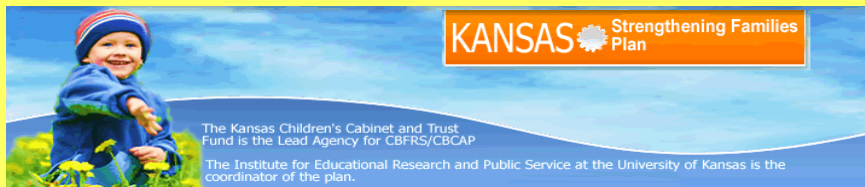




Kansas Strengthening Families Plan

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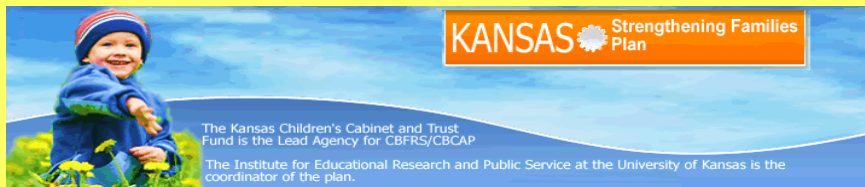
The Center for the Study of Social Policy sought a strategic, feasible approach to child abuse prevention that was:

- systematic,
- national,
- reached large numbers of young children, and
- would have impact long before abuse or neglect occurred.



Their hypothesis was that early care and education programs were central because they offer:

- Daily contact with parents and children
- Uniquely intimate relationship with families
- A universal approach of positive encouragement and education for families
- An early warning and response system at the first sign of trouble



A new CAN Prevention Framework

- Suitable as a universal, positive approach to families (no “risk” factors or deficit approach)
- Connected to early childhood programs
- Able to be communicated easily to all audiences
- Based on hard evidence



Phase 1 Process

Step 1: Search the evidence to find out what factors really reduce child abuse and neglect

Step 2: Identify programs that build the factors and learn how they do it

Step 3: Develop implementation tools based on practice of exemplary programs



Quality Early Care & Education:

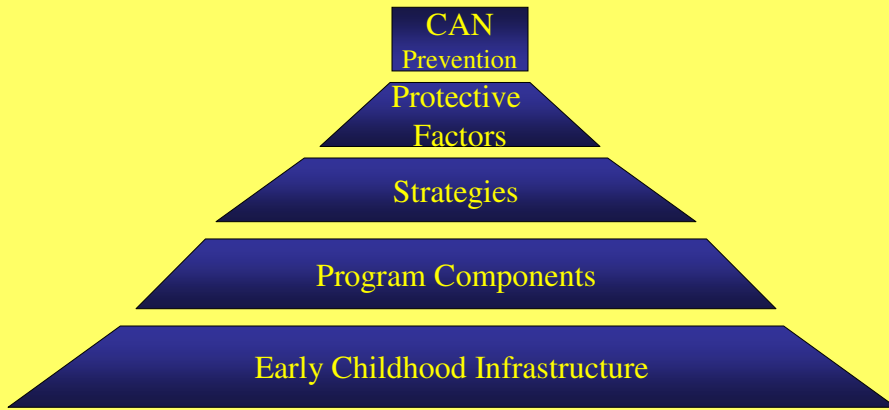
- Program Strategies That:
- Facilitate friendships and mutual support
 - Strengthen parenting
 - Respond to family crises
 - Link families to services and opportunities
 - Value and support parents
 - Facilitate children's social and emotional development
 - Observe and respond to early warning signs of child abuse or neglect

Protective Factors

- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development
- Concrete supports in times of need
- Social and Emotional Competence of Children

CAN Prevention





Exemplary States:

- ***Florida***
- ***New Jersey***

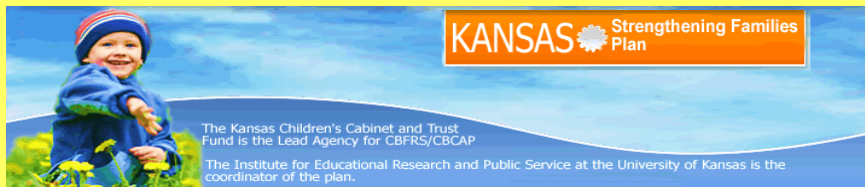


The purpose of Florida's Plan is:

- to coordinate efforts in a way that increases their impact
- to increase the focus on primary prevention efforts and thus to reduce the need for deep-end services
- to ensure that community and family needs are met by addressing gaps in services
- to measure the impact of Florida's prevention efforts consistently around the state



Florida's plan can be accessed at www.teamfla.org/taskforce.html



New Jersey's Plan focuses on :

- local planning and implementation
- engagement of the public to understand child abuse and neglect and what they can do to prevent it
- building collaborations on the local level and connecting local efforts with State planning and support

New Jersey's plan can be accessed at www.preventchildabusenj.org.



Planning Progress

