

1 **Concrete Support in Times of Need**2 **Essential Elements**3 **Three Common Threads Throughout the Curriculum**

1. The Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors Framework – Understanding and communicating the importance of how to use the framework as we go about our everyday work.

4 **Goals**5 **Would You Ask for Help?**6 7 **Concrete Support in Times of Need**

Jessie Gives and Receives Support

- Jessie said she was usually the one helping others. How do you think she felt when the tables were turned and she found herself having to ask for help?
- We often hesitate to ask for help because we feel we might be a burden. What do you think Jessie learned about receiving help as a result of this crisis?
- Feelings (both receiver and giver) play a big role in how families ask for and receive help. Are there things you might do or say that would help families feel more comfortable asking for help?
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8 9 10 **The Pathway to Improved Outcomes for Children and Families**11 **Strategies and Everyday Actions to Build Concrete Support in Times of Need**12 **Concrete Examples of Everyday Actions to Build Concrete Support in Times of Need**13 **Strategies for Linking Families to Services**14 **Linking Families to Services Effectively**
Know Your Community

- Food Bank
- Medical Services
- Mental and Behavioral Health
- Housing Services

- Transportation Services
- Clergy
- Education
- Family Support Centers

15 16 **(Family Stress)**

**When We See Troubling Parent/Child Interactions....
Parents May Be Calling Out for Help**

17 **(Early Warning Signs of CAN)**

Do You Recognize the Early Warning Signs?

18 **(Intervention)**

Symptoms Child Abuse and Neglect Has Occurred

19 **Reviewing Levels of Intervention**

- Be mindful and aware of family stress
- Recognize early warning signs that some form of physical, sexual or emotional abuse or form of neglect might be occurring or have the potential to occur
- Intervene when you are able to identify signs and symptoms that abuse may have already occurred

20 **Essential Elements**

- All families need support
- How Concrete Support Fits into the Framework (logic model)
- Everyday Actions that Build Concrete Support:
 - Respond immediately when families are in crisis
 - Provide information and connections to other services in the community
 - Help families to develop skills and tools they need to identify their needs and connect to supports
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21 **The Alliance has joined with Casey Family Programs to create the Birth Parent National Network (BPNN) which is working to promote and champion birth parents as leaders and strategic partners in child welfare system reform. Listen as birth parent Sandra K. shares about the concrete supports that were needed as her family navigated the child welfare system.**

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The National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds:

- Ensures all states have a strong and effective children's trust or prevention fund capable of leading and investing in strategies, policies and best practices that prevent

child abuse and neglect before it occurs.

- Initiates and engages in national efforts that help state children's trust and prevention funds in strengthening families to prevent child abuse and neglect.
- Promotes and supports a system of services, laws, practices and attitudes that supports families by enabling them to provide their children with safe, healthy and nurturing childhoods.

23 **Contact**

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