

Early Childhood Initiative of the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds DRAFT Theory of Change – 30,000 Foot View

Alliance / ECI National Strategies

Build and maintain strategic partnerships with federal agencies and national organizations

Support CTFs and their Partners:
 Funding, training, technical assistance and learning community tool and publication development

Children's Trust Funds and their Partners' State Strengthening Families Effort

Build state Strengthening Families structure and sustainability

- SF leadership teams
- Parent partnerships
- Protective Factors 101
- Partnerships with early childhood, child welfare and other stakeholders

Increased capacity of stakeholders to incorporate SF/PF/PP's into systems and services for children and families

Increased sustainability of State SF efforts, e.g.,

- Coordination of state efforts
- Funds to sustain efforts
- Shared vision among state leadership team
- Effective engagement of partners to pursue state's SF priorities

State Strengthening Families / ECI

Influence, mobilize and embed SF/PF/PP's into state systems that routinely interact with young children and their families

- Embed SF/PF/PP's into training, and education for regulated childcare providers
- Embed SF/PF/PP's into grantees of state CTFs
- Embed SF/PF/PP's into QRIS

Implement individual, family and community impact strategies incorporating SF/PF/PP's approach, e.g.,

- Demonstrations/Pilot sites
- Community Cafes
- One Tough JobSM
- Family, Friend & Neighbor care

Increased capacity of prioritized system decision-makers to incorporate SF/PF/PP approach into systems (policymakers, funder, administrators, etc.)

Increased and / or leveraged resources to increased prioritized systems and reinforcement of SF/PF/PP's and a approach

Increased capacity of system(s) to engage in parent partnerships (e.g., attitudes, policies, practices)

Increased capacity of parents to engage in parent partnerships (e.g., skills, attitudes, behaviors)

Increased application of direct service approaches

Attainment and strengthening of SF/PF/PP's among families served

Increased integration of SF/PF/PP's approach into prioritized systems policies, systems and programs

Increased capacity of individuals who routinely interact with children and families to apply SF/PF/PP's in their everyday work

Increased capacity of communities to build and strengthen SF/PF/PP's in individuals, families and communities

Increased support for families as a norm in national-level systems and policies

Increased support for families as a norm in state-level systems and policies

Transformational systemic change in the fields of child abuse prevention, early childhood and other systems that routinely interact with CTF's

Attainment and strengthening of protective factors among all families & communities

All children live in safe, stable and nurturing families and communities

KEY

- State Systems (Green box)
- Initiative Structure & Sustainability (Red box)
- Individual Families & Communities (Blue box)
- Strategies (Oval)
- Short-term Outcomes (White box)
- Intermediate Outcomes (White box)
- Long-term Outcomes (Dashed box)
- Goals (Hexagon)

SF/PF/PP = Refers to the Strengthening Families approach, the 5 research-based Protective Factors that are core to that approach and the Parent Partnerships that are essential to success of this approach