

Building Social Connections is CRUCIAL

Bringing the Protective Factors Framework to Life in Your Work – A Resource for Action



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The National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds:

- Ensures all states have a strong and effective children's trust or prevention fund capable of leading and investing in strategies, policies and best practices that prevent child abuse and neglect before it occurs.
- Initiates and engages in national efforts that help state children's trust and prevention funds in strengthening families to prevent child abuse and neglect.
- Promotes and supports a system of services, laws, practices and attitudes that supports families by enabling them to provide their children with safe, healthy and nurturing childhoods.

Essential Elements



- What are Social Connections?
- The Antidote to Social Isolation
- The Important Role of Communication
- Social Connections and Parental Involvement
- How Social Connections Fits into the Framework (logic model)
- Everyday Actions that Build Positive Social Connections

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Three Common Threads Throughout the Curriculum

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- An illustration of a person with glasses and a red shirt sitting on a green stool, sewing. There are three spools of thread (green, orange, and red) on the floor to the left. The person is holding a needle and thread, and a piece of fabric is being sewn. The background features faint, circular patterns and text related to child development and family support.
- **The Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors Framework**
 - **The Importance of Culture**
 - **The Critical Role Parents Play in Strengthening Families**

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What Does It Mean to Have Social Connections?



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. Most parents need people they can call on once in a while when they need a sympathetic listener, advice, or concrete support. Research has shown that parents who are isolated, with few social connections, are at higher risk for child abuse and neglect.”

– Child Welfare Information Gateway

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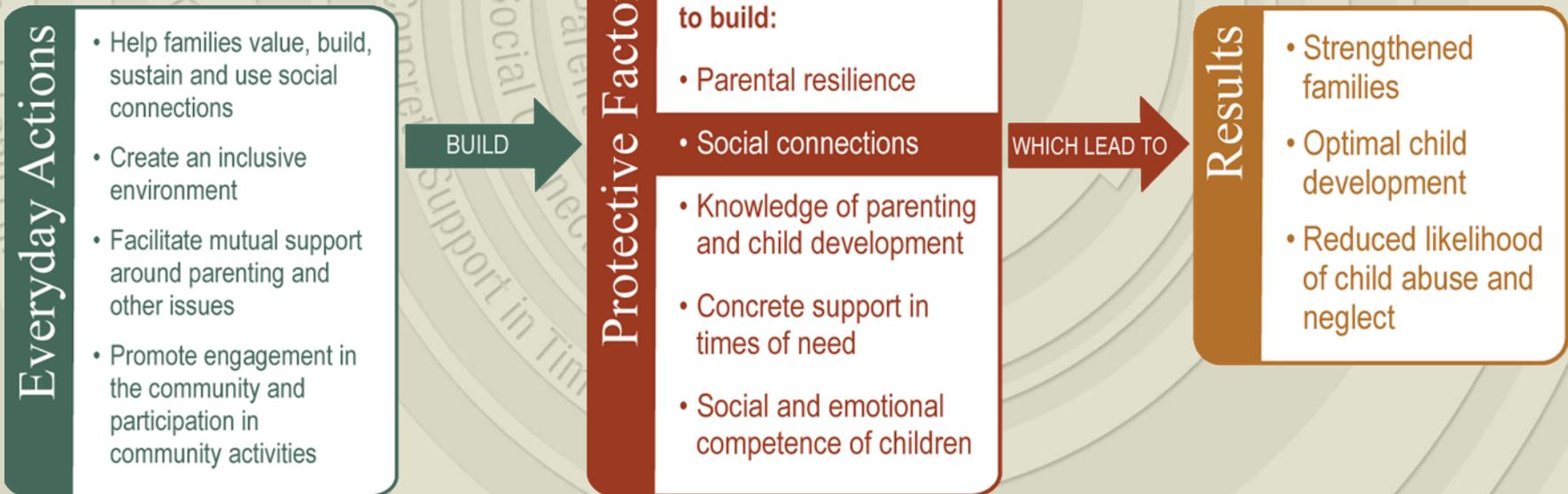
What, if anything, do you miss about "Human Connections"?

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Everyday Actions to Build Social Connections



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CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS





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Helpful Resources

Strengthening Families™ Arizona

<https://www.pcaaz.org/strengtheningfamilies/>

The Center for the Study of Social Policy

<http://www.cssp.org/reform/strengtheningfamilies>

Protective Factor Action Sheets

<http://www.cssp.org/reform/strengtheningfamilies/about/body/ProtectiveFactorsActionSheets.pdf>

The National Alliance of Children's Trust & Prevention Funds

<http://www.ctfalliance.org/onlinetraining.htm>

Building Community Building Hope Resource Guide 2016

(yellow book) *www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing*

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