

IMPORTANCE OF STANDARDS

- Help ensure that families are supported and strengthened through quality practice.
- Create common language and expectations across different kinds of Family Strengthening programs.
- Designed to be used by all stakeholders - public departments, foundations, community-based organizations, and families – as a tool for planning, providing, and assessing quality practice.



APPLICATION OF THE STANDARDS



Family Strengthening and Support Programs

- Blueprint for implementing best practice
- Self-Assessment
- Demonstrate Quality



Policy Makers

- Endorse for application in their areas of influence



Direct Service Staff

- Reflect on and enhance their work with families



Funders

- Integrate into requests for proposals, monitoring and quality assurance



Networks of Family Strengthening and Support Providers

- Quality Assurance
- Training and technical assistance
- Adopt as expectation for membership



Families

- Partner with Programs to apply the Standards
- Provide feedback about how well Program is applying the Standards

SECTIONS OF THE STANDARDS



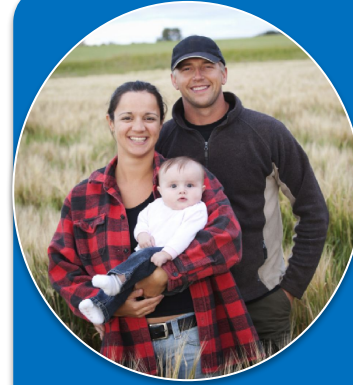
Family Centeredness

Working with a family-centered approach that values families and recognizes them as integral to the Program



Family Strengthening

Supporting families to be strong, healthy and safe, thereby promoting their success and optimal development



Community Strengthening

Working collaboratively with other stakeholders and supporting families' civic engagement, leadership development, and ability to affect systems change



Evaluation

Looking at areas of Program strength, as well as areas for further development, in order to guide continuous quality improvement and achieve positive results for families