



## PARTNERS FOR FLORIDA'S — CHILDREN & FAMILIES —



# Prevention Position Paper Overview

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As Florida's child and family service providers, the Partners for Florida's Children & Families are at the front lines working to meet the greatest needs facing our children, families, and communities. We lead the mission and provide a collective voice to advocate for solutions that empower our children and families, strengthen our communities, and create generational change.

## THE ROLE OF PREVENTION IN FLORIDA

Our goal is to prevent early childhood trauma by promoting Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs):

- **Adverse childhood experiences:** These events are linked to long-term issues like mental health problems, substance abuse, and chronic illnesses.
- **Positive childhood experiences:** Positive experiences can help counteract the effects of adverse experiences, building resilience and improving overall well-being.

## PREVENTION-ORIENTED FRAMEWORK

Prevention is at the foundation of our efforts, and is deployed in two ways:

- **Primary prevention:** Includes public education campaigns, home visits, parent education, and affordable early childhood education.
- **Secondary prevention:** Services for families at risk, such as parent education classes, respite care, and home visiting programs. For families already involved in the child protection system, we can help by focusing on recovery and stabilization.

## PROTECTIVE FACTORS FRAMEWORK

In protecting children and families, the key areas where we can make the biggest difference are:

- **Parental resilience:** Helping parents manage stress and overcome challenges.
- **Social connections:** Building strong networks of community and family support.
- **Knowledge of parenting and child development:** Providing parents with the tools they need to support their children's growth.
- **Concrete supports in times of need:** Ensuring access to essential resources like housing, food, and healthcare.
- **Social and emotional competence of children:** Teaching children emotional regulation and interpersonal skills.

## PREVENTION: RETURN ON INVESTMENT

We are good stewards of dollars and demonstrate that prevention is the key to success and savings:

- **Economic savings:** Investing \$1 in early childhood programs can save up to \$13 in societal costs.
- **Improved outcomes:** Programs like evidence-based parenting and community mental health services reduce child maltreatment and improve family stability.
- **Resilient communities:** Prevention efforts reduce the need for crisis services and strengthen community bonds.

## PARTNERS' ROLE: FRONTLINE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Delivering resources and support for Florida's families helps to:

- **Build trust in communities**
- **Expand access to services**
- **Strengthen family stability**
- **Promote child well-being**

## PARTNERS FOR FLORIDA'S CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DELIVERS SOLUTIONS

We deliver measurable outcomes through our programs, which show clear results, such as fewer crisis calls and more stable families. Our value continues through:

- **Evidence-based practices:** We use proven methods with trained staff and measurable outcomes.
- **Community connection:** Our members are deeply involved in the communities they serve, building trust and accessibility.
- **Collaborative partnerships:** We connect public and private resources to expand our programs' reach and impact.



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