

This infographic outlines a framework for implementing a community-focused plan, divided into three key stages: Framing the Scope, Planning for Action, and Monitoring Progress. Each stage is broken into tasks with brief descriptions.

Framing the Scope:

Task 1.1: Form Core Leadership Group - Identify a lead organization and a team that will be responsible for tailoring the state plan to your community. Including parent representation on this team will be critical.

Task 1.2: Develop Community Profile - Building on any local descriptions the state provides, use additional local information to enhance your understanding of the basic demographics of your community: the number of residents, children, racial composition, economic profile, etc.

Task 1.3: Secure Diverse Parent Input - Incorporate the voice of the parent into your planning process; consider what can be done given the resources available. Options range from community-wide parent surveys, to focus groups, to online survey software distributed through networks of local organizations.

Task 1.4: Catalogue Local Services - Highlight the primary providers and sources of support that are found within the community; identify the specific providers offering these services at the local level and determine the capacity and quality of these options.

Planning for Action:

Task 2.1: Set Your Priorities - Examine the strengths and gaps revealed in the data and consider: how can we make these resources stronger - can we make the context more responsive to what we want to accomplish? Select no more than three to four ideas to initially promote.

Task 2.2: Outline Your Implementation Plan - For each of your top priorities, develop a plan for implementation. Specify who will take the lead, the target users, the budget, and the timeline, as well as specific plans for monitoring implementation.

Monitoring Progress:

Task 3.1: Do it and Do it Better - As you move forward in implementing each idea, assess the extent to which your efforts are reaching the intended audience and achieving your short-term changes.

Task 3.2: Sustain the Change - As initial goals are achieved, return to your list of priorities and select additional options. Update the community on your progress. Demonstrate change in the outcomes through benchmark reporting and public forums open to all residents.