

# Protective Factors Framework

our community united for stronger children & families



**Inyo Protective Factors Collaborative**

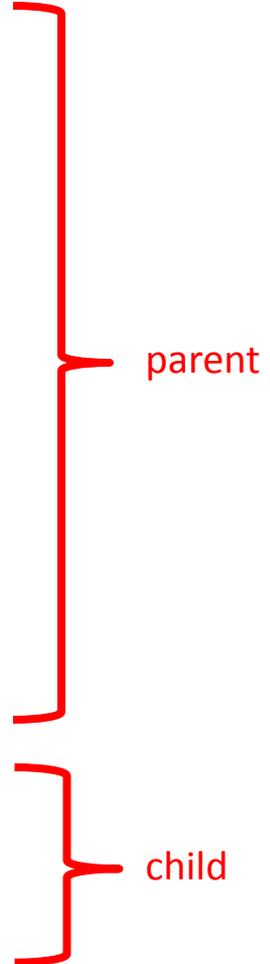


- The **Protective Factors Framework** is based on family strengths.
- It was developed by the Center for the Study of Social Policy, an offshoot from the University of Chicago that focuses on researching ideas to promote community change.
- The Protective Factors Framework was adopted by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services in 2010, and since 2006 more than 17 states have also adopted it as their strategy for promoting child health & welfare, including Illinois, Wisconsin, & California.
- The framework is a flexible & effective evaluation tool that helps communities assess if they have developed the necessary resources to protect children from neglect & abuse, or if many families are still vulnerable to harm.
- All five factors of the framework must be in place in order to create a healthy community that promotes child development & strengthens families.



## THE 5 PROTECTIVE FACTORS ARE...

Protective Factor	Definition
Parental Resilience	The ability to cope and bounce back from all kinds of challenges
Social Connections	Friends, family members, neighbors, and other members of a community who provide emotional support and concrete assistance to parents
Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development	Accurate information about raising young children and appropriate expectations for their behavior
Concrete Support in Times of Need	Financial security to cover day-to-day expenses and unexpected costs that come up from time to time, access to formal supports like TANF and Medicaid, and informal support from social networks
Social and Emotional Competence of Children	A child's ability to interact positively with others and communicate his or her emotions effectively



# Inyo Mapping Results from January Mtng.



## INYO STRENGTHS

- concrete support for families in need
- knowledge of parenting & early childhood development
- early childhood development services
- tribal agencies have developed comprehensive spectrum of services
- there are existing faith-based agencies in every community in Inyo that could be leveraged to strengthen families
- services targeting special needs populations exist

## INYO GAPS

- lack of social connection - parent to parent support
- lack of parent resiliency services
- lack of parent knowledge of teen development & teen services
- services are fragmented into silos, not integrated
- outlying rural areas of county are even more limited in services



# Workgroup Formation for May 3rd

## WORKGROUP 1 – Parent Resiliency (to join call Tina or Ray 873-5040)

This group is meeting beginning the end of January to develop a strategy to increase parent resiliency among a target group of Inyo parents.

## WORKGROUP 2 – Professional Development (to join call Jody 873-6453)

This group meets 12-1 PM the last Monday of every month from Jan to April to develop their plan re: a training for school & social service employees in August 2012 to equip professionals to discuss the protective factors framework with families utilizing a test brochure/online survey tool to help families determine their own strengths.

### SAVE THE DATE:

On **May 3, 2012** we will have a free Inyo Protective Factors Training, and you are invited to attend and bring staff that you feel will benefit from learning this material too!

*8:30 AM to 12:30 PM – Introduction to Protective Factors by Strategies*

*1:30 PM to 3:30 PM – Inyo Workgroup Presentations & Vote to determine  
FY 2012-13 Collaborative Project(s)*

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# Will You Join Us?

By using this framework to describe our individual agency goals, we can:

- Identify community collaborations that fulfill, not detract from, our mission
- Develop a common language to better communicate our desired outcomes to one another
- Save money by leveraging community resources
- Save money by avoiding duplicative programs & services
- Save money by pinpointing low cost & no cost solutions to enact right away
- Clearly measure & report how our efforts increase the health & safety of our community over time



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