The New York State Office of Children and Family Services funds and administers a statewide network of family strengthening and support programs, including a network of Family Resource Centers (FRCs) that are operated by nonprofit agencies. The programs, including FRCs, are embedded in communities and work closely with families, local department of social services, and other organizations serving families.

At a Glance
- Types of Members: Community-Based (16), School-Based (1), Government Department (1)
- Pass-Thru Annually: $314,412
- Funding Sources: Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (Federal), Children and Family Trust Fund (State)
- Network Structure: Public Funder-Coordinated

Network Functions
- Connecting Members
- Training/Technical Assistance
- Pass-Through Funding to Members
- Shared Data Management System

Member Service Areas
- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Child Development Activities
- Community Development Activities
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Highlights

• In 2017, members completed the Standards of Quality Program Self-Assessment tool. A common theme was the need to increase parent leadership. Some members did not have parent advisory committees, while others were seeking support to enhance existing committees. In response, the Network hosted the training by the National Family Support Network for Developing and Sustaining Effective Parent Advisory Committees. Follow up conference calls were held offering opportunities for peer sharing and support.

• The Network has connected with New York City’s new Network of Family Enrichment Centers to share information and training resources.

Outcomes

• Programs participants demonstrated overall improvements in parenting aspects that protect against child abuse and neglect after engaging in services, including increases in family functioning, accessing concrete support services, social supports, and nurturing and attachment.

Standards of Quality Implementation

- 12 Standards Trainers
- 331 Certified Individuals
- 12 Certification Trainings