Kinship Navigator Children's Home Network Logic Model

Inputs

20 years of experience working with kinship care

Strong existing community partnerships

Monthly Community Collaborative Meetings

Experienced Leadership Team

18 years of evaluation and program partnership

Successfully executed federal demonstration project with 1551 caregivers in 3 years

Braided funding including federal, state, county, private foundation, United Ways, etc.

Electronic Health Record System and other streamlined data management

Supportive Board of Directors

Policies and Practices promoting kinship placements

Support groups

Over 10 peer reviewed journal articles based on program.

Activities

Engaging and enrolling kinship caregivers and youth in the development of the implementation of KN CHN components.

Connecting kinship families to resources and supports.

Training and onboarding of navigators

Assessing factors impacting implementation barriers and facilitators.

Developing cultural adaptations to existing program manual to meet the contextual nuances of the implementation setting.

Collecting baseline, post and follow up data on selected measures.

Obtaining data sharing agreements with collaborative partners.

Participating in national and local thought leadership on lessons learned in kinship navigation.

Developing recommendations that could be included in guidelines for future implementation.

Facilitating Community Collaboratives to engage cross sector, cross system partnerships

Establish toll-free intake line with connection to 211

Outputs

Culturally tailored outreach & engagement efforts

Pre, post and follow up data on validated and reliable measures

Kinship-Centered trainings and events

Community Collaboratives meetings

Family Team meetings

Data sharing agreements

Recommendations to guide future implementation

Theory of change that is culturally tailored to context.

Replication results from several counties, states and jurisdictions.

Follow up data from 12, 24 and 36 months

Outcomes

Short Term

Improve reception of family benefits and services

Improve family protective factors

Improved child safety and reduction in repeated maltreatment.

Improved child placement stability.

Improved caregiver and child well being.

Improved self-care practices for kinship caregivers .

Improved knowledge and awareness of kinship family needs by community providers.

Long Term

Community Collaboratives are a sustained resource.

Children living with relatives are provided with more resources and support.

Kinship caregivers are recognized as a rich resource for families

Strong collaboration and partnership among peers, kinship families, and providers.

Research-informed practice guidelines and recommendation.

Policies, procedures and work aids that more closely align with kinship issues

Assumptions:

Kinship families are in need of connection to community-based supports and resources.