The purposes of the CBCAP program are: (1) to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, enhance, and coordinate initiatives, programs, and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect and to support the coordination of resources and activities to better strengthen and support families to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and (2) 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/informal 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
- 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 needed services within their own communities
- Increase in protective factors to prevent abuse or neglect by parents and caregivers related to:
  - Nurturing and attachment
  - Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development
  - Parental resilience
  - Social connections
  - Concrete support for parents.
- Increase 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 incorporate parent involvement.
- Increase in coordination across prevention, child welfare and other child and family service systems (i.e. substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence, education, early childhood, disability).
- Increase and expansion of statewide networks of family support and prevention programs.
- Increase in the use of a continuum of evaluation approaches implemented.

**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.