

Blueprint - Workbook

Community networks developing or revising their blueprint can use the following documents to collaboratively work through the various components of the blueprint.

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Analysis of Current State

Collaborative Look at Data

The lead agency should present any LDOE-provided data (e.g., performance profiles, data kits) as well as any local data relevant to this work to stakeholders/collaborators. Consider presenting it in an easy-to-understand format, including visual charts or graphs, to help stakeholders engage in this process.

Complete the first part of this individually.

1. What stands out to you in this data? What story does it tell about early childhood in your community?
2. How is your community network performing in terms of quality?
3. How well is your network serving children age birth to 2? 3-year-olds? 4-year-olds?
4. Informed by this data and your own role, brainstorm a list of strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for growth in your early childhood community network.

Share your answers with the whole group. Consider other factors not identified in the data that might also influence your network's overall vision.

Optional: After coming up with a collective list of strengths and weaknesses, brainstorm some strategies that would address your network's shortcomings.

Developing a Vision Statement

Headlines from the Future Exercise

Complete the first part of this activity individually.

If an article was written about your Ready Start Network, or the early childhood education system, in 5-10 years, what would you hope the headline is?

What is the headline?

Who wrote it?

Share your headline with your group. Complete the final part of this activity as a group.

Based on the big picture goals represented in your group's headlines, draft a vision statement for your network below. Come to consensus within your group.

Vision Statement Checklist:

- ✓ Is your vision statement in present tense?
- ✓ Does it describe an outcome?
- ✓ Does it use unequivocal language?
- ✓ Does it inspire and evoke emotion?
- ✓ Does it build a picture of the future?

Mission Statement Development Exercise

Complete the first part of this activity individually.

What do we do?

How do we do it?

Whom do we do it for?

Share your answers with your group. Complete the final part of this activity as a group.

Being sure to include the information in the answers to your questions, draft a mission statement for your network below. Come to consensus within your group.

Mission Statement Checklist:

- ✓ Is your mission statement clear and focused, defining your RSN's function?
- ✓ Does your mission statement avoid vagueness and superfluous words?
- ✓ Does your mission statement include the answers to the questions above?

Goal Brainstorm

Goal:

Strategies:

Owner(s):

Resources:

Existing	Needed

Performance Metrics: