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?

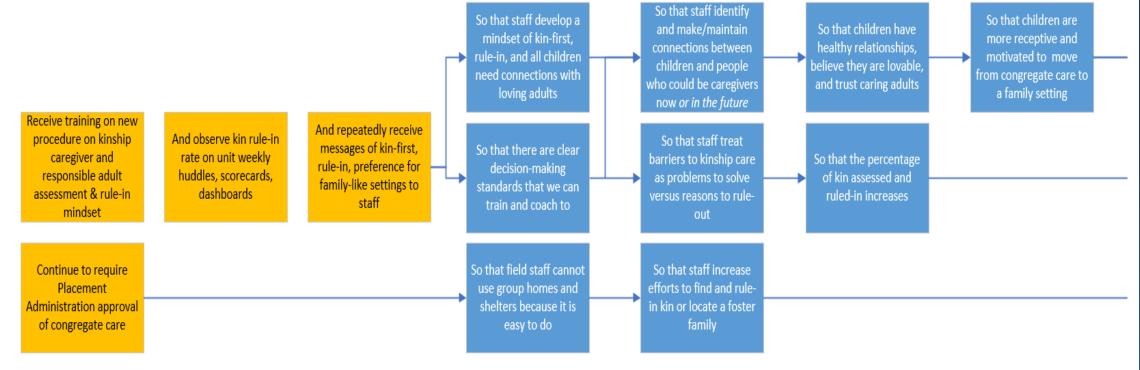


Partners in the Change

- ✓ 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!



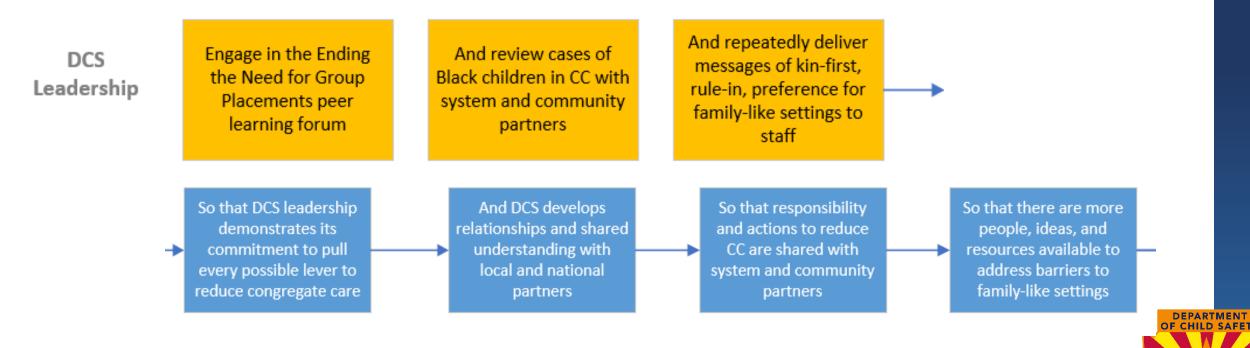
Kin-First & Rule-in Mindset



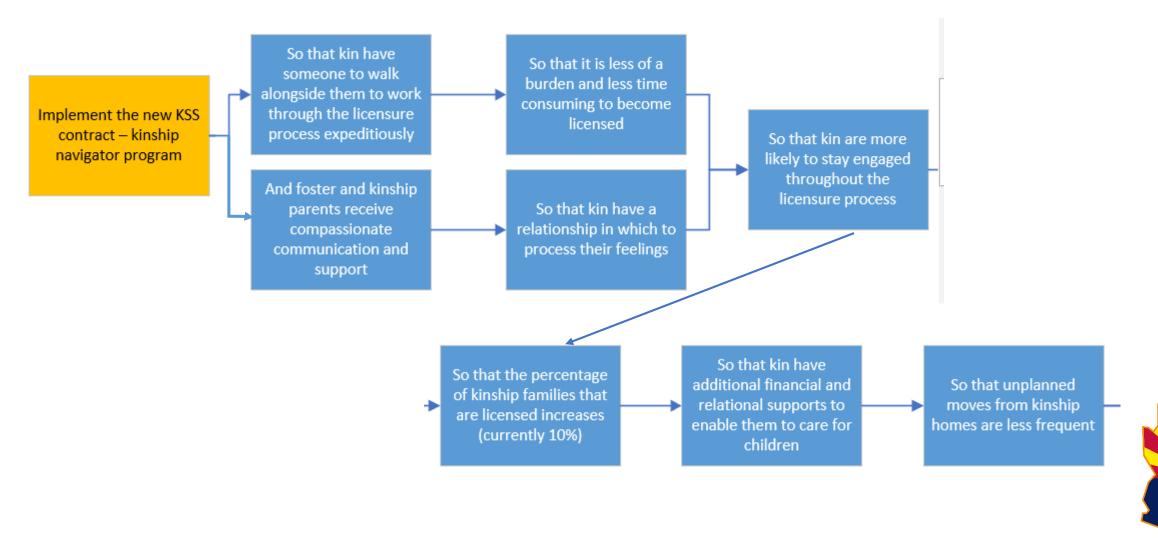
Field Operations Staff



Senior Leadership Models the Mindset & Engages Partners



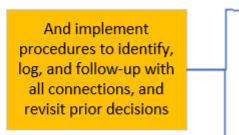
Support Kinship Caregivers



DEPARTMENT

Family Search, Find, See

Devote trained full-time staff to finding familylike settings for children Feb/Mar 2024



So that kin who were previously unable to care for the child are periodically reassessed

And search for a family setting for children in non-BH or QRTP congregate care periodically reoccurs So that children have healthy relationships, believe they are lovable, and trust caring adults So that length of stay in CC is reduced and fewer children remain in CC until they exit from OOH care



Data Guided Foster Home Recruitment

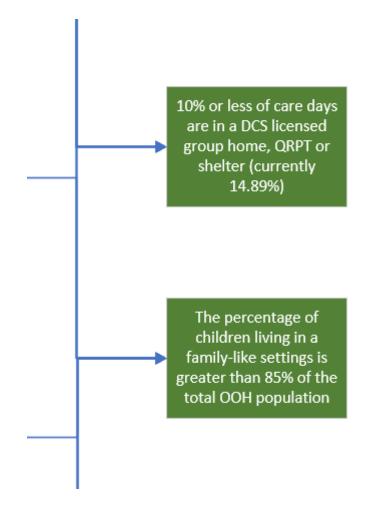
Use a FFH recruitment estimator to guide recruitment marketing strategies

And create messages that counteract negative perceptions and bias about children in group homes So that recruitment marketing strategies attract foster parents who will/can care for children in cc

So that the number of foster homes increases

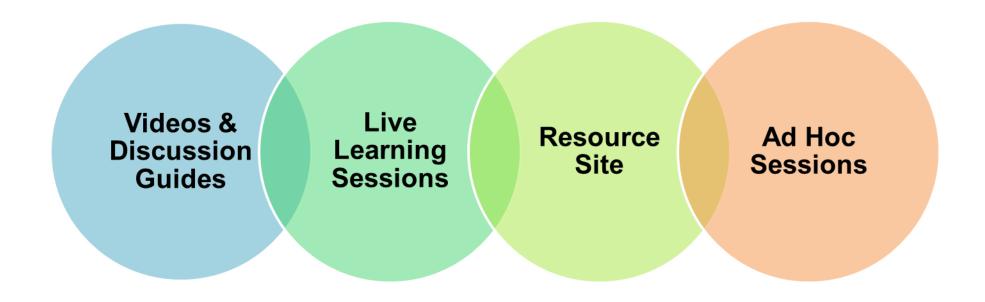


So that families experience these outcomes





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

