

What it Is...

FRAMEWORK

The Hawai`i Department of Health has engaged in three related national initiatives: Strengthening Families, Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning, and ZERO TO THREE State Partnerships for Prevention. This framework focuses on creating a bridge between the early childhood and child abuse prevention communities so that practitioners from these fields can bring their expertise together in support of families with young children.

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

Parental Resilience: The ability to cope and bounce back from all types of challenges.

Social connections: Friends, family members, neighbors and community members who provide emotional support and concrete assistance to parents.

Knowledge of parenting and child development: Accurate information about raising young children and appropriate expectations for their behavior.

Concrete support in times of need: Financial security to cover day-to-day expenses and unexpected costs that come up.

Children's social and emotional development: A child's ability to interact positively with others and communicate his or her emotions effectively.

Ways to be supportive...

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Enhance your skills... Attend a training session on CSEFEL's Promoting Social Emotional Competence and the ZERO TO THREE's Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect: Parent-Provider Partnerships in Child Care curriculum which incorporate the Strengthening Families Protective Factors.

BE COMMITTED

Support Hawai`i's children and families by joining us to find a system of support that is culturally appropriate and meaningful to Hawai`i.



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Hawai`i's Vision

All of
Hawai`i's Children
will be Safe,
Healthy, and
Ready to Succeed.

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strengthening families

THROUGH EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

H A W A I I



National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families

Bringing early childhood
practitioners and prevention
providers together in support
of Hawai`i's Children and
Families



National Network Affiliate

As a means to prevent child abuse and neglect, early care and education programs, child welfare departments, and others are using the Strengthening Families approach to build five Protective Factors in families.

- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Concrete support in times of need
- Children's social and emotional development

Research shows that these factors reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect by providing parents with what they need to parent effectively, even under stress.

For further information, please contact: Hawai'i State Department of Health, Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Coordinator: (808) 733-9021. Or visit <http://www.strengtheningfamilies.net/>



Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning

CSEFEL is focused on promoting the social emotional development and school readiness of young children birth to age 5. CSEFEL is a national resource center funded by the Office of Head Start and Child Care Bureau for disseminating research and evidence-based practices to early childhood programs across the country. The primary focus is on promoting the social and emotional development of children (0-5) and the prevention of challenging behaviors.

The Early Childhood Positive Behavior Support (EC PBS) team supports the professional development of individuals working with children and families and reinforces the infrastructure for social emotional health and well-being of children birth to eight years old. A cadre of professionals will be trained to disseminate evidence-based materials and resources. A team of coaches will provide on-going technical assistance and demonstration sites using the model will collect data.

For further information, please contact: Hawai'i State Department of Health Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Coordinator: (808) 733-9079 Or visit: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/>



National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families

State Partnerships for Prevention

ZERO TO THREE's mission is to promote the health and development of infants and toddlers. They are a national nonprofit organization that informs, trains and supports professionals, policymakers and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers.

Hawai'i is one of 12 states in the State Partnerships for Prevention project, which trains trainers to use the curriculum Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect (PCAN): Parent-Provider Partnerships in Child Care. Trainers then work with child care providers, building the knowledge, skills and confidence to support families in ways that can help in the primary prevention of child maltreatment.

For further information, please contact: Hawai'i State Department of Health Parenting Support Program: (808) 733-4054 Or visit <http://www.zerotothree.org>