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Strategic Plan

**Mission and Goals**

The Chicago Northside Families Safety (CNFSN) Net Action Team is a group of individuals and community-based organizations dedicated to harnessing the resources of the private and public sector to provide compassionate, consistent, professional, and effective, hands-on social services to families residing within the northern portion of the City of Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. This coalition of community organizations and individuals aims to:

* **Promote family stability**
* **Reduce incidences of children entering the DCFS system**
* **Reduce the duration of DCFS involvement with a child or family system**
* **Encourage community/neighborhood involvement in these endeavors so that no family need struggle in isolation**

**Vision**

The Chicago Northside Families Safety Net Action Team will prove to be a catalyst for community change offering collaboration, advocacy and leadership in the service of children and families. The Safety Net will use its resources wisely and maintain a flexible structure to grow and change as the community needs grow and change. It will strive to reflect and promote the diverse interests and needs of the communities it serves.

The Chicago Northside Families Safety Net Action Team will consists of connected and committed individuals representing various organizations, schools or individual interests whose values are in line with those of the Safety Net.

**Identify Community Resources** to address the following issues and begin an outreach effort to establish connections with and commitment from the supporting organizations/individuals**:** homelessness, child abuse/neglect, crime, immigration, domestic violence, sexual abuse, medical & mental health, education/special education, continuing education, employment/life skills training, legal aid, family conflict & mediation, and parenting skills.

**Build Community Awareness** by offering specific events/courses/support groups/information sessions and/or by participating in community events to establish a presence and begin to build trust and rapport with families/residents.