



Going Behind the Scenes: Effective Partnerships for Primary Prevention

This moderated “fishbowl” discussion offers participants a behind-the-scenes glimpse of effective collaboration to help them gain a deeper understanding of the dynamics of effective collaboration from multiple perspectives. Partners highlight their journeys and share their experiences of the adaptive challenges they faced in building the relationships and capacities needed to be an effective partner. The session also offers suggested strategies for avoiding pitfalls and addressing speedbumps along the way to implementing effective partnerships for primary prevention.

Session Resources

- [1. Primary Prevention: Themes from Fiscal Year 2018 Grantee Site Visits](#)**
The Children’s Bureau awards discretionary grants for research and program development to state, tribal, and local agencies; faith- and community-based organizations; and other nonprofit and for-profit groups. This series raises awareness of the lessons learned by various grantee projects on subjects spanning the child welfare continuum.
- [2. Building a Community of Hope in Gainesville, Florida](#)**
This video from Casey Family Programs describes the Gainesville, FL, Communities of Hope. Gainesville is building Communities of Hope through three community resource centers serving at-risk communities. The Library Partnership, SWAG Family Resource Center, and Cone Park Library Resource Center offer support and preventive services—such as food and clothing banks, parenting classes, and job-readiness training—tailored to residents in areas that historically have had high rates of verified child abuse and neglect. Together, they are changing lives.
- [3. Community-Based Family Support: Exemplars with Implementation and Evaluation Strategies](#)**
This research brief focuses on the need for community-based initiatives, lessons learned regarding design and implementation, and promising evaluation strategies.
- [4. Evolution of the Resource Center Model](#)**
This handout from the Partnership for Strong Families provides an overview of the Resource Center model.
- [5. Partnership for Strong Families Resource Center Website](#)**
The Partnership for Strong Families Resource Center website provides more information about this community-based care agency.
- [6. Resource Center Annual Report 2019](#)**
This 2019 report from the Partnership for Strong Families Resource Center provides an overview of the families and individuals served, the programming offered in communities, success stories, and planned next steps, including efforts to evaluate, refine, and expand the Resource Center model.
- [7. 'Sanctuary Families' to Help Parents Facing Deportation](#)**

This is an audio highlight about the Sanctuary Families program from the Center for Family Life in Sunset Park.

8. Developing Collaborative Relationships

The National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare discusses the importance of collaboration across multiple agencies to work toward better outcomes for children and their families. This webpage also provides more indepth resources on this topic and examples of collaboration in New Jersey and Vermont.

9. National Training Initiative

The National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Initiative (NTI) is a division of the Center for Adoption Support and Education that provides support and web-based training for adoption, guardianship, foster care, and kinship welfare. It aims to advance practice for permanency and well-being. NTI has developed two state-of-the-art, standardized, web-based trainings to build the capacity of child welfare and mental health professionals in all states, tribes, and territories to effectively support children, youth, and their foster, adoptive, and guardianship families.