



CREATING A FRAMEWORK FOR CHILD MALTREATMENT PREVENTION

The issue:

Child abuse and neglect are serious problems that can have long-term negative effects not just on individuals, but also public health. Existing programs and policies were not having sufficient impact.

The reality:

Child maltreatment is a complex issue requiring intervention at individual, interpersonal, and community levels.

The opportunity:

Working with CDC, national partners, and experts to reframe the approach to child maltreatment to focus on primary prevention and expand beyond individual/family interventions.

The strategy:

Develop a strengths-based social ecological framework to promote safe, stable, nurturing relationships for children.

- **Social Ecological Approach:** Identify prevention strategies at the individual, family, neighborhood, community, and societal levels.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Gather experts in child maltreatment prevention and a range of other sectors to share knowledge and best practices for creating safe, stable, nurturing environments and relationships.
- **Practical strategies:** Identify concrete and practical activities that can be implemented at the local level to achieve the goal.

The results:

CDC Essentials for Childhood Framework, which has been built out into a comprehensive program.



Family Support: Home visits, Positive Parenting training/skill building



Community Programs: Affordable quality childcare, family engagement in schools



Social Norms & Policies: Support for positive parenting, family friendly work policies, programs to enhance financial security for families



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