

Crisis Nurseries

Support & Strengthening for Families in Crisis

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Caring for Children



A Closer Look at the Impact of a Crisis Nursery



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCDAhXHZ7_o

Crisis Care Services

Each Nursery throughout the state provides a safe haven for children whose parents are experiencing some type of crisis

Parents may access services for a variety of reasons including:

- Homelessness
- Domestic Violence
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Stress Breaks
- Post Partum Depression
- Support Groups
- Doctor or Other Type of Appointments





Primary Goals

- Reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect
- Decrease parental stress
- Improve parenting skills and knowledge

Crisis Nursery Program Models



Illinois Model:

Center based

Serve families involved with
Child Protection Services &
those that are not

Specifically designed facility

Available 24/7

State licensed

Emergency care & aftercare
services

Serve children birth to six

Other Models:

Home based

Can be set up to serve one
or both

Facilities can be combined
with other types of programs

Can have limited hours for
service

Supportive services can vary



Post Crisis Services

- Home Visiting
- Parent Education
- Parent Support Groups
- Parent-Child Interaction Activities
- Basic necessities for families and children



Seven Nurseries Statewide

Chicago Suburbs (Des Plaines)

Rockford

Bloomington

Peoria

Champaign-Urbana

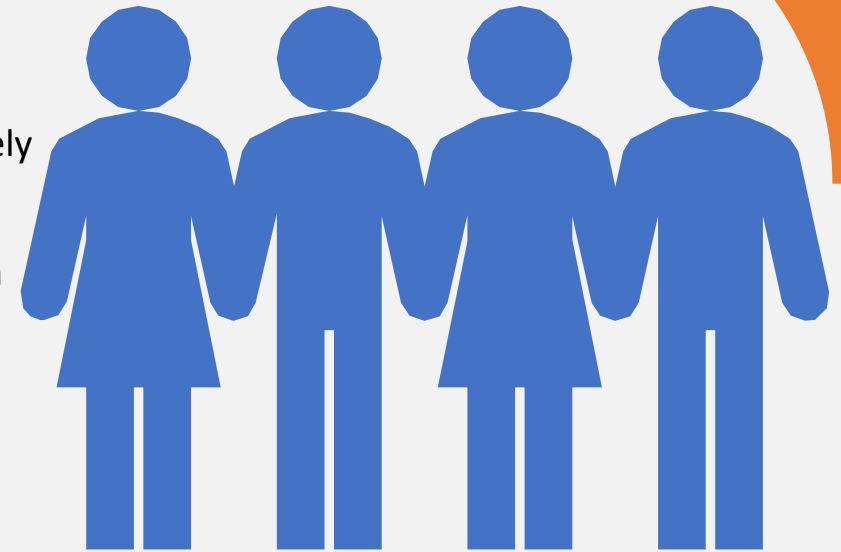
Springfield

Effingham

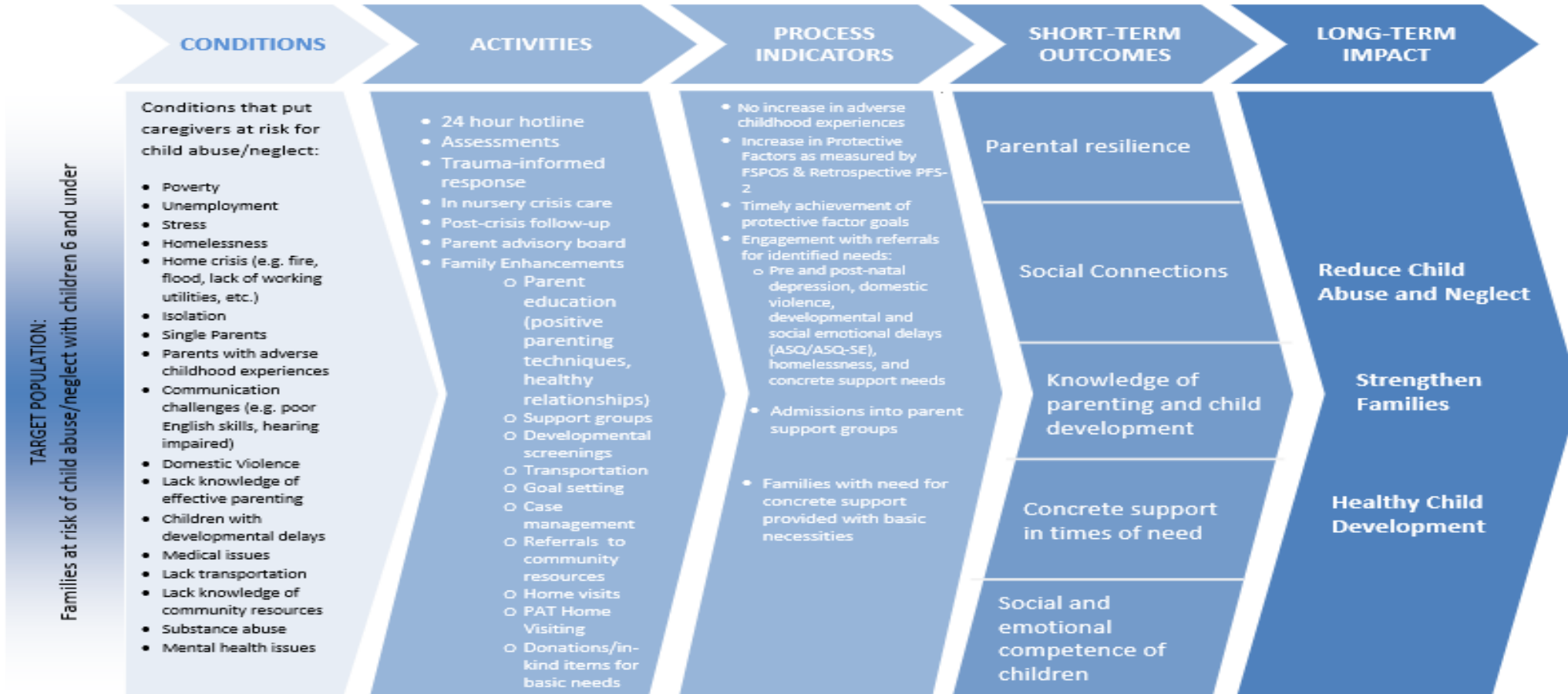
- ❖ All programs use evidence based, evidence informed practices
- ❖ Collaborate on how best to reduce child abuse & neglect through advocating, system and policy change
- ❖ Share outcome data and peer support among agencies
- ❖ Partner with ARCH Network (Access to Respite Care and Help) integrated crisis nursery model as a prevention service

FY19 Coalition Collective Impact

- Crisis Nurseries across Illinois receive a phone call approximately every 26 minutes.
- 141, 137 hours of crisis care provided to children birth through six years of age.
- Children admitted to Crisis Nursery 19,484 times.
- Referrals for Community Resources 20,091.
- Caregiver Support/Parent Education 481.
- Home Visits 1,543
- Basic Needs Items Given Out \$308,000



Theory of Change



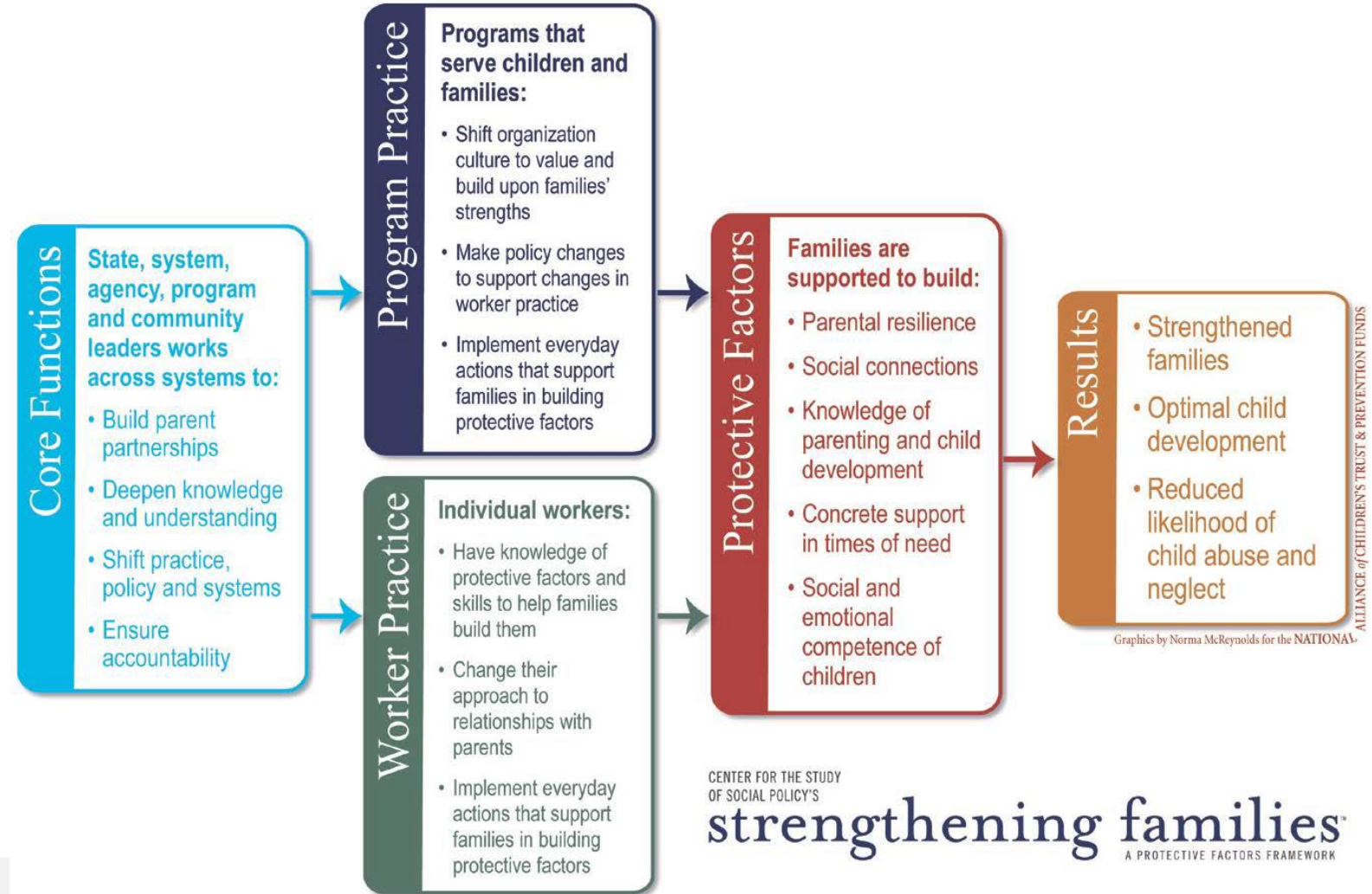
The Pathway to Improved Outcomes for Children and Families

Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors Framework Logic Model

Protective Factors

Protective factors are conditions or attributes of individuals, families, communities or the larger society that mitigate or eliminate risk.

Protective factors contribute to the healthy development and well-being of children, youth, and families.



Crisis Nurseries utilize the Protective Factors framework



Protective Factors Crosswalk



Protective Factors

- Concrete Supports
- Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development
- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Social and Emotional Competence of Child

Implementation in Crisis Care

- Nursery services when emergency care is needed (medical, funeral, S.A. treatment)
- Parent one on one time with other child, school meetings, etc.
- Parent self care, stress break, errands
- Parent support groups, church groups, etc.
- Provide concrete tips and resources, model developmentally appropriate interactions, and connect families to resources.

Facing Challenges



- Staffing Patterns
- Transportation for families
- Remote areas
- Minimum wage increases
- Home Visiting staff for post crisis services
- Turn Aways
- Limited Funding



Funding Sources

State Agency Funds

- Department of Children and Family Services
- Department of Human Services
- Illinois State Board of Education
- Department of Aging

Local Hospitals

United Way, Local Community Foundations

Local Fundraising- Holiday Store, Trivia Nights, Stuff the Bus

Annual Giving Campaigns

Private Donations

The Future of Crisis Nursery Care



Current Initiatives:

- Advocating to be a part of the Title IV-E Clearinghouse

<https://preventionservices.abtsites.com/>

- Increase funding to provide more services to families
- Advocating for inclusion of Crisis Nurseries in the Family First Act

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/im2001>

- Partnering with National Family Support Network resources/training

<https://www.nationalfamilysupportnetwork.org/>



Questions & Comments

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