

Strong Families, Resilient Neighborhoods

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Imagine...every child and youth in every neighborhood growing up in a safe, stable, nurturing home, enjoying good health, succeeding in school, and continuing on to financial self-sufficiency.

Long Term Goal and Focus Population

Aspirational Goal

Strengthen families and build more resilient neighborhoods in Marion County to improve children’s safety, health, education and wellness outcomes.

Focus Population

Marion County families most in need of community support to successfully nurture and protect their children.

High Leverage Activities

- Engagement in neighborhood mobilization to build the Strengthening Families Protective Factors™ to support and promote healthy development, wellbeing and school success of children and families.
- Focused outreach to provide families most in need of a coordinated array of housing, health care, education, and social services supports
- Enhanced network of community-based nonprofits to partner with state and local government entities to share planning, leadership and resource alignment that is culturally and linguistically responsive and inclusive
- Effective Collective Impact efforts encouraged by piloting a value oriented outcomes-based payment system demonstration project

Success Indicators/Scoreboard

- Strengthening Families Protective Factors™ are increased
- Parental stress is reduced
- Parents’ hope is increased
- Families’ self-sufficiency is increased
- Foster care placement related to neglect and threat of harm is reduced safely and equitably by 25% by 2025
- The number of founded child abuse dispositions related to neglect and threat of harm is reduced.
- Chronic student absenteeism is reduced.

Strong Families, Resilient Neighborhoods is a community mobilization movement designed to promote the positive development of children, strengthen families and build resilient neighborhoods.

Key Assumptions

1. Safe, stable, nurturing relationships are the key social determinants of optimum child development and adult resiliency.
2. Promoting the *Strengthening Families Protective Factorstm* at home and in the neighborhood reduces toxic stress, builds adult capabilities, fosters hope, and increases resiliency when facing stressful situations.
3. Acute and/or chronic adversity in childhood leads to hyper-sensitivity to stress and potential lifelong impacts to health.
4. Strengthening families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment will reduce entry into foster care, increase family stabilization and expedite reunification and permanency for children.
5. Collaboration across sectors is vital for solving complex social problems and creating collective impact and social cohesion.
6. Employing a holistic approach to health care that includes social determinants as well as behavioral and physical health results in better outcomes of wellbeing and success in life.
7. A culturally responsive approach that embeds equity, justice and inclusion at all levels of the social ecology is essential to achieving optimum child and family outcomes.
8. The intentional pursuit of quality and accountability, evaluation of service delivery and results, and use of data to continually improve decision-making are essential to achieving the desired breakthrough results.