CBCAP CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK (revised 10-20-06)

The purposes of the CBCAP program are: (1) to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, and enhance, and where appropriate to network, initiatives aimed at the prevention of child abuse and neglect; (2) to support networks of coordinated resources and activities to better strengthen and support families to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and (3) to foster understanding, appreciation, and knowledge of diverse populations in order to effectively prevent and treat child abuse and neglect.

INPUTS

Underlying conditions:
All families have inherent strengths but they also experience circumstances that impact their ability to provide for children's basic physical and socioemotional needs. These risk factors increase for families experiencing geographic or social isolation, economic challenges, limited education or employment, inexperience with positive parenting, or physical or mental health issues.

Target Population:
All families, especially those at risk for abuse or neglect.

Resources:
CAPTA, Title II

Federal CBCAP funding, other Federal funds and State and local matching funds to support prevention efforts

ACTIVITIES

DIRECT
Provide support for parents

Promote the development of parenting skills

Improve access to formal/in formal resources

Support the needs of individuals with disabilities

Commit to parent leadership and engagement

INDIRECT
Support networks of coordinated resources

Maximize and leverage funding for prevention

Conduct public awareness and education

Advocate for systemic change

Conduct ongoing assessment and evaluation

OUTPUTS

DIRECT
Numbers served through the continuum of preventive, family centered, culturally competent services (i.e. family resource and support, parent education, mutual support, home visiting, respite care, information and referral)

Number of parents involved with program planning and evaluation

INDIRECT
A public-private network of prevention and family support programs

Number of funding mechanisms that blend Federal, State, local and private funds

Numbers reached through public awareness and education

Number of advocacy activities

Number of self-assessment, peer review, evaluation and quality assurance efforts

SHORT-TERM & INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES

Individual and Family/ Relationships Levels

- Increase in the number of families' needs assessed and connected to services within their own communities
- Increase in protective factors to prevent abuse or neglect by parents and caregivers related to:
  - bonding and attachment
  - parental resilience
  - knowledge of parenting and child development
  - social connections
  - concrete support in times of need
- Decrease in risk factors associated with reasons for service

Community Level

- Increase in the availability of appropriate evidence-based and evidence-informed programs
- Increase in number of agencies developing and implementing action plans to address meaningful parent involvement
- Increase in coordination across prevention, child welfare and other child and family service systems (i.e. substance abuse, mental health, education, early childhood, disability)
- Increase and expansion of Statewide networks of family support and prevention programs
- Increase in the continuum of evaluation approaches used

Societal level

- Increase in private, State and Federal funding for prevention and family support
- Increase in public understanding and engagement for the prevention of child abuse and neglect

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

SAFETY

- Children are protected from abuse and neglect.
- Children are maintained in their own homes.
- Decrease in rate of first time victims.
- Decrease in rate of first time perpetrators.

PERMANENCY

- Children have permanency and stability in their living situation.
- The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.

WELL-BEING

- Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.
- Children's educational, physical and mental health needs are met.
- Children have opportunities for healthy social and emotional development.
- Youth make a successful, self-sufficient transition to adulthood.
- Diversity of families is embraced and supported.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT
Development of a culture of continuous improvement in the strengthening of families and the prevention of abuse and neglect.