The Pathway to Improved Outcomes for Children and Families

Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors Framework Logic Model

Core Functions

State, system, agency, program and community leaders work across systems to:
- Build parent partnerships
- Deepen knowledge and understanding
- Shift practice, policy and systems
- Ensure accountability

Program Practice

Programs that serve children and families:
- Shift organization culture to value and build upon families’ strengths
- Make policy changes to support changes in worker practice
- Implement everyday actions that support families in building protective factors

Worker Practice

Individual workers:
- Have knowledge of protective factors and skills to help families build them
- Change their approach to relationships with parents
- Implement everyday actions that support families in building protective factors

Protective Factors

Families are supported to build:
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Concrete support in times of need
- Social and emotional competence of children

Results

- Strengthened families
- Optimal child development
- Reduced likelihood of child abuse and neglect

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