

Reducing the Need for Congregate Care



Reducing the use of congregate care will take partnering internally and externally.

DCS has developed a Theory of Change

We will take these actions

so that people and processes change in these ways

so that the experiences of children and families change in these ways

Is it logical to assert that the strategies will achieve the outcomes?



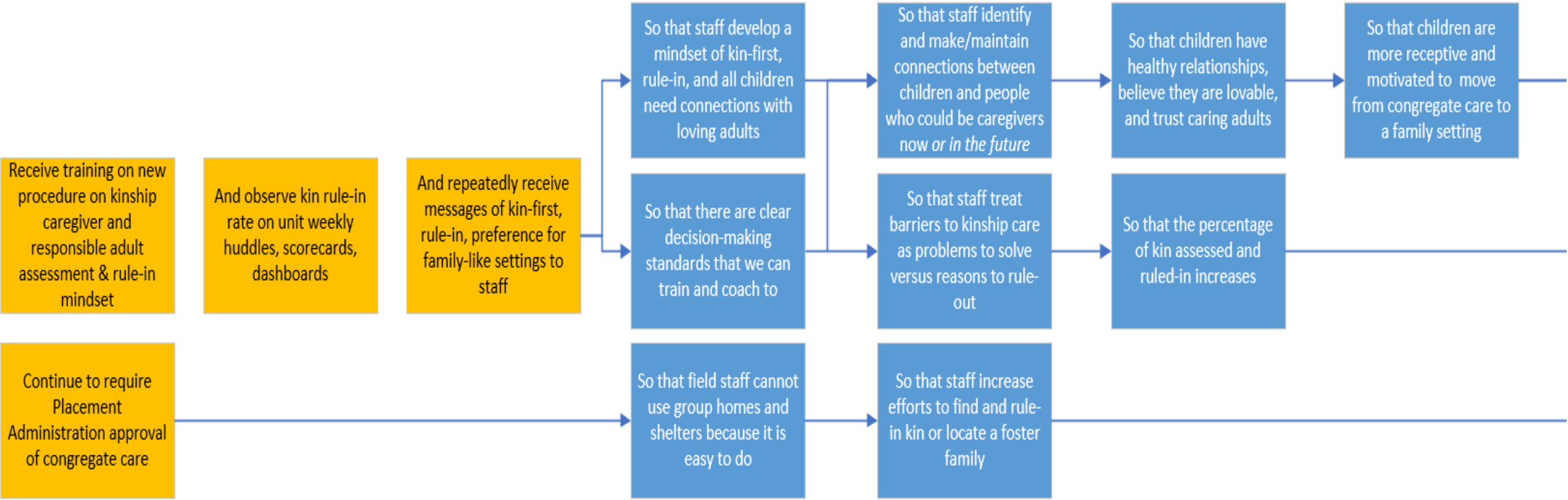
Partners in the Change

- ✓ Field Operations Staff (Caseworkers, Supervisors, Managers)
- ✓ DCS Leadership
- ✓ Foster and Adoptive Family Support Agencies
- ✓ Kinship Caregivers
- ✓ Foster Parents
- ✓ DCS Family Finding Staff
- ✓ DCS Foster Homes Licensing Staff
- ✓ Congregate Care Provider Agencies
- ✓ Community
- ✓ You!



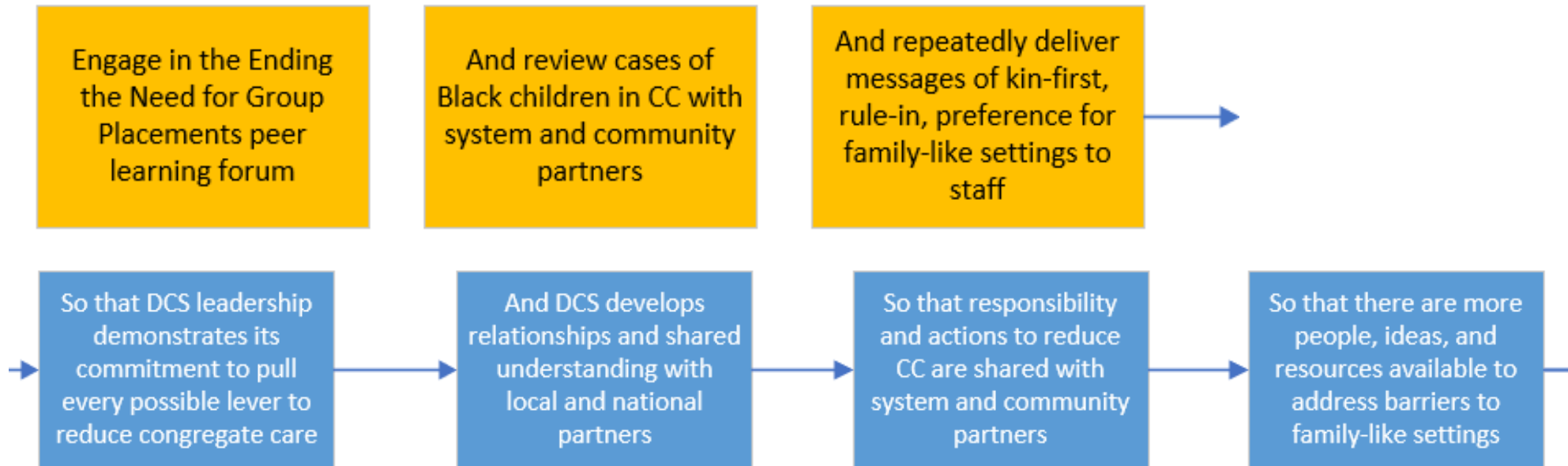
Kin-First & Rule-in Mindset

Field Operations Staff

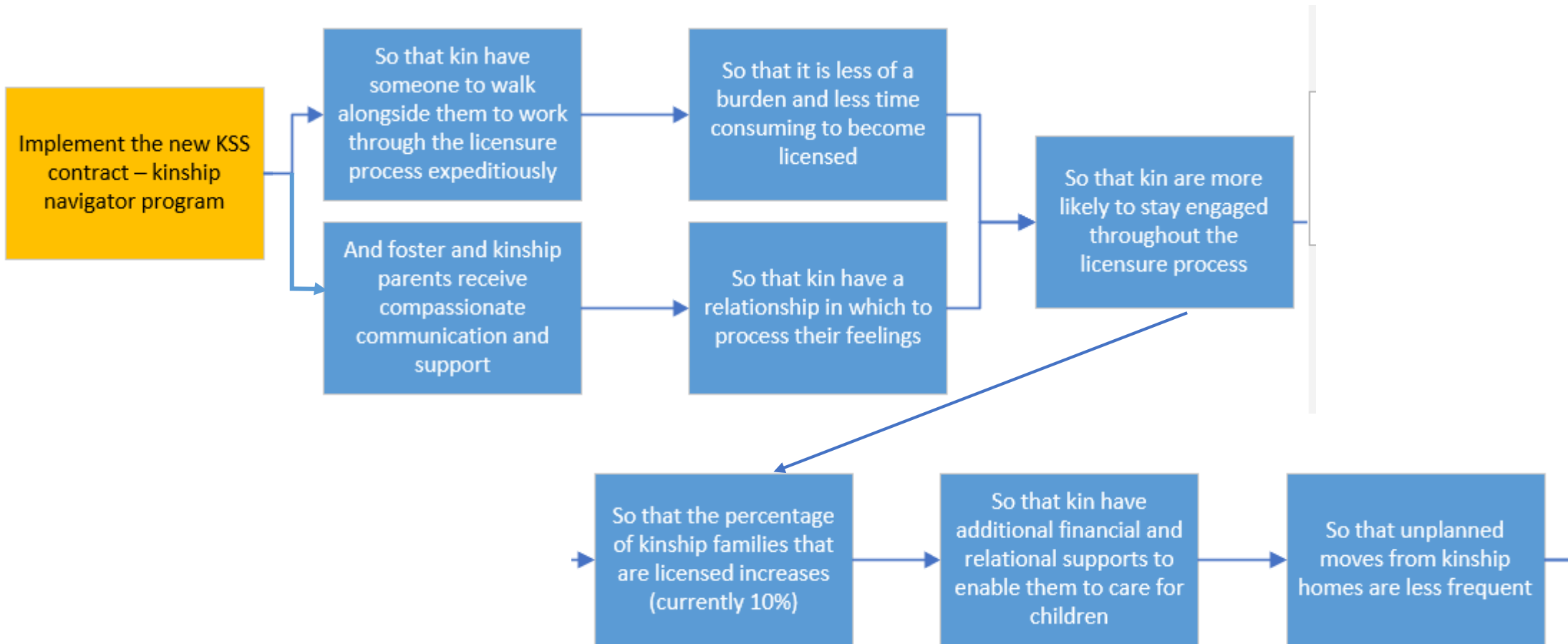


Senior Leadership Models the Mindset & Engages Partners

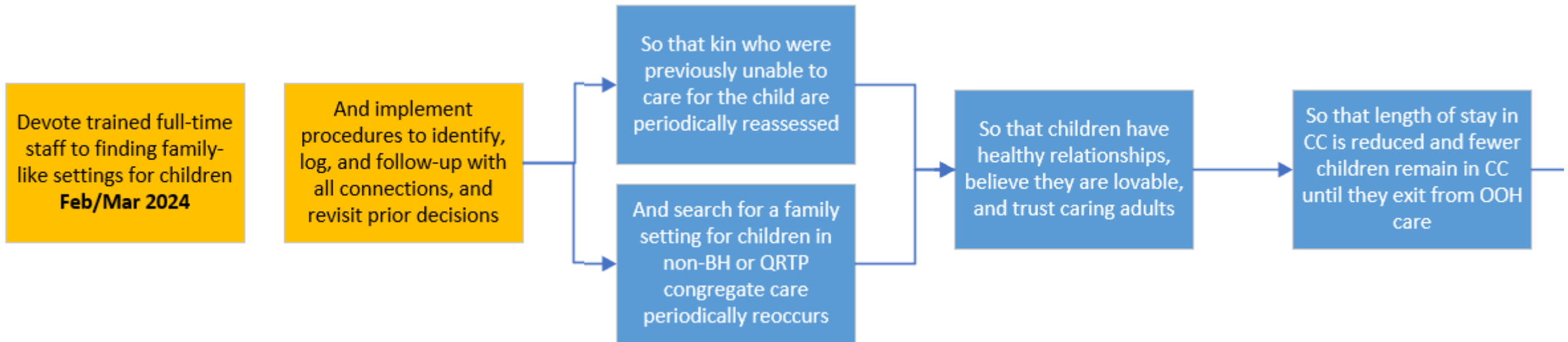
DCS
Leadership



Support Kinship Caregivers



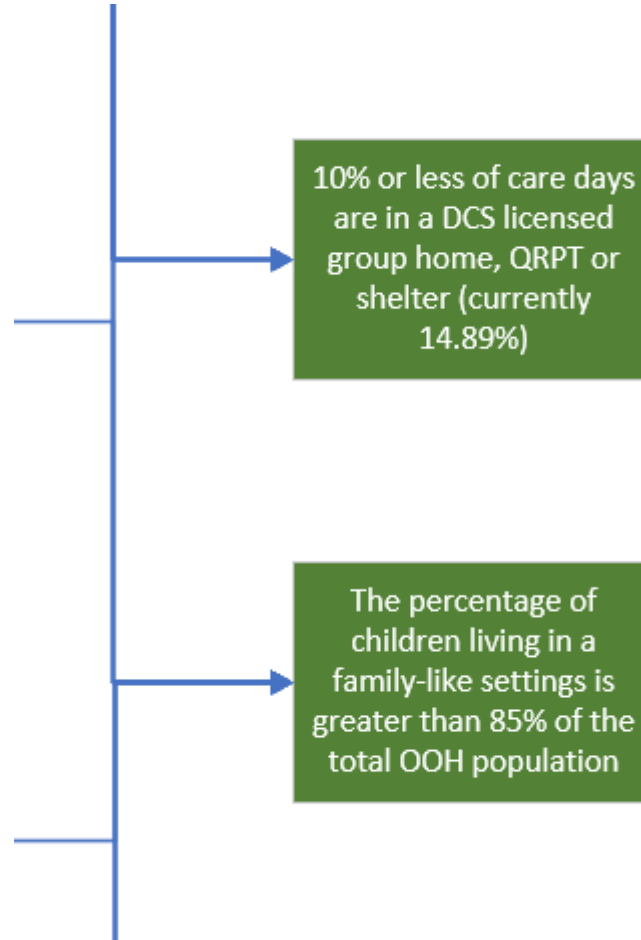
Family Search, Find, See



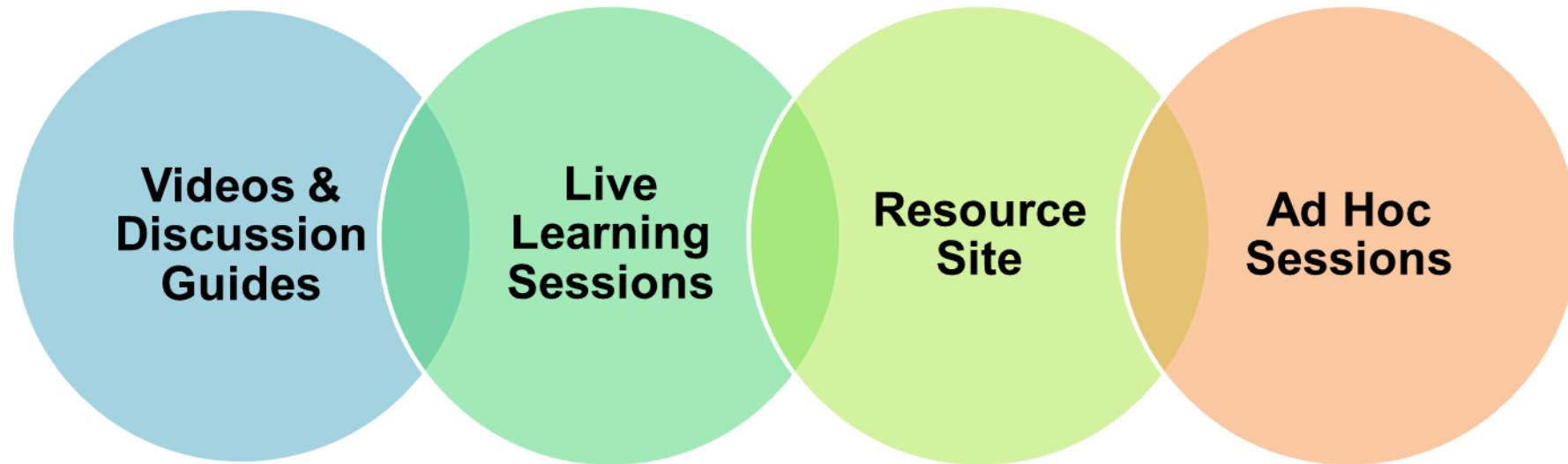
Data Guided Foster Home Recruitment



So that families experience these outcomes



Learning Exchange Logic Model



Seven Levers of Change

1. Engaging with partners with lived expertise
2. Advancing a kin-first culture
3. Developing trauma-informed, healing-centered mental health services
4. Accelerating provider transformation towards family support
5. Partnering with resource caregivers
6. Facilitating legislative/court partnerships
7. Instituting technical roadblocks to facilitate systemwide behavioral change



Thank you

