

**Family to Family Key Elements
Building Community Partnerships**

➤ Strategy	Building Community Partnerships
➤ Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child deserves a family • Every family needs the support of their community • Public Child Welfare Agencies need community partners
➤ Assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All neighborhoods have strengths. Every community has a history, legacy, and celebrations that should be acknowledged and respected • Youth and children want to be with families in their neighborhoods. • A culturally sensitive network of family foster care in communities in which children have lived will accelerate reunification or other permanency plans
➤ Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish a strong network of neighborhood based resource families • To ensure that community representatives are present at every TDM meeting. • To identify and enhance services and supports that are accessible financially, culturally and geographically for all families who live there. • To analyze and respond to child welfare data • To reduce the overrepresentation of African American children, other children of color and poor children in the child welfare system
➤ Key Elements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of a Community Partnership Work Group to assist the agency director in creating, implementing and evaluating this strategy • Participation of community partners in all four F2F strategy work groups, along with the public child welfare agency staff • Sharing of data for the nine F2F outcomes with community partners to initiate meaningful dialogue for the partnership. . • A tracking tool is developed to measure attendance by community and its impact on outcomes • Ongoing recruitment and support of resource families in the neighborhoods of focus. • Funding is channeled through contracts with grassroots community groups for the implementation of child welfare activities in neighborhoods of focus. • Child welfare activities move into the community (ie. Family visits, TDMs, Departmental/supervisory meetings, reunification celebrations, pre-service trainings, etc.)