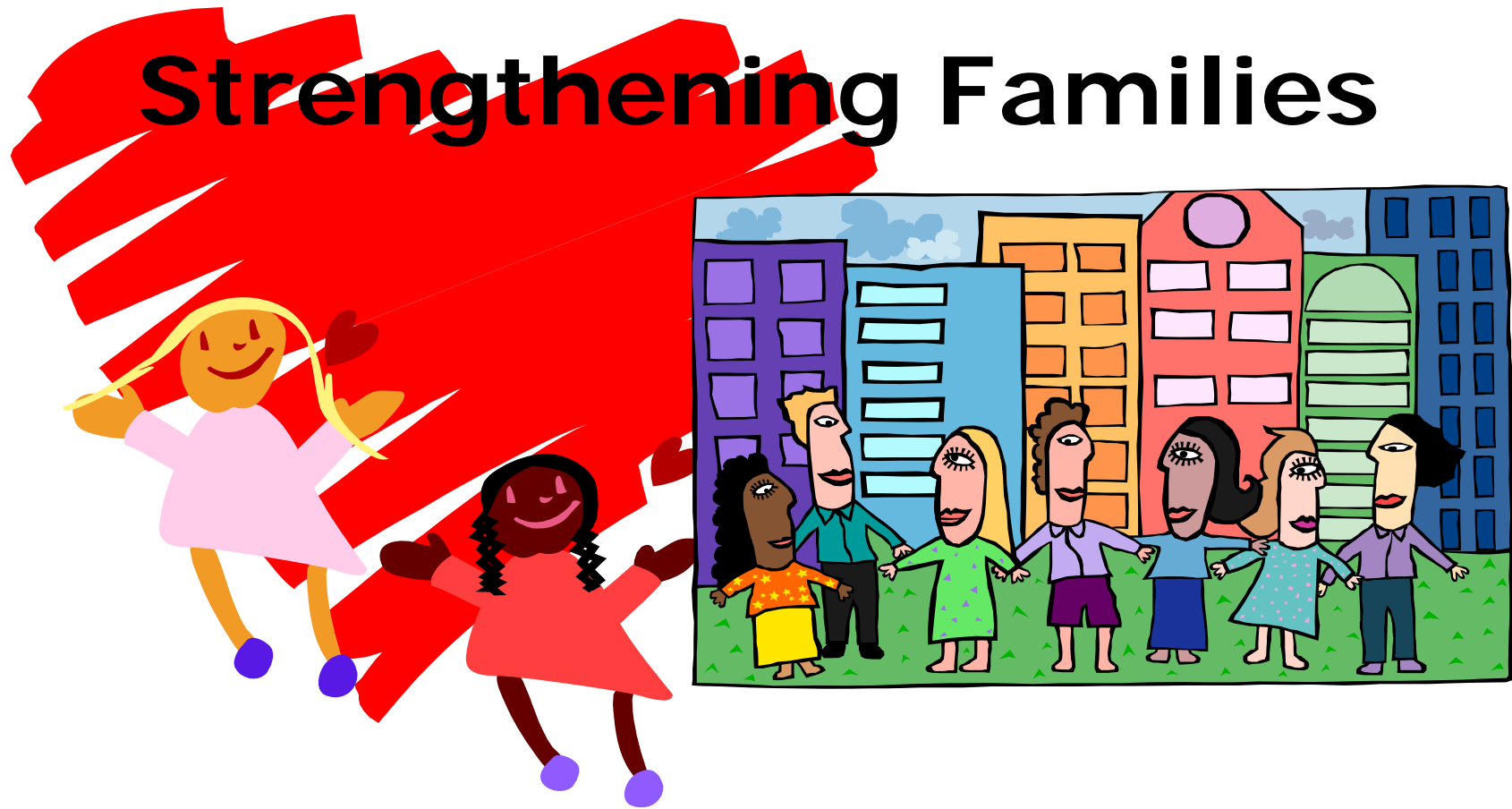
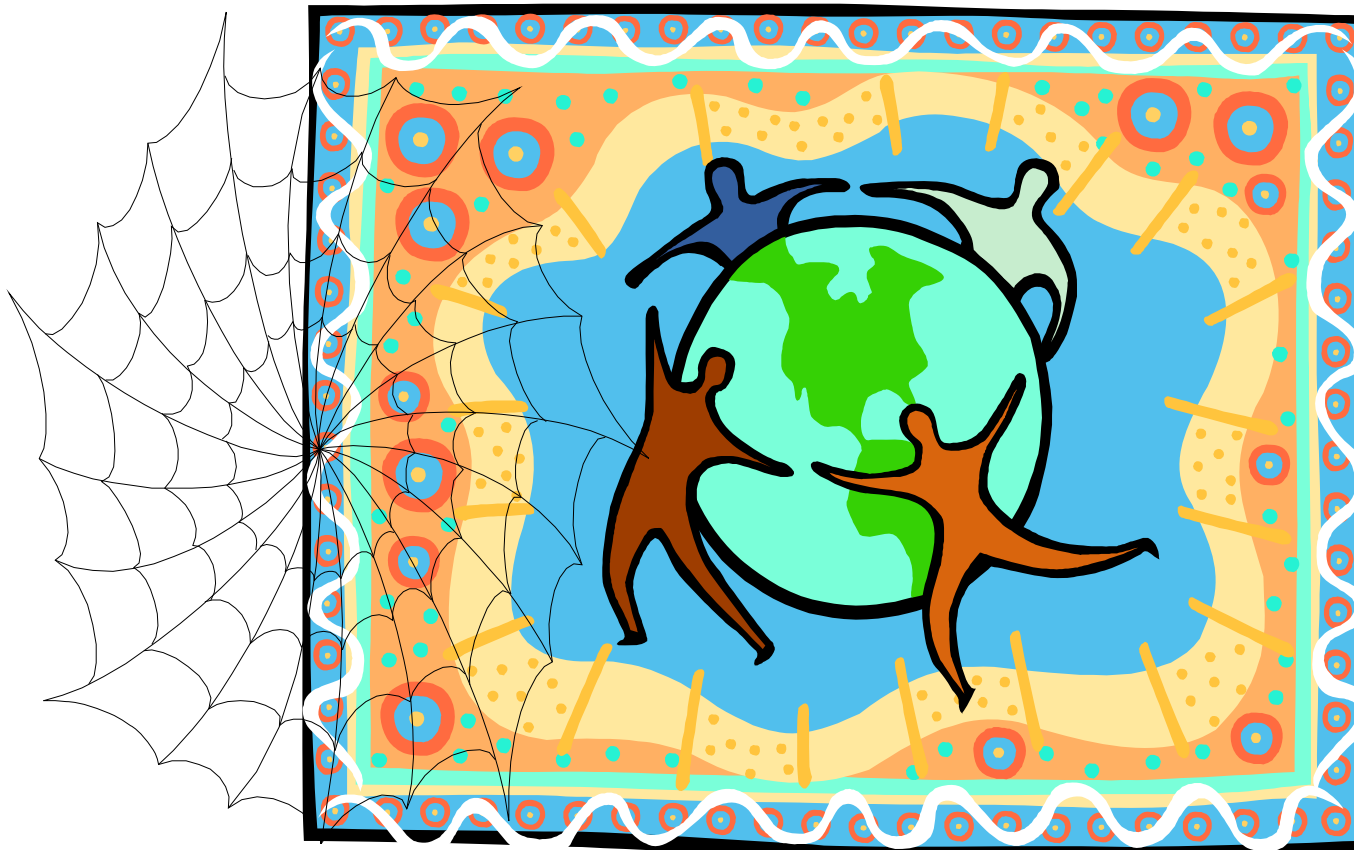


Relationships: Linking Our Thinking, Learning, and Doing

Strengthening Families



Relationships as the pathways through which impacts are made at the personal, family, community, and system levels.



If you care about me don't empower me

If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.

Lilla Watson
Australian Aborigine Woman

Everything participates in the creation and evolution of its neighbors

- **There are no unaffected outsides.**
- **No one system dictates conditions to another.**
- **All participate together in creating the conditions of their interdependence.**



Weaving relationships

- Moving from a place of fear to a place of love
- Lets greet each other
- Lets have a cup of coffee together
- I will trust you when I have broken bread with you
- Can we see ourselves in each other?



Life uses messes to get to well-ordered solutions.

Life doesn't seem to share our desire for efficiency or neatness.

It uses redundancy, fuzziness, dense webs of relationships, and unending trails and errors to find what works.



“What we know about individuals, no matter how rich the details, will never give us the ability to predict how they will behave as a system. Once individuals link together they become something different... Relationships change us, reveal us, evoke more from us. Only when we join with others do our gifts become Visible, even to ourselves.”

Margaret Wheatley and
Myron Kellnes-Rogers

