

What is the Protective Factors Training?

The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board coordinates the Bringing the Protective Factors Framework to Life in Your Work initiative throughout Wisconsin. This training is designed to re-energize family service providers, enhance their efforts to partner with parents and see families from a more positive, strengths-based perspective. The curriculum was developed by the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds.

The Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework is an approach which helps organizations or individuals work in partnership with families to identify their needs and utilize existing assets to prevent child abuse and neglect and support the healthy development of children.

The Protective Factors Framework is based on five Protective Factors that extensive research has shown make families stronger, prevent child abuse and neglect, and enable families to care for children in ways that support their healthy development and well being.

- Concrete Supports in Times of Need
- Parental Resilience
- Social Emotional Development of Children
- Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
- Social Connections

The curriculum consists of six courses, each designed to be about two hours in length: the introductory course, and five courses focused on each of the protective factors.

Each Protective Factors course is facilitated by a certified trainer and a parent co-presenter.

Outline of Curriculum

- Introduction/Strengthening Families 101
- Background information on approach
- Introduction of framework
- Strength-based work with families
- Stand-alone introduction to the framework

Five Protective Factors Courses

Each course includes:

- Purpose and learning objectives
- Definition and explanation of the individual protective factor
- Definition and explanation of the program strategy
- Numerous active learning components
- Opportunity for reflection
- Stories of real parents, documenting the impact of the Protective Factors

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