

Building Our Child Welfare System Together

The podcast series *How We Partner With the Community to Improve Service Options* explores how jurisdictions are changing their organizational culture to improve service array through collaboration with families, communities, and partners. Becoming a family-focused system is a continuous journey, dependent upon taking action to plan, build, and sustain change. Teams and individuals can use the infographic as they listen to the episodes to identify key themes, strategies, and considerations.



Capacity Building
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Who needs to be a part of **PLANNING?**

- ◆ Parents
- ◆ Youth
- ◆ Community members
- ◆ Resource parents
- ◆ Child welfare staff
- ◆ Behavioral health providers
- ◆ Court and school system representatives
- ◆ Community organizations
- ◆ Other service providers



What are the ingredients for **BUILDING?**

Tools

- ◆ Shared data
- ◆ Leadership vision and commitment
- ◆ Coordinated funding
- ◆ Collaborative planning
- ◆ Shared goals
- ◆ Shared practice model

Materials

- ◆ Time
- ◆ Resources
- ◆ Leadership
- ◆ Legislation
- ◆ Policy
- ◆ Training
- ◆ Stakeholder and staff buy-in



What efforts are involved in **SUSTAINING?**

- ◆ Collaborating for planning and goal setting
- ◆ Offering culturally responsive services
- ◆ Performing regular assessments
- ◆ Infusing feedback into programs
- ◆ Making decisions alongside families and partners
- ◆ Practicing continuous quality improvement
- ◆ Building upon existing strengths
- ◆ Documenting and incorporating lessons learned