Steering Committee have direct access to leaders of their organization for higher level decision making or support as necessary, including barrier busting support at the state level.

Who are the members of the State Steering Committee?

The State Steering Committee will be a collective group of interagency and interdisciplinary representatives to ensure that they are working together in transformational ways. The members will include: 1) round one community coordinators; 2) parent expert; 3) youth expert; and 4) equity experts. In addition to above representatives, the State Steering Committee includes representatives from: 5) the Division of Children and Family Services; 6) the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation; 7) the Division of Public Health; 8) the Office of the First Lady; 9) the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board; 10) the Court Improvement Project

For more information please contact Emily Kluver at Emily.Kluver@nebraska.gov

NATIONAL SITE SUPPORT TEAM Meets with State Steering Committee.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY OTHER MONTH | 1:30PM - 3:00PM

February 11, April 8, June 10, August 12, October 14, December 9

How is the National Site Support Teams (SST) structured?

The SST will be the key support team for each of the Thriving Families jurisdiction. The team will meet regularly (*every other month in 2021) as an independent unit and with the jurisdiction to help plan and implement jurisdictional efforts and serve as a resource and support hub that has knowledge of and access to partner resources. The teams will work seamlessly at the partner organizational level to determine what resources and support can be provided by whom in a highly integrated way to support the Thriving Families jurisdiction's plan. These teams will have the ability to call upon the MDT as needed (consisting of expert consultants from needed fields of expertise, in addition to relevant partner agency resources). The representatives on SST have direct access to the Executive Team representatives of their organization for higher level decision making or support as necessary, including barrier busting support at the federal level.

Who are the members of National Site Support Teams (SST)?

The SSTs will be a collective group of interagency and interdisciplinary representatives to ensure that they are working together in transformational ways. The members will include: 1) parent expert; 2) youth expert; and 3) equity experts. In addition to above representatives, each Site Support Team will include: 4) U.S. Children's Bureau/Federal agency partner lead; 5) Annie E. Casey Foundation lead; 6) Prevent Child Abuse America lead; and 6) a Casey Family Programs lead. The SST lead from each of the four partner agencies will have clearly delineated roles and responsibilities to best support the Thriving Families jurisdiction. This includes the ability to rapidly escalate barriers that require additional support as well as to escalate areas for opportunity that may strengthen the work of all Thriving Families sites. To ensure that the Executive Team is fully informed of the Site Support Teams work, a representative from each of the team will present the team's project status regularly to the Executive Team.

REFRAME COMMUNICATION

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE TBD

A public awareness campaign based on the research of the Aspen 2 Gen Initiative and the Frameworks Institute, is a part of the Thriving Families Opportunities which could include community videos, updating the Bring Up Nebraska website, paid digital ads and various media strategies. The first step of this public awareness campaign is to develop a creative brief to specify various aspects of the campaign including (but not limited to) the target audience, objectives, problem the campaign is addressing and messages to include.

For more information please contact Alyson Goedken at agoedken@nebraskachildren.org

YOUTH AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE TBD

Work group foucused on receiving support, TA and to discuss best practices and barriers to authentic partnerships.

For more information please contact Bobbi Taylor at btaylor@nebraskachildren.org

TRIBES & THRIVING FAMILIES

EVERY FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH | 3:00PM TO 4:00PM

Feb 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6

Identify areas of alignment between Thriving Families and priorities of each of the Tribes

For more information please contact Nathan Busch at nbusch@nebraskachildren.org

RACE EQUITY AND INCLUSION

MARCH 27, 2021 | 9:00AM TO 5:00PM

Workshop for young people.

MARCH 17; MARCH 24; APRIL 21; APRIL 28, 2021 | 10:00AM-12:00PM

Workshop for adult community partners

Creating Inclusive Communities is designed to examine and break down the stereotypes, myths, and barriers among diverse identities – a critical first step in the blueprint for building an inclusive community-based prevention culture that reflects mutual trust, acceptance, and respect of all members of the community. This is achieved through trusted and authentic youth-adult partnership. This plan contains a pipeline of workshops and programs for both community partners and young leaders which purposefully build on each other to create a sustainable, inclusive movement in communities.

Workshop participants will develop a deeper understanding of racial, ethnic, religious, and other cultural diversity while building relational and conflict management skills necessary for driving interpersonal and institutional changes in their own communities.

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DATA WORKGROUP

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE TBD

Working from the assumptions that race is a—if not THE—key factor in disparities how families experience interactions with public, private, and nonprofit organizations, the Thriving Families Data Workgroup's mission is to responsibly and effectively use qualitative and quantitative data to lift up successes, challenges, and changes over time in making such interactions more equitable, inclusive, family-driven, and effective. This mission statement is open to revision as this workgroup develops.

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