

Looking Through a Family Engagement Lens...



Exploring Strengthening Families in Child Care Cohort (ESF Cohort)

Child Care Aware of NH, a Child Care Resource and Referral Program powered by Southern New Hampshire Services in collaboration with NH's Children's Trust and the State Early Learning Alliance (SELA), is offering the Exploring Strengthening Families (ESF) in Child Care Cohort. The ESF Cohort is intended for child care centers and family child care providers. Participating child care programs will walk through the five protective factors of supporting families, explore resources available to help families in their area, and network with other programs focusing on Strengthening Families. This Cohort will allow programs to assess their current family engagement practices, identify resources that are available to both the program and families, as well as create goals to sustain change in their practice to ensure the support of our New Hampshire families.



Benefits of ESF Cohort, using the Strengthening Families Five Protective Factors, participants will...

- Collaborate with peers through a cohort model approach to strengthen your program's practices in supporting families.
- Become familiar with Strengthening Families Approach.
- Explore how to incorporate the Strengthening Families Five Protective Factors into your program.
- Participate in a Strengthening Families Self-Assessment and develop a robust action plan to incorporate this approach into your practice.
- Obtain resources and support through professional development and technical assistance in a cooperative group setting.
- Build on your current family engagement practices to assist families.
- Earn a Certificate of Completion for the Exploring Strengthening Families Cohort upon fulfilling requirements.



Criteria for Programs: Programs must be willing to:

- Meet bimonthly from October 2019 to June 2020.
- Complete a Strengthening Families Program Self-Assessment.
- Review program self-assessment to develop an action plan.
- Review action plan with staff and initiate implementation of a Strengthening Families Approach.
- Complete the Strengthening Families Modules.

Application Due Date: Friday September 13, 2019

Selection & Notification Process: The in-house selection process will be based on program needs. Programs will be selected and notified by September 30, 2019. This ESF Cohort Program runs from October 2019 to June 2020. All participating programs will be listed in the November Monthly Minutes.

Questions? Call our Training and TA Line at 1-855-393-1731 ext. 32

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