

#### Community Efforts to Strengthen Families

Informational Meetings Report June 7, 2017

#### Background

- April 12, 2016 First Wisconsin Legislative Children's Caucus Meeting
  - 100+ attendees
- Currently 25 members
- Create a sustainable forum to educate legislators
- Build bi-partisan support for promising, evidence-informed investments in children and families

## Informational Meetings

La Crosse Friday, March 10, 2017

Milwaukee Monday, March 13, 2017

Green Bay Friday, March 17, 2017

Stevens Point Monday, March 20, 2017

Rice Lake Friday, March 24, 2017

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#### What We Learned

- System infrastructure
  - Protective Factors Framework and relationships
- Community Response Program
- Parent Education
- Home Visiting Programs



### Systems Approach

- Protective Factors Framework
  - Social and emotional competence of children
  - Knowledge of parenting and child development
  - Social connections
  - Parental resilience
  - Concrete supports in times of need
- Embedded neighborhood social workers
- Prevention Services Network
  - About 90% of the 130 families (342 children) receiving in-home family support services were not referred to CPS
- A parent's experience



# thow to remember the 5 PROTECTIVE FACTORS that make your family strong.

Use your Thumb to remember

Sected & Emotional

Competence of

Children

because a "thumbs up" is one of the first ways we learn to communicate our emotions.

Your Index Finger represents

Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development

because you are your child's 1st teacher!

Your Pinky Finger signifies
Concrete Sepport

in Times of Need

because it is the smallest finger and reminds us that we all need help sometimes.

Your Ring Finger stands for

Perental Resilience

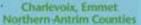
because your first commitment must be to yourself in order to be strong for others.

Your Middle Finger can help you remember

Sected Connections

because it should never stand alone! We all need a positive social network.

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## Community Response Program

- Voluntary program for families screened out of CPS
- Brown County 92% of families served stay out of CPS
- Marathon County Saves \$30,000 annually
  - Parent Experience



### Parenting Education

- Triple P
- Nurturing Parenting
- Culturally-adapted parent education
- A parent's experience



#### Home Visiting

- Provide families support and link them to resources
- Saves \$5.70 for every dollar invested
- La Crosse County No CPS referrals
- Brown County 96% of families served had no substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect
  - A parent's experience



## Challenges

- Funding for primary prevention
- Workforce
- Service availability



### Continuing Education

- What are the most effective ways to move the initiatives forward?
  - Protective Factors Framework/Embedded social workers
  - Community Response Program
  - Parent Education
  - Home Visiting



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