Understanding Neglect within an Ecological System and the Role of Protective and Risk Factors

(As highlighted by Key Informants)

Protective Factors

CONCRETE SUPPORTS

(Selected Federal Income Supports to Vulnerable Families)

Family Policies that Provide Supports that Families' Need

Research and Advancement in Neuroscience/Brain Architecture and Understanding of ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences)

Adequate Resources to Meet Community Needs

Community Norming of Acceptable Parenting Behaviors

SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

and Cohesion

Quality Public Transportation

High Quality Pre- and Post-Natal Programs

Quality Child Care

Communities of Faith and Interest Groups for Belonging

KNOWLEDGE OF PARENTING AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

(Early Childhood Education)

Capacity/Willingness to Nurture and Attach to Child

PARENTAL RESILIENCE (Hope)

Physical, Emotional and Economic Well-Being

Faith and Spirituality

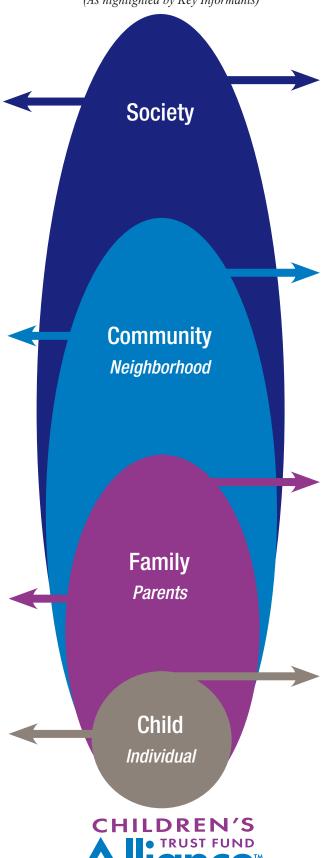
Healthy Partner Relationship

Nurturing and Attachment

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL COMPETENCE

Resilience

"Easy Child" Temperament



Risk Factors

- · Poverty and deprivation of basic needs
- Lack of collective (shared) responsibility for children
- Low level of importance to politicians/lack of political will
- Culture of individualism and individual responsibility; punitive system for those who need support and assistance
- Lack of standards/clarity on adequate parenting and parental behaviors
- · Impoverished neighborhood
- Environmental problems
 - Neighborhood violence
 - High crime
 - Unemployment
 - Inadequate housing and homelessness
 - Social isolation
 - Poor schools
 - High mobility
 - No safe place for child play
- Inadequate/non-existent social support and cohesion
- Material hardship/economic insufficiency
 - Housing instability
 - Under-or unemployment
 - Food insufficiency
- Situational or enduring problems
 - Mental health/maternal depression
 - Substance abuse
 - Interpersonal family violence
- · Caregiver history of adversity or trauma
- Apathy/hopelessness
- · Child vulnerability
 - Young age
 - Poor health
 - Physical or mental health disabilities
 - Behavioral challenges
 - Developmental demands
 - Poor or challenging attachment
 - Difficult temperament/temperamental mismatch with caregiver
- · Many children/closely spaced together
- Unmet basic needs