# February 2020 PLC: Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families Grants

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# Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families

Cohort One: HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-CA-1351

Cohort Two: HHS-2019-ACF-ACYF-1559

# Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families Project Overview

- Support the development, implementation, and evaluation of primary prevention strategies to improve the safety, stability, and well-being of all families through a continuum of community-based services and supports.
- Address site-specific barriers and mobilize communities to prevent child maltreatment, reduce entry into the public child welfare system, and enhance the overall well-being outcomes of children and families.
- Aim of the initiative is to bolster integrated family support systems through a continuum of community-based prevention services that are able to support families early and strengthen protective factors before formal involvement with the child welfare system is necessary.

## **Project Requirements**

Projects will be required to integrate primary prevention and early response efforts to achieve the following goals:

- ▶ 1. Reduce entry into foster care by intentionally linking families to local, community-based services early, before coming to the attention of the child welfare agency. Activities include implementing primary prevention strategies, practices, or activities that are informed by the relevant literature and identified needs of the communities to be served.
- ➤ 2. Support the overall well-being outcomes of children and families, including changes in risk and protective factors, by using data to inform and align strategies across sectors and address site-specific barriers. Activities include developing coordinated and robust primary prevention efforts across the child welfare, public health, education, legal and judicial community, law enforcement, business/labor, nonprofit, government, and philanthropic sectors in the communities to be served.

# Project Requirements (continued)

- ▶ 3. Develop strategic collaborations with traditional family serving agencies, parents and youth with lived experience, the legal and judicial community, community services and family assistance agencies, the community-based child abuse prevention agency program (CBCAP) grantee (i.e., state lead agency and/or tribal and migrant program), and the public housing agency. Activities include designing or re-designing cross-system functioning and financing, removing systemic and structural barriers, creating linkages to civil legal service providers, and promoting policy changes that contribute to family and community stability.
- 4. Coordinate, monitor, and report on strategies and outcomes across multisector partners. Activities include data sharing and integration and continuous quality improvement processes to inform and improve coordinated decisionmaking and accountability.
- > 5. Evaluate efforts to provide substantial information about the effectiveness of the strategies, practices, or activities implemented in addressing intermediate outcomes and, ultimately, reducing entry into foster care with the support of CB's designated evaluation technical assistance (TA) provider.

## **Project Activities**

Project activities and strategies will be based on the needs of the designated communities but must reflect CB's priority on strengthening families' protective capacities through primary prevention of child maltreatment, community-based services and supports, and enhancing child and family well-being. Project activities and strategies must be clearly linked to needs and target local barriers and challenges to community-based prevention and integrated family support services. Projects should also align with existing initiatives being conducted in response to other CB-funded programs and requirements.

Required strategies and project activities include:

- Consulting with youth and parents with lived experience in the child welfare system in the design and implementation of the community-based service delivery system;
- Identifying barriers specific to the identified jurisdiction(s) and population(s) to be served, including legal barriers;
- Identifying and engaging partners to address identified barriers with the goal of integrating the selected strategies and programs necessary to implement project work;

# Project Activities (continued)

- Identifying services gaps; for example, civil legal services (such as representation on housing, public benefits, immigration, and domestic violence related cases);
- Promoting and sustaining community awareness of and commitment to community-based primary prevention services and resources;
- Meaningful coordination of federal programs, reporting requirements, and the development of a common vision with a focus on primary prevention;
- Establishing an approach to participate with the designated evaluation TA and other federal-led evaluation activities to better understand how the implementation of proposed strategies, practices, or activities influence the intended outcomes; and
- Developing and/or implementing innovative strategies to leverage and coordinate existing public funding streams in order to adopt, implement, assess, and sustain effective community-based, prevention-focused services.

## Required Partners

Projects will be required to foster strategic coordination, a shared vision, jointly owned outcomes, and a strong multi-system collaboration with:

- the public child welfare agency;
- at least one community services and/or family assistance program/agency (i.e. title V maternal and child health services agency, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) provider, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP));
- the CBCAP grantee;
- the legal and judicial community;
- youth and families with lived child welfare experience;
- the public health community (i.e. early and periodic screening diagnosis and treatment (EPSDT) providers); and
- public housing partners.

### Cohort One: HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-CA-1351

- Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc., Cook Inlet Region, AK (Region 10)
  - Luqu Kenu-Prevention (LK-P)
- El Paso Center for Children, Inc., El Paso, TX (Region 6)
  - Border Collaborative to Strengthen and Preserve Families
- Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, Douglas County, NE (Region 7)
  - Douglas County Community Response Prevention Collaborative
- New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Manchester and the Winnipesaukee Public Health Region, NH (Region 1)
  - ► Community Collaboration to Strengthen and Preserve Families (CCSPF) in NH: A Prevention, Public Health, Cross-SectorApproach

### Cohort Two: HHS-2019-ACF-ACYF-1559

- County of Allegheny, Pittsburgh, PA (Region 3)
  - Hello Baby
- Department of Children, Youth and Families, Olympia, WA (Region 10)
  - Washington's Strengthening Families Locally Initiative (SFLI)
- Family Resource Center of North Mississippi, Tupelo, MS (Region 4)
  - Comprehensive Community Collaboration Demonstration Model to Strengthen and Preserve High Risk Families (CCCDM)
- ► Larimer County Department of Human Services, Fort Collins, CO (Region 8)
  - Supported Families, Stronger Community (SFSC) Project
- Ohio Children's Trust Fund, Columbus, OH (Region 5)
  - Developing a Community-Based Prevention Model Enhancing Safety and Well-Being for Ohio's Children and Families

# Cohort Two: HHS-2019-ACF-ACYF-1559 (continued)

- Partnership for Strong Families, Inc., Gainesville, FL (Region 4)
  - ▶ Resource Center Model: Evaluation, Refinement, and Expansion
- Trustees of Indiana University, Bloomington, IN (Region 5)
  - Strengthening Indiana Families (SIF)
- Vision for Children at Risk, St. Louis, MO (Region 7)
  - ▶ Parents and Children Together St. Louis (PACT-STL)
- YMCA of San Diego County, San Diego, CA (Region 9)
  - YMCA Community Collaborations Prevention Project

# Evaluation and Cross-Site Technical Assistance- Abt Associates and Child Trends

The Building Capacity to Evaluate Child Welfare Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families (CWCC) project supports the Children's Bureau effort through two primary components:

- Evaluation-related technical assistance to strengthen grantees' evaluation capacity to conduct site-specific outcome evaluations.
- A cross-site process evaluation of each cohort of grantees to better understand how communities came together to develop and implement integrated approaches to preventing child maltreatment, including documenting project and organizational leadership approaches, integration and alignment strategies, and recruitment and assessment methods to identify and serve at-risk families.

## Cross-Site Research Questions

- 1. What are the **promising approaches and challenges** in identifying, establishing, and maintaining new and existing partnerships?
- 2. How are data being linked and used within and across agencies to: (1) identify families in need of CAN prevention services; (2) identify the specific needs of families; (3) make informed decisions about service provision; (4) inform continuous quality improvement; and (5) track outcomes?
- 3. How are grant implementation **activities** structured and operationalized, within and across grantees?

## Research Questions (continued)

- 4. What **factors**—including state and local policies, geographical location (rural vs. urban), resources, staff and organizational capacity, training, cross-partnership coordination, and existing infrastructure—**promote or impede implementation** of the child welfare community collaborations, within and across grantees?
- 5. To what extent are grantees planning to sustain activities beyond the current grant, and what factors do they believe will help or hinder these efforts?
- 6. Who is being served by the collaborations, and what does their participation look like?

# Implementation Plans- Cohort One Commonalities

- Cross-sector implementation teams
  - Specific workgroups
  - ► Incorporate data and evaluation into all meetings (CQI)
- Intentionally integrate family/youth voice
- Protective Factors Framework
- Existing collaborative
  - Leverage existing initiatives
- Multi-Generational approach

## Strategies and Activities

- Increased communication/collaboration between partners/members/service providers
  - ► Family Leadership
  - Cross- Training
  - Collective Impact
- Increased access to and utilization of services (through better collaboration and/or new services being provided and/or increased trust)
- Communication Campaigns
- Systems Navigation
- Cafes

## Questions

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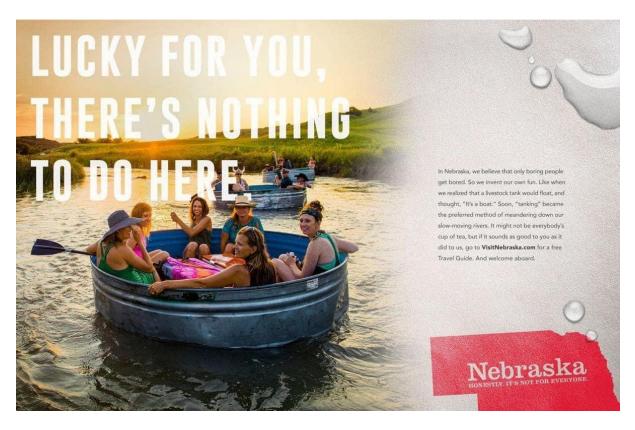
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# Douglas County Community Response

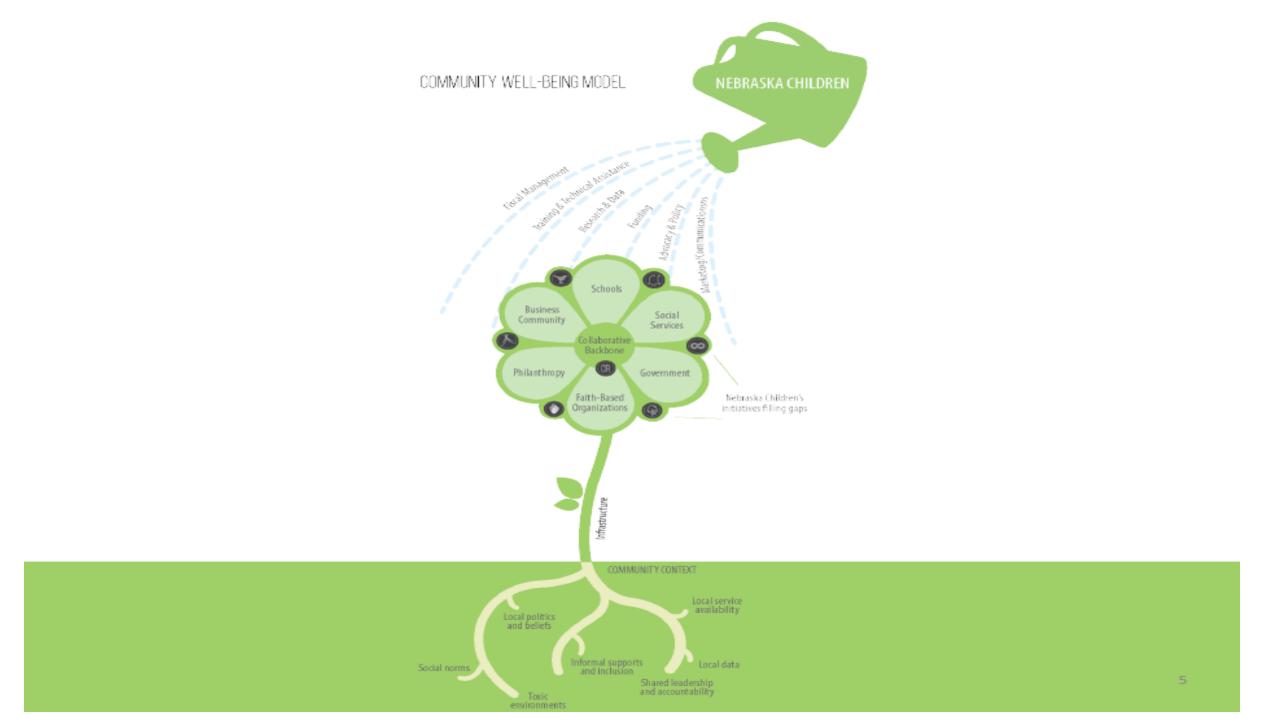


**Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families** 

# Honestly, it's not for everyone!







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Cultivating the good life for all of our children.

# foundational frameworks

Two Generation Approach **Thrive** 

**Promotive and Protective Factors: Families** 

**Collective Impact** 

- **Primary Prevention Principles**
- Race Ethnicity Equity and Inclusion Community Ownership

# **Training**

Healing Centered Engagement FamiliesThrive

REEI

Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting – Structured Decision Making

Motivational Interviewing



# **Collaborative Members**

**Millard Public ENCAP Schools ENCORE Empowerment Network** Nebraska Children's Home **Nebraska Early Childhood Society Visiting Nurses Collaborative Project Harmony Association United Way of the Douglas County Health** Midlands Heartland **Department Ralston Public Family Services Boys** Schools Town Nebraska Health and Human Rescare **Services Charles Drew Health Project** Center **Everlast One World Community Promise Health Center Concord** Ship Center **Compassion in Action** Non- Profit Center of the **Nebraska Family Support Midlands Community Network University of** Members Nebraska at Omaha **Omaha Public Senators** Schools Carol's **Child Saving Institute Behavioral Health Education Center of House of Hope Nebraska Catholic Health Initiatives Lutheran Family** Services (Hospital) **Nebraska Children and Families** Heart **Ministries Foundation Douglas County Opportunity Youth Alliance** Urban Women's Fund of Omaha League Pagion 6 Court Improvement

#### **Douglas County Community ResponseCollaborative**

Douglas County Community Response Collaborative (DCCR), chartered in February 2015, with a membership of more than 35 organizations meets quarterly.

#### Vision:

To inspire and mobilize a community response prevention system where children in Douglas County, NE have a safe, quality family and community environment

#### Mission:

Douglas County Community Response works across systems and community collaborations to promote child wellbeing, and provide a coordinated prevention system of services to create safe, quality environments for children and families in Douglas County, NE.

Prevention System: Primary prevention believes that the primary responsibility for the development and well-being of children lies within the family, and all segments of society must support families as they raise their children. A prevention system includes coordinated services and efforts directed to a population to p re vent maltreatment before it occurs and promote protective factors for families. We work to understand and recognize families and coordinate a response to best serve children, youth and families to access needed supports and services

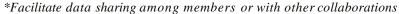


#### **Douglas County Community Response Steering Committee**

The steering committee meets monthly and is responsible for supporting the work of the DCCR by carrying out the tasks and responsibilities of the larger collaborative:

- \*Review/recommend DCCRmembership
- \*Review vision and mission for changes
- \*Act on recommendations from Resource Group
- \*Approve any data or report release

- \*Serve as oversight for flex funding
- \*Determine agenda items for Collaborative meetings
- \*Approve collaborative training calendar
- \*Approve needs assessment and evaluation data gathering objectives and measures





#### Administrative Backbone

Convene/facilitate Collaborativemeetings Convene/facilitate Steering Committee Convene/facilitate subcommittees Coordinate activities with Service Backbone and steering committee

Disseminate Collaborative Reports/data Recruit membership

Represent DCCR in Community Initiatives

Serve as Liaison to NCFF

Write and submit Collaborative Reports

#### **Planning Group**

Planning subgroup committees meet monthly or as a task group ad hocto further hone the general recommendation that ariseseit her from the resource group or from the planning group itself.

#### **Resource Group**

A monthly convening of direct service agency staff represent atives to share information regarding agency and community resources and identify gaps in resourcesand recommendations to address gaps

#### Training

Conduct opportun ities for shared training across all agencies



#### Service Backbone

Collect/ Maintain Evaluation Data
Convene/facilitate ResourceGroup
Coordinate activit ies with Administrative
Backbone and Steering Committee
Manage/facilitate FlexFunding
Pro vide Central Navigation
Subm it Monthly Flex Fund Reports

### **COMMUNITY RESPONSE SYSTEM**

Coordinated Services Model to Enhance Protective Factors and Well-Being

HIGH RISK children, youth, families -ALL children, youth and families AT RISK children, youth and families systems involved **Central Navigation Basic needs** Parent, Child and **Community-Owned** Food Youth **Development** Clothing **Coordinated Services Practices** Housing and Supports **Mentor and IDAs, Financial Church and Civic Early Childcare Mental Health** education **Family Finding** Before and **Employment Public Health Mental Health Human Services After School** 

# community café approach

Meaningful conversations spark leadership to build relationships needed to strengthen families.

# Bring Up Nebraska Messaging and Strategies

Bring Up Nebraska believes LOCAL communities are best situated and most motivated to understand their own needs and strengths as they relate to:

- Reducing entry into the child welfare system and other higher systems of care and
- Increasing informal and formal community supports for children and families

# Bring Up Nebraska knows preventing crises requires LONG-TERM plans that will:

- Identify and remove barriers in community-based prevention efforts;
- Raise awareness of what is working and what is needed;
- Bring local, state, and national partners together to develop new strategies around prevention; and
- Make sure that all communities in Nebraska have more support and opportunities for community-based prevention.

# Bring Up Nebraska Priority areas

The following priority areas of Bring Up Nebraska were selected by community prevention leaders as critical areas that need to be addressed in order for prevention and well- being to be achieved:

- Neglect/Basic Needs
- Housing
- Pregnant and Parenting
- Limited Resources and
- Substance Abuse/Behavioral Health



**The Purpose of Bring Up Nebraska Priority Workgroup** is for community and state leaders to develop actions and/or make recommendations to alleviate gaps and make improvements in policies and practices across multiple systems for prevention.

# Community Collaborative Prevention System Partners



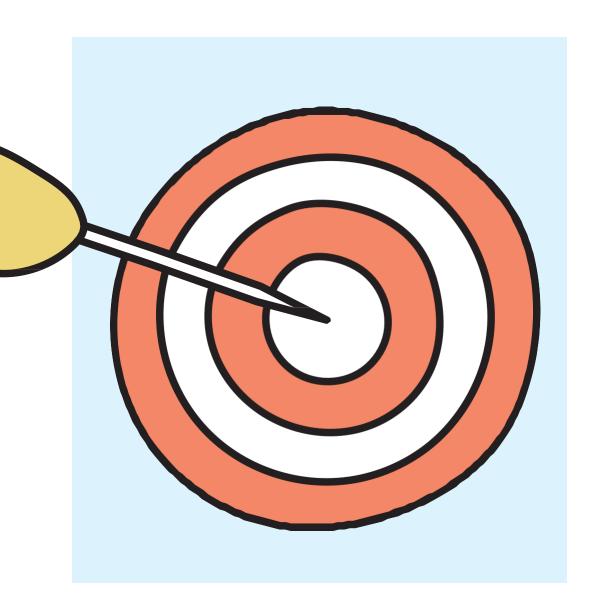
## **Goals and Outcomes**

**PROJECT GOAL** - Institutionalize a seamless, accessible primary prevention system in Douglas County, Nebraska which builds protective factors and offersservices and supports proven to keep children safe and families intact.

#### **EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

Strong families and committed communities investing in primary prevention resources for children, youth, and families result in reduced numbers of referrals to, and entry into, the child welfare system and other high end public systems.

Increased parental protective factors strengthen parent and child resiliency, increase self-sufficiency and self-efficacy, support optimal child development.



## **Outcomes**

1

The number and rate of families referred to Child Protective Services is reduced.

2

The number and rate of cases of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect is reduced.

3

The number and rate of children in out of home care is reduced.

4

Documented change in policies (administrative or legislative) that support families and decrease the rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect

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# **Strategies**

#### By Sept 30, 2020,

DCCR will conduct at least 2 shared community wide trainings to increase direct service staff's capacity to effectively and efficiently assist families to increase their protective factor capacity including Family Thrive, child abuse/ neglect reporting process, trauma informed care and cultural sensitivity.

#### By Sept 2020,

DCCR will conduct/ establish a minimum of 3 Community Cafe projects in the target populations.

#### By Sept 2020,

DCCR will conduct at least one collective impact integration activity (mutually beneficial activities) between member agencies that include policy or practice change/modify to enhance family protective factors.

#### By Sept 2020,

NCFF and DCCR will have conduct at least 2 communication campaigns in the Omaha areathat highlight neighborhood support for families and grant progress

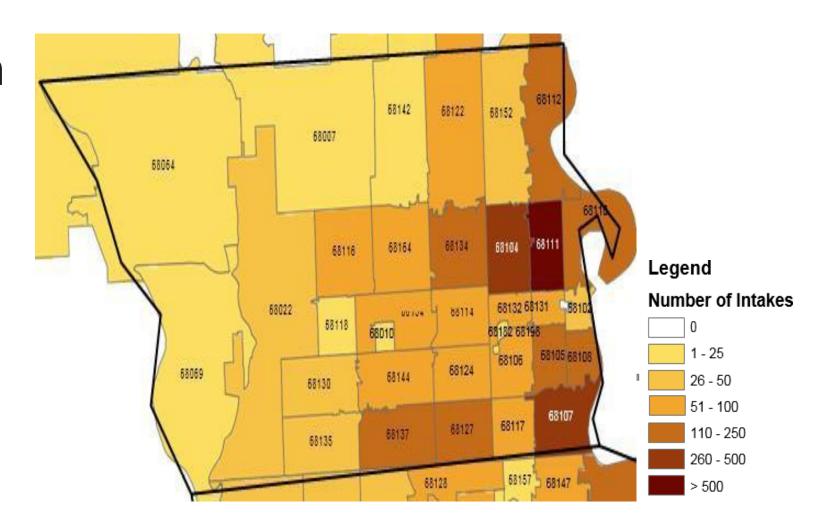
#### By Sept 2020,

DCCR will implement new and or modify at least three community response family support activities in the target population including central navigation/flex funds, The Care Portal and peer support group(s).

# **Target Population**

68110, 68111, and 68104

This area comprises 18,587 children under the age of 18 with 5,173 ages four and under and 13,414 of children ages five through 17.



# Opportunities/ What's Ahead

- Empowerment zones and 75 North partnerships
- Community Cafés
- Understanding the Redline
- Medical Provider Partnership –
   Plan of Safe Care
- KETV
- Foster Movie



Annie E Casey/Mindspring – fiscal analysis

- Casey Family Programs Recognition
- Legislative Priorities
- September 10 Joint Conference –
   Bring Up NE and Court Improvement Project –
   Dr. Milner and David Kelly





# DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY-BASED PREVENTION MODEL; ENHANCING SAFETY AND WELL-BEING FOR OHIO'S CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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# DEVELOPINGTHE GRANT PROPOSAL

Original Idea: Developing a program to assist families who are referred to CPS and "Screened Out" for services

Grant Proposal Planning Committee: Several members of the Northeast Ohio Regional Prevention Council (NEORPC) came together over several calls and two in-person meetings to flesh out the proposed concept

#### Bumps in the Road:

- I) Federal Funding Opportunity was focused around Universal Prevention Services
- 2) Ohio's Confidentiality and Dissemination of Child Welfare Information Rules

Resulting Decision: Move forward with the proposal using a tiered approach that offers Universal Prevention Services AND offers services at all degrees of the Prevention Continuum

### REQUIRED PROJECT PARTNERS

As part of this project, the Grantee (OCTF) is required to **fosten strategic coordination**, a **shared vision**, **jointly owned outcomes**, and a **strong multi-system collaboration** with the following partners:

- Public Child WelfareAgency
  - ODJFS
  - County PCSAs
- At least one community services agency and/or family assistance program such as:
  - Title V Maternal & Child Health Services Agency
  - TANF Provider
  - Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
- The State's CBCAP Grantee
  - The Ohio Children's Trust Fund\*

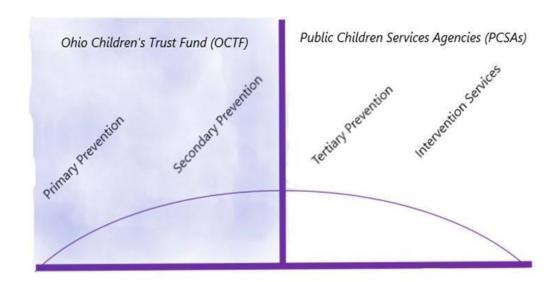
- Legal and Judicial Community
  - Supreme Court of Ohio
  - Local Court Systems
- Youth and Families with Lived Child Welfare Experience
  - Parent Leaders
  - Youth Leaders
- The public health community
  - Community Health Departments
- Public housing partners

#### STATE AND LOCAL PARTNERS

- Northeast Ohio Regional Prevention Council
- Columbiana County
- Mahoning County
- Trumbull County
- Public Children Services Agencies
- Family and Children First Councils
- Local Housing Authorities

- Local Mental Health and Recovery Boards
- Local Provider Agencies
- Local Health Departments
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- Supreme Court of Ohio
- Judicial and Legal Partners
- Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services

#### Continuum of Care for Children Services



Prevention Awareness Campaigns
Public Service Announcements
Global Child Development Screenings
Parent Education and Training
Family Strengthening Services

Home Visiting Programs Parent Support Groups Family Resource Centers CB Prevention Services Service Referrals

Kinship Care
In-Home Voluntary Services
Alternative Response

\* Family First Prevention Services Act

Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Reports Case Plan Services and Goals Maintain in Own Home Or Reunification Required Participation in Services Court Involvement Relative Placements Foster Care Adoption Independent Living

# CONTINUUM OF CARE

**Universal** – Universal resources and services that are available to all families in the community.

Many Families – Resources and services available to many families in the community, some of which are tied to income while others are not.

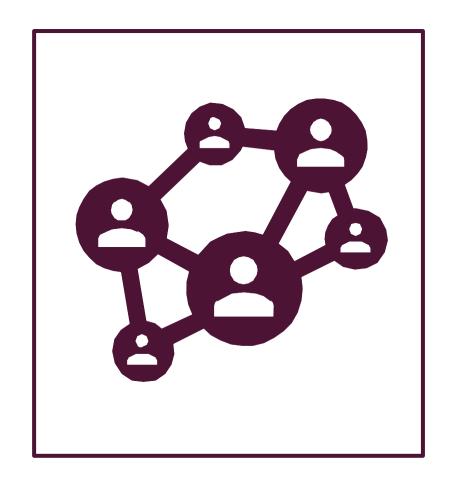
**Specific** – Specific resources and services that are available to families with low-income in order to help meet their basic needs.

**Targeted** – Targeted Services to meet the additional needs of some families with children including mitigating risk factors associated with abuse and neglect.

**Children Services Involved** – Specific services to meet the needs of families involved with public children services agencies (PCSAs) where children are candidates for and at risk of placement in foster care.

#### OHIO'S PREVENTION CONTINUUM

#### OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY-BASED PREVENTION MODEL



"In partnership with the Northeast Ohio Regional Prevention Council, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund proposes to collaborate with various community partners and stakeholders to develop a community-based prevention model that will offer services to families and children at risk of becoming involved with the child welfare system. Through a **multi-tiered approach**, this program will offer an array of services to at risk families. From one-time consultations to intensive home visiting services, families will be able to select the frequency and duration of services that will best meet their unique needs and help them to achieve their goals.

The proposed community-based prevention model rests on **six pillars of service categories** that will be offered through the program: family coaching, parent education, basic life skills, financial literacy, service referrals, and concrete supports. Through this holistic, family-centered, solution-focused approach families will be supported by specially trained 'family coaches' to increase their protective factors and adopt new behaviors to strengthen their family unit and mitigate risk factors for child abuse and neglect."

#### MULTI-TIERED APPROACH

#### Tier I: One-time, 60-90 minute consultation

- All families referred to the program will begin with a Tierri consultation.
  - \* May occur over the phone or in person depending on the families' request.
- Program Consultant will engage the family using a strengths-based approach.

The goals of this interaction with the family are to:

- Understand the families' unique needs.
- Provide information and referrals to local services as needed/requested by the family.
- Explain the tenets of the program and the services that are available.
- \* Assess the families' need for and willingness to engage in Tier II or Tier III services.

#### MULTI-TIERED APPROACH

Tier II: Ongoing supportive consultations and case management services provided to the family virtually through a combination of phone calls, emails, skype, and in person meetings.

- Universal Screenings will be voluntarily offered and administered to all Tier II families.
- In-Person Meetings are not required at this service level but can be provided at the families' request either in the home or in a neutral location such as a restaurant, park, or library.
- \* Pathway to Tier IIII Families engaging in Tier II services may elect to voluntarily transition to Tier III services at any time during the program.

#### MULTI-TIERED APPROACH

## Tier III: Short-term, intensive, in-homeservices delivered by a Family Coach

- \* Home-Visits Through a series of 1 to 2 home visits each month, families engaged in Tier III services will have access to the complete array of services offered by the program.
- ❖ Prevention Services Plan Trained Family Coaches will work with the family to develop a prevention services plan outlining the families' goals and will utilize the Strengthening Families' Framework to deliver agreed upon family-strengthening services that will enhance the families' protective factors and increase family stability.

#### **SERVICE ARRAY**

#### **Information and Referrals:**

Families in need of more specialized services such as substance abuse treatment or mental health services will be referred to community providers that are better equipped to meet the families need.

#### **Financial Literacy:**

Delivered directly by a family coach who is trained in a money management curriculum for adults or referred to a money management/financial literacy training in the community.

#### **Concrete Supports:**

Items such as diapers, wipes, formula, and non-perishables will be available to participating families that need them. Families who participate in a financial assessment and money management course will be eligible to receive one-time financial assistance for items such as past due utility bills.

#### **Parenting:**

General parenting skills offered through family coaching sessions; Triple P level 3 and level 4 services delivered directly by the family coach, who has been trained in Triple P.

#### Life Skills:

Life skills such as grocery shopping, cooking, cleaning, accessing community resources, resume writing, interviewing, educational planning, and interpersonal communication are delivered directly by the family coach.

#### Family Coaching:

Solution-focused coaching sessions designed to elicit change talk and engage families in moving towards behavioral change through the use of motivational interviewing.



# Questions And Wrap-Up

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