

AOK Networks Equity Definition:

Equity in AOK Networks is realized when all children and families have just treatment and opportunities, which includes valuing and embracing their unique cultures, identities, abilities, languages, needs, and preferences.



BECOME AN IRIS PARTNER



- There is no charge/fee in order to join.
- IRIS is a web-based communication tool that links service agencies and organizations within a community to each other to streamline the referral process.
- With the IRIS application, organizations can make, receive, and track referrals made on behalf of families they serve, in real time.

“WE'RE HERE FOR A REASON. I BELIEVE A BIT OF THE REASON IS TO THROW LITTLE TORCHES OUT TO LEAD PEOPLE THROUGH THE DARK”

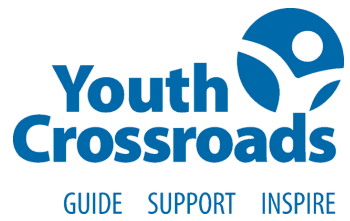
-Whoopi Goldberg

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND INVOLVEMENT

Meetings are open to the community! If you are interested in becoming involved or want to attend our meetings contact Michelle Ramirez.

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CICERO-BERWYN ILLINOIS

A community-based collaboration responding to the diverse needs of Cicero-Berwyn children and their families.

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AOK INITIATIVES

NETWORK CAPACITY

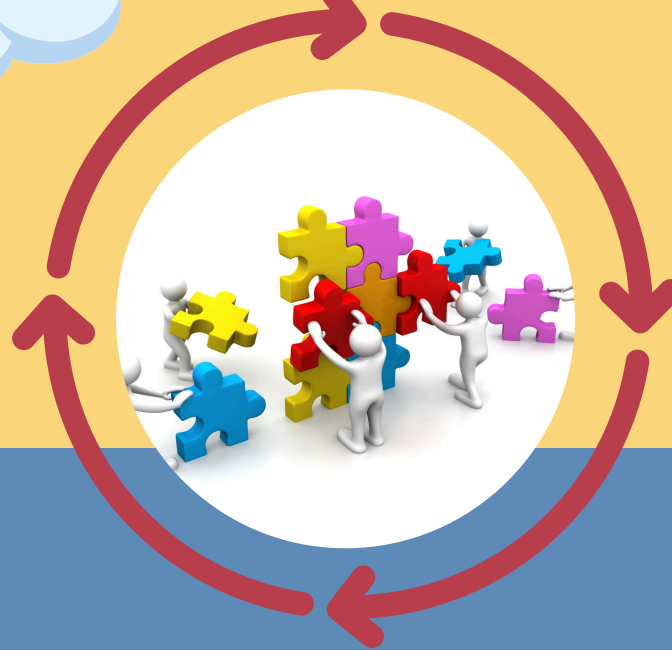
Purpose: Develop the Collaborative’s capacity to make a difference over time and across different issues to create a better early childhood system.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Purpose: To have strategies in place to identify, update, track and disseminate information about available services and supports and follow-up procedures to assure that families receive the services they need and want.

CHILD AND FAMILY OUTCOMES

Purpose: To create and implement community strategies that improve and impact children reaching their social and emotional developmental benchmarks in order to increase kindergarten readiness.



WHAT WE DO

- Provide developmental screenings for children under the age of 3 that are not enrolled in an early childhood program.
- Connect families to resources
- Host community conversations called Café y Conchas on early childhood topics lead and facilitated by the Early Childhood Parent Ambassadors.
- Provide community workshops and trainings about early childhood topics free to the community.
- Host free community events such as resource fairs, family and child activities, diaper and clothing distributions and more.

OUR MISSION

The AOK Network is a community-based collaboration promoting healthy pregnancies and the positive-growth and development of all children birth to five and their parents/caregivers. We assure a high quality, well-coordinated, easily accessible system of services and supports through collaboration that lead to children in Cicero and Berwyn entering Kindergarten developmentally and social-emotionally ready.

MEET OUR STAFF



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