**NEEDS**

* Lack of a national consensus on the scope of the issue for supporting families with a member with IDD across the lifespan.
* Lack of sustainable national and state policies, practices, and systems related to providing supports to families.
* Lack of tools and resources to guide policy, practice and systems transformation to focus and support the role of families.

**INPUTS**

* Project Management Team providing project coordination and technical assistance– National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS); Univ. of Missouri Institute for Human Development (UMKC-IHD); Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)
* National Partnership Council providing content expertise – NASDDDS; National Assoc. of Councils on Developmental Disabilities; Parent to Parent USA; Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE); Autistic Self-Advocacy Network; Sibling Leadership Network; Consortium for a National Agenda on Supports to Families
* Significant state and national knowledge base, and policy based experience to draw upon
* $250,000/year for 5 years federal funds
* In-kind State/Local matching funds

**ACTIVITIES**

**1 Develop & Refine Model Framework**

1.1 ID innovative and emerging practices for supporting families

1.2 Develop and refine Model Framework

1.3 Develop self-assessment tool

**2 Develop/Facilitate Multi-Level CoP**

2.1 Develop CoP within 5 States

2.2 Support a State-to-State Peer Consortia (between 5 States above)

2.3 Establish National CoP on Supporting Families

**3 Capture/Share Lessons Learned**

3.1 Data collection on State and national CoP for replication and knowledge transfer

3.2 Develop and disseminate products and resources

3.3 Support sustainability of multi-level CoP

**OUTPUTS**

1.1 Promising state practices publication

1.2 Model Framework publication

1.3 State Self-Assessment Tools

2.1 CoP within 5 States

* Applications from 5/more States
* 5 trained facilitators
* 5 state plans
* Annual reports for states
* Sustainability plans for states

2.2 State-to-State Consortia

* 48 virtual meetings
* 5 trained facilitators
* Website, social media, listservs, online reporting tools

2.3 National CoP

* 5 annual face-to-face meetings
* 10 virtual webinars

3.1 Lessons learned report

3.2 Published Guide Book

3.3 Ongoing National CoP

**PROJECT GOAL**

*To build capacity through a Community of Practice across and within States to create policies, practices and systems to better assist and support families than include a member with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) across the lifespan.*

**OUTCOMES**

* State and national consensus on a national framework and agenda for improving support for families with members with IDD.
* Enhanced national and state policies, practices, and sustainable systems that result in improved supports to families.
* Enhanced capacity of states to replicate and sustain exemplary practices to support families and systems.