Project Vision

To cultivate a connected community that nurtures caring, strong, safe and healthy families
Shared Prevention Definition

Families thrive in a *connected community* that enhances and restores nurturing and responsive relationships and environments. It involves aligning impact on multiple levels so that all *children* are safe and cherished, all *families* are nurtured to build up protective factors, and *systems/structures* create equitable pathways to wellness.

For Partners in Prevention, the focus is on primary prevention. Our shared approach will reflect the innovation required to meet the evolving priorities and needs of children, families and communities.
To increase protective factors, we will:

- More consistently assess family strengths and needs
- Link families to supports when, where and how they want them
- Improve coordination between services, programs, agencies
- Build adult and agency capacity to increase family wellbeing
Protective Factors

- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Knowledge of Child Development
- Social and Emotional Competence
- Concrete support in times of need
Shared Values

**EQUITY:** we will acknowledge, address and actively challenge historical and systemic inequities that disproportionately impact children and families of color and those living in poverty.

**IMPACT:** we will catalyze culturally appropriate, strengths-based, evidence-informed and outcomes-driven efforts to increase child and family well-being.

**INCLUSION:** we will seek out diverse voices and honor perspectives of those with lived experiences to inform our work and influence system change to better support all families to thrive.

**PARTNERSHIP & COLLABORATION:** we will actively build trusting, authentic and productive relationships to improve outcomes for children and families.

**ACCOUNTABILITY:** our work will align, leverage and expand partnerships to achieve shared goals for children and families in San Diego.
Key Activities

**Improve Systems Alignment, Access to Care & Coordination**
- Mobilize cross-sector partners to align and leverage shared prevention strategies and activities via strategic partner engagement
- Expand and enhance continuum of prevention services and supports
- Increase access to resources via Community Information Exchange (CIE)
- Gather input from those with lived experience to inform program design and implementation plans

**Provider Capacity Building**
- Develop and implement a shared, community-wide Integrated Learning Plan to support partner integration of service delivery best practices
- Provide evidence-based trainings on Protective Factors, Culturally Responsive Practice, Trauma Informed Care, Strengthening Families Quality Standards of Implementation and more (TBD)
- Provide technical assistance to partner agencies as needed

**Increase use of CIE**
- Integrate shared use of Protective Factors screening tool via CIE
- Build family protective factors via linkages to direct services and resources
- Provide partner education and technical assistance to support the utilization of CIE

**Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation**
- Provide quality, evidence-based Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation services for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers (families and early care and education providers)
Project Infrastructure

Local Project Stewards
- YMCA Childcare Resource Service
- Child Welfare Services
- Social Policy Institute (SDSU)
- Harder & Company Community Research

Federal Project Team
- Children’s Bureau
- Implementation & Evaluation support
- Partnerships with 12 other grantees to learn with/ from

Partner Network

Advisory Committee

Early Childhood Mental Health Workgroup

Assessment & Referral Workgroup

Integrated Learning System Workgroup

Community Mapping Workgroup

Equity ✫ Impact ✫ Inclusion ✫ Partnership & Collaboration ✫ Accountability
Leveraging CIE

- Partners in Prevention
- ACES Aware
- Community Connection Hubs
- 2Gen approaches
Thank you!

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