



The 6 Protective Factors

The presence of these Protective Factors will enhance the stability, sustainability, and well-being of children and families. Alternative Response aims to partner with families to build their Protective Factors.

Nurturing and Attachment: Stable Caregivers who work to understand and meet the child's need for love, affections, and stimulation.

Knowledge of Parenting and of Child and Youth Development: Understanding child development and parenting strategies that support physical, cognitive, language, social and emotional development.

Parental Resilience: Managing stress and functioning well when faced with challenges, adversity and trauma.

Social Connections: Positive relationships that provide emotional, informational, instrumental and spiritual support.

Concrete Supports for Parents: Access to concrete support and services that address a family's needs and help minimize stress caused by challenges.

Social and Emotional Competence of Children:

Family and child interactions that help children develop the ability to communicate clearly, recognize and regulate their emotions and establish and maintain relationships.