

Social & Emotional Competence

Children's early experiences of being nurtured and developing a positive relationship with a caring adult affects all aspects of behavior and development.



Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development

Children thrive when parents provide not only affection, but also respectful communication and listening, consistent rules and expectations, and safe opportunities that promote Independence.



Social Connections

Parents with a social network of emotionally supportive friends, family, and neighbors often find that it is easier to care for their children and themselves.



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Protective Factors

Resilience

Parents who can cope with the stresses of everyday life, as well as occasional crisis, have resilience; they have the flexibility and inner strength necessary to bounce back when things are not going well.



Concrete Support

Families who can meet their own basic needs for food, clothing, housing, and transportation - and who know how to access essential services such as childcare, health care, and mental health services to address family-specific needs - are better able to ensure the safety and well-being of their children.

ACEs can have devastating impacts on long term health

When a child endures adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), they can have life-long consequences for physical and mental health. But one caring adult can make a difference. That's why we know building protective factors in parents, communities and businesses is important.

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