

# **FAMILY PARTNERSHIP LEARNING SERIES**

## **FACILITATOR GUIDE**

**Module 1** – Elevating the Family Voice for effective Policies, Programs and Processes  
**Episode 4** – Agency Readiness and Sustainability Factors

### **Title:**

Agency Readiness and Sustainability Factors

### **Overview**

In this learning session, participants will explore success factors for agencies to assess their readiness for effective and sustainable Family Partnerships. This session features best practices from across the country leading to sustainable Family Partnership initiatives.

### **Core Content**

Summary of key factors from other states that have resulted in successful efforts for sustainable Family Partnership initiatives. Participants will be encouraged to complete a simple Action Plan to support next steps.

### **Learning Objectives**

- Understand that Family Partnership initiatives are unique, a “one size fits all” approach is not effective
- Develop the ability to clearly articulate why and how Family Partnerships will benefit your agency/program
- Assess readiness and sustainability indicators
- Become familiar with the Maine MCH Family Partnership Framework
- Review available assessment tools to further determine readiness

### **Facilitator Tips**

- Acknowledge that authentic systems change is a slow process and Family Partnership initiatives are an evolving strategy for QI
- Staff may or may not know the history of past efforts to engage family partners
- Assessment tools are not always a “perfect fit” but can provide insight and encouragement

### **Potential Questions for the Audience**

- Have you been involved in previous efforts related to Family Partnerships? If so, what were some of your take-aways?
- How can past efforts inform your current vision?
- How will you operationalize the Action Plan you completed?