

PRIORITY AREA: STRONG FAMILIES

Desired Outcome 1:
Families raise their children in safe, stable, nurturing homes.

★ **Community-Level Impacts:**

- Decrease in rates of child abuse and neglect.
- Decrease in percent of children living in poverty.⁴

Objective 1.1

Enhance the **system** of effective family support and strengthening programs.

Strategy 1.1a

Lead or support a multi-disciplinary effort to **adopt common standards and practices** for family support and strengthening programs.

Key Activities

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
• Select a lead convener (staff or consultant) to facilitate the planning process.				
• Convene interested partners, assess current family support and strengthening standards and practices, adopt a common framework (e.g., Strengthening Families/5 Protective Factors).				
• Coordinate necessary trainings for interested partners.				
• Provide technical assistance to organizations on assessing and enhancing their family strengthening policies and practices.				

Indicators of Progress (Measurement of Results)

- S** Increase in organizations that adopt the selected family support and strengthening framework.
- M** Improvements in agencies' self-assessment of their family strengthening policies and practices.
- L** Changes in FSS policies and practices within nonprofit and public agencies.

Type of Indicator: ➡ Output **S** Short-Term **M** Medium-Term **L** Long-Term ★ Community-level Impact

⁴ Poverty affects child development in numerous ways, including cognitive, socio-emotional, physical health, and safety. See, for example, Evans, G. W., & Kim, P. (2013). Childhood poverty, chronic stress, self-regulation, and coping. *Child Development Perspectives*, 7(1), 43-48. Retrieved from: http://www.centrearoback.org/inrich/assets/documents/INRICH-PUBCH-EvansKim_ChildhoodPoverty.pdf