



Southeast All Our Kids Early Childhood Network Linkage Agreement

AOK State Mission:

The All Our Kids Early Childhood Network is a community-based collaboration committed to enhancing high-quality, well-coordinated, easily accessible system of services and supports that promotes the positive growth and development of expecting parents and families with children birth to 5.

Our Vision

The Southeast AOK Network is a diverse Collaborative that promotes a collective and holistic approach to serving pregnant women and families with children birth to five. This Collaboration strives to provide families with the necessary tools needed for their children to thrive in a healthy, socially, and emotionally stable environment. Through consistently increasing our capacity as partners engaged in continuous learning, identifying gaps in services, assessing community needs and proactively and strategically responding to changes in the local and state-wide community, we hope to educate, inform, prepare and advocate for pregnant women and families with children birth to five.

All Our Kids Early Childhood Network Partnership:

The purpose of this agreement is to formalize the partnership between the Southeast All Our Kids Early Childhood Network and community service providers and community stakeholders who are committed to ensuring that all families residing in the Calumet Heights, South Chicago, South Deering, East Side and Hegewish communities have equal access, quality and equitable care available to them.

Member Agency agrees to:

- Assign and maintain a minimum of two staff as agency representatives to participate and share responsibility in attending monthly AOK meetings held every 4th Wednesday of the month from 12 p.m. - 2 pm.
- Staff time commitment of a minimum of 2- 4 hours monthly, to attend monthly meetings and subcommittee meetings, for different AOK working initiatives.
- Participate in joint trainings, evaluation and planning activities to facilitate achieving the Southeast AOK strategic plans and goals.
- Shared Leadership in helping to convening AOK and subcommittees meetings and network initiatives as necessary.
- Participate in relevant trainings that will enhance network capacity
- Provide information regarding their agency's services and updates regarding changes in Member Agency program status.
- Participate in at least 2 sub-committees a year, relevant to the partner's interest, agency interests and skills.
- Participate in annual community assessments gathering data through agency and provider surveys to fulfill grant requirements.
- Share information with Network on relationships formed or developed through participation in the Southeast AOK Network.
- Provide information to Network members regarding other collaborations that Agency participates.
- Recruit other providers for the AOK Network.

The Southeast All Our Kids Network agrees to do the following:

- Convene monthly All Our Kids Network Meetings
- Provide and assist in disseminating any information vital to the interests of pregnant women and families with children birth to five to all network providers and community stakeholders

- Share community needs assessment data to network partners.
- Serve as a representative of the Southeast Communities (Calumet Heights, South Chicago, South Deering, East Side and Hegewisch) at Statewide AOK conferences
- Create and distribute a community resource directory for families
- Provide Workforce development trainings for network providers to enhance network capacity
- Attend network provider meetings as AOK representative

As the Southeast All Our Kids Early Childhood Network of community stakeholders, we recognize that a Shared Agenda, Collective Learning and Collaborative Leadership and Engagement are the key factors in helping pregnant mothers and families with children birth to five obtain:

- Children who are born healthy
- Children who maintain physical and emotional health and well being
- Children who are ready to enter school and ready to learn
- Parents are connected to the services they need
- Parents as leaders.

By enhancing a more high-quality, well-coordinated, easily accessible System of Services and Supports, the Network generates greater collective impact regarding child and family outcomes.

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