NATIONAL Family Support NETWORK

Overview

Across the country, Family Resource Centers (FRCs) work with families in a multi-generational, strengths-based, family-centered approach to enhance parenting skills, foster the healthy development and well-being of children, youth, and families, prevent child abuse, increase school readiness, connect families to resources, develop parent and community leadership,engage males and fathers, support healthy marital and couples relationships, and promote family economic success.

Founded in 2011, the National Family Support Network (NFSN) is a membership-based organization comprised of state Networks of two or more Family Resource Centers, working together within a collective impact framework to ensure coordinated quality support for families.

The NFSN currently has 39 Member Networks, comprised of more than 3,000 FRCs serving more than 2 million people each year.

The mission of the NFSN is to promote positive outcomes for all children, families, and communities by leveraging the collective impact of state Networks and championing quality Family Support and Strengthening practices and policies.

The vision of the NFSN is a nation in which every family is thriving and every state has a strong and effective Network of FRCs.

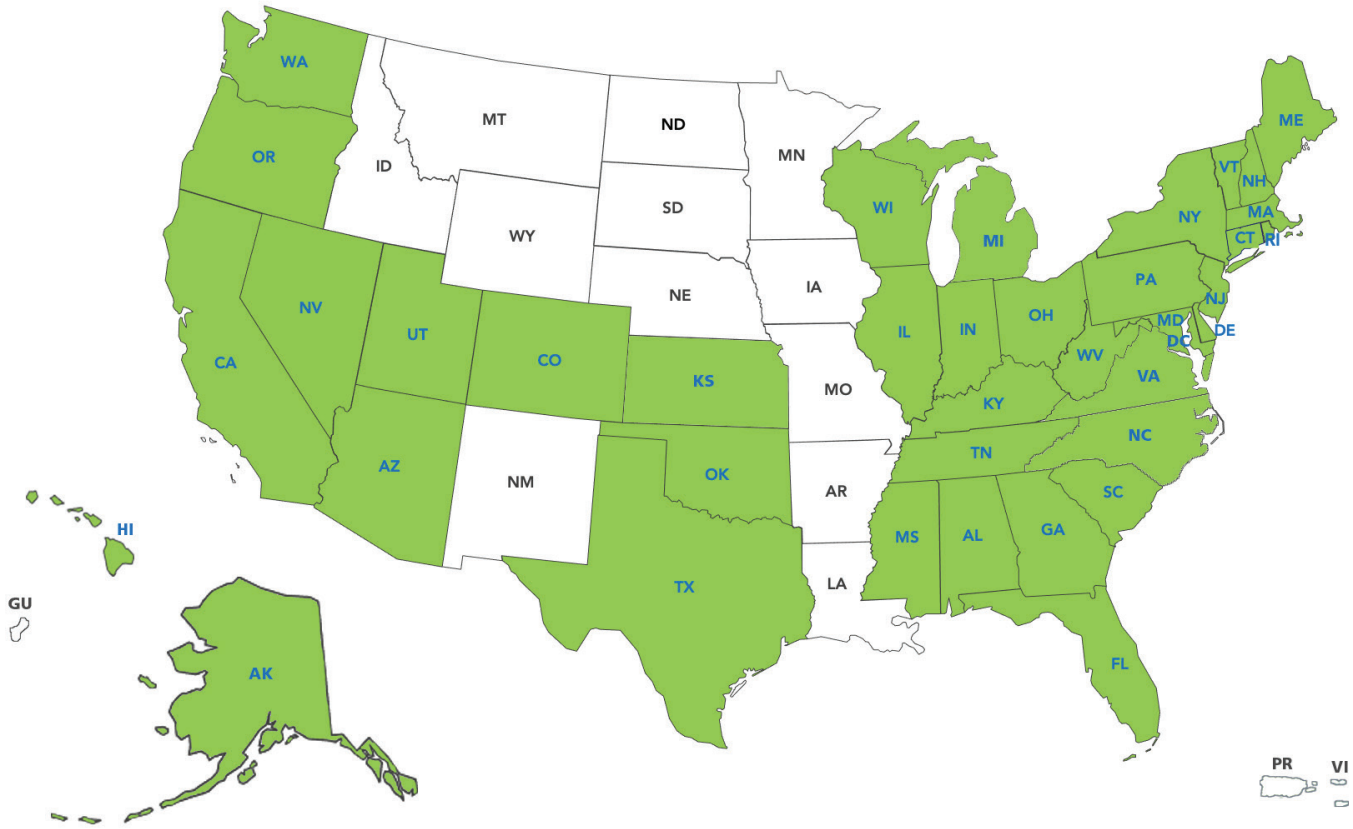
In order to achieve this mission and vision, the NFSN focuses on three main areas of impact:

- **Connecting and convening Member Networks to enhance their effectiveness**: Increasing connectedness amongst members for peer learning and mutual support through monthly virtual meetings, webinars, weekly e-newsletter, member convenings, and networking.

- **Promoting Family Support best practice and evaluation**: Raising awareness of what quality Family Support is and promoting a common language, standards, and evaluation of it through the implementation of the nationally-adopted Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support. These Standards integrate and operationalize the Principles of Family Support Practice with the Strengthening Families Framework and its research-based evidence-informed 5 Protective Factors.

- **Raising awareness of the value of FRCs and Networks of FRCs:** Highlighting both the need to support and strengthen families nationally and the importance of investment in the skilled organizations, Networks, and workforce needed to do so effectively.

Member Networks



- Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers
- Alaska Family Support Network
- Arizona Family Support Network
- California Family Support Network
- Colorado: Family Resource Center Association
- Connecticut Family Resource Center Alliance
- Delaware Family Support Network
- District of Columbia Families First Centers Network
- Florida Family Support Network
- Georgia Family Support Network
- Hawai'i 'Ohana Support Network
- Illinois Family Support Network
- Strengthening Indiana Families
- Kansas Family Resource Center Network
- Kentucky Family Resource and Youth Services Centers
- Family Support Alliance of Maine
- Maryland Family Network
- Massachusetts Family Center Network
- Michigan Family Resource Center Network
- Mississippi Family Support Network
- Nevada Family Resource Centers
- North Carolina Family Resource Center Network
- Family Support New Hampshire
- New Jersey Family Success Centers
- New York State Family Resource Center Network
- Ohio: Greater Cleveland Family Strengthening Network
- Family Support Network of Oklahoma
- Family Support and Strengthening Network of Oregon
- Pennsylvania Family Center Network
- Rhode Island Coalition for Children and Families
- South Carolina Family Resource Center Network
- Tennessee Family Resource Center Network
- Texas Family Support Network
- Protective Factors for Utah Families
- Vermont Parent Child Center Network
- Virginia Family Resource Center Network
- Washington Family Support Network
- Wisconsin: Supporting Families Together Association
- West Virginia Starting Points Family Resource Center Association

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