



The National Upstream Consortium

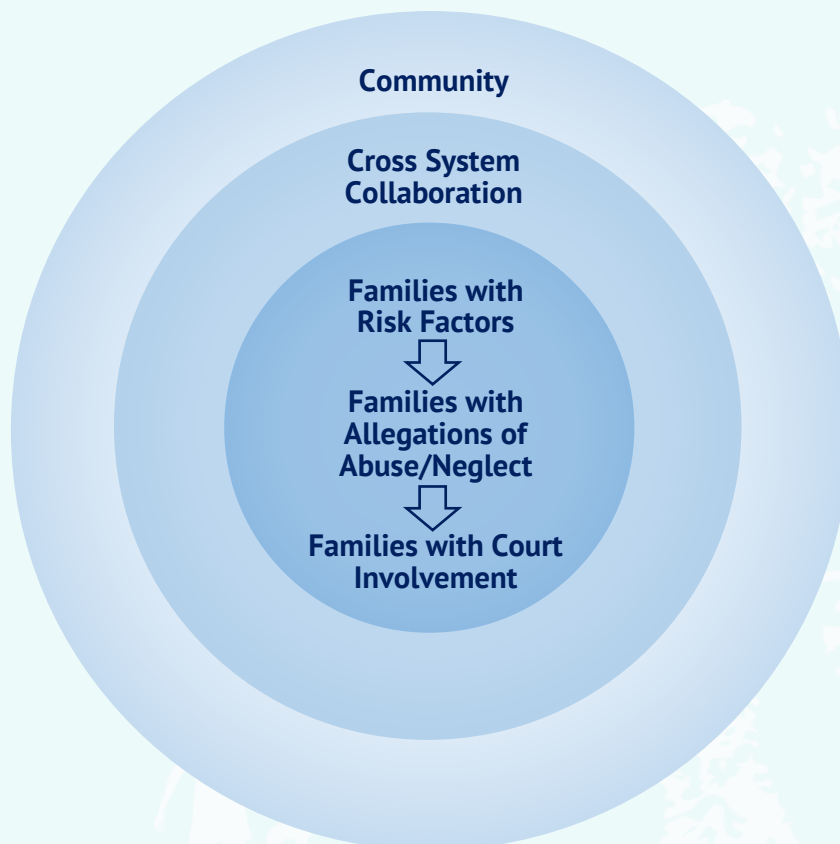
Strengthening Children and Families through Prevention and Intervention Strategies



Upstream is a community-based approach that leverages court resources, judicial leadership, and child welfare agency partnerships to enhance community collaboration through state and local coordination, community mapping, and action planning. This collaboration aims to strengthen communities, prevent child maltreatment and out-of-home placement, reduce court involvement, and support safe and healthy families.

Upstream has a family-centered focus which identifies domains of prevention and intervention where strategies can be used to support safe and healthy families and prevent child welfare and court involvement. These domains include:

- Community – What Everyone Needs to Thrive
- Families with Risk Factors
- Families with Allegations of Abuse/Neglect
- Families with Court Involvement
- Cross System Collaboration



What is Upstream?



Upstream provides a structure and process to implement these concepts at a state and local level through three phases:

- Statewide Planning, Coordination, and Capacity Building
- Training Facilitators to Conduct Local Mapping Workshops
- Local Planning and Collaboration, Local Mapping Workshops, Action Planning, and Implementation

Join the National Consortium

The **National Upstream Consortium** is a network of jurisdictions seeking to implement or actively implementing Upstream. The Consortium will meet on a regular basis for peer-to-peer learning, educational opportunities, and to share successes and challenges. Members of the Consortium will become national leaders in community mapping in child welfare and shape and promote the court's role in prevention:

- Shape the way courts across the country collaborate with communities.
- Shape the way courts and agencies work together to strengthen communities.
- Shape the way communities work to prevent child maltreatment.

Consortium Members will have access to education and technical assistance from the National Center for State Courts and other national partners.

EDUCATION

- 2-day in-person workshop, Upstream Orientation for State Leaders
- 2-day virtual Train the Trainer Workshop for mapping facilitators
- Webinars on topics such as the Court's Role in Prevention, Social Determinants of Health, and Keys to Successful Implementation

PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING AND SHARING

- Monthly Consortium meetings with other states engaged in Upstream

TARGETED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Support for State Team Planning and Implementation
- Support for identifying facilitators
- Support for planning Train the Trainer Workshop
- Support for local rollout of Upstream

TAILORED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- As needed and upon request of individual consortium members

How to Get Involved

To sign up or request more information, please contact [Nora Sydow](#) at the National Center for State Courts.

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