

Welcome to Using the Five Protective Factors in your setting!



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Introductions



who are you :

- Your name
- What kind of setting do you work in?
- What would you like to learn in this workshop that will help your work with families?

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In 1996 the Early Childhood Initiative (ECI) was formed, based on the Community Plan written for our Strong Families Coalition .



Why start with the early childhood years?



The family, community or society that understands and values it's children thrives, the society that does not fails.

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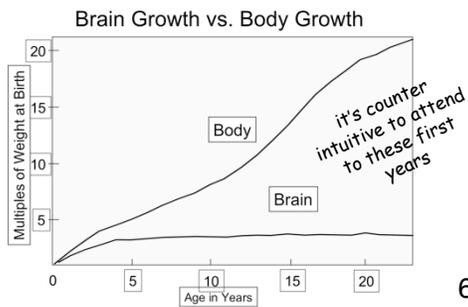
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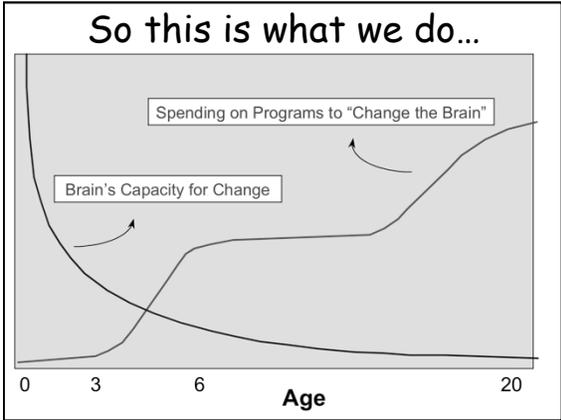
The health and creativity of a community is renewed each generation through it's children

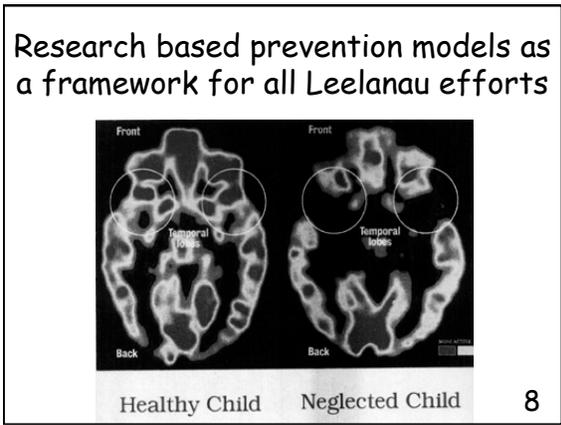


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Despite the data, it's hard for people to understand...









Five Protective Factors

- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Concrete support in times of need
- Social and emotional competence of children

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Parental Resilience

- Offer playgroups
- Parent Education
- Connect families to resources
- Planned family activities



Social Connections

Connect parents to one another:

- Have parties
- encourage volunteerism at community offerings
- Have evening events
- Offer playgroups
- Encourage relationships



Knowledge of parenting and child development



- Newsletters
- Lending library
- Parenting classes
- Workshops
- Playgroups
- Home visits

Concrete supports in times of need

- Family Support Team
- Child Care Fund
- Use of the All Support Action Plan or Individualized Family Support Plan
- Baby Pantry
- Laundry Project



Social and emotional competence of children



- Help preschools develop social-emotional curriculum
- Watch for early warning signs of abuse and neglect
- Teach conflict resolution strategies, share them with parents



What does it look like in Leelanau County?

Family Support

Our first effort was **Parenting Communities**, initiated in 1997 which was developed in response to the call for support for parents.



The program goal is to help parents be the parents they dream of being.

A session later today will look more closely at this program

Parenting Communities



Home visits

Playgroups

Access to resources

Parent education

Developmental screenings

So much more!
