

strengthening families

THROUGH EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

## Parent Partnerships

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Leadership Team Discussion

# Action Plan Goals

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- Support early care and education programs implementing Strengthening Families™ in developing parent partnerships
- Engage parents as co-creators, decision-makers and leaders in state-wide Strengthening Families™ work
- Create process and structures to engage parents parent-to-parent efforts to build protective factors and strengthen families

# Engaging Parents in State-level Decision Making—Key Questions

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- Who can recruit parent and support their participation on the leadership team?
- Where are funds to defray costs (travel, childcare, time off work) for parent leaders?
- Are there state level parent leadership organizations to partner with?
- What other active decision making roles can parents play in the initiative?

# Engaging Parent Leaders in ECE Programs -- Key Questions

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- What are the parent partnership expectations for Strengthening Families programs in the state?
- What tools will be available to help programs engage parents?
  - Materials describing the initiative
  - Training for parents and/or staff
  - Resources for programs to build parent partnerships
- How can excellent local parent partnership models be shared?

# Communicating with Parents on Family Strengthening & Protective Factors

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- What communication strategies will be used?
- What partners can help get out the message?
- What structures can encourage parent-to-parent communication around protective factors?