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Responding to Child Abuse and Neglect

Protect children's safety, support families, and reduce the risk of future harm. [ACCESS MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES](#)



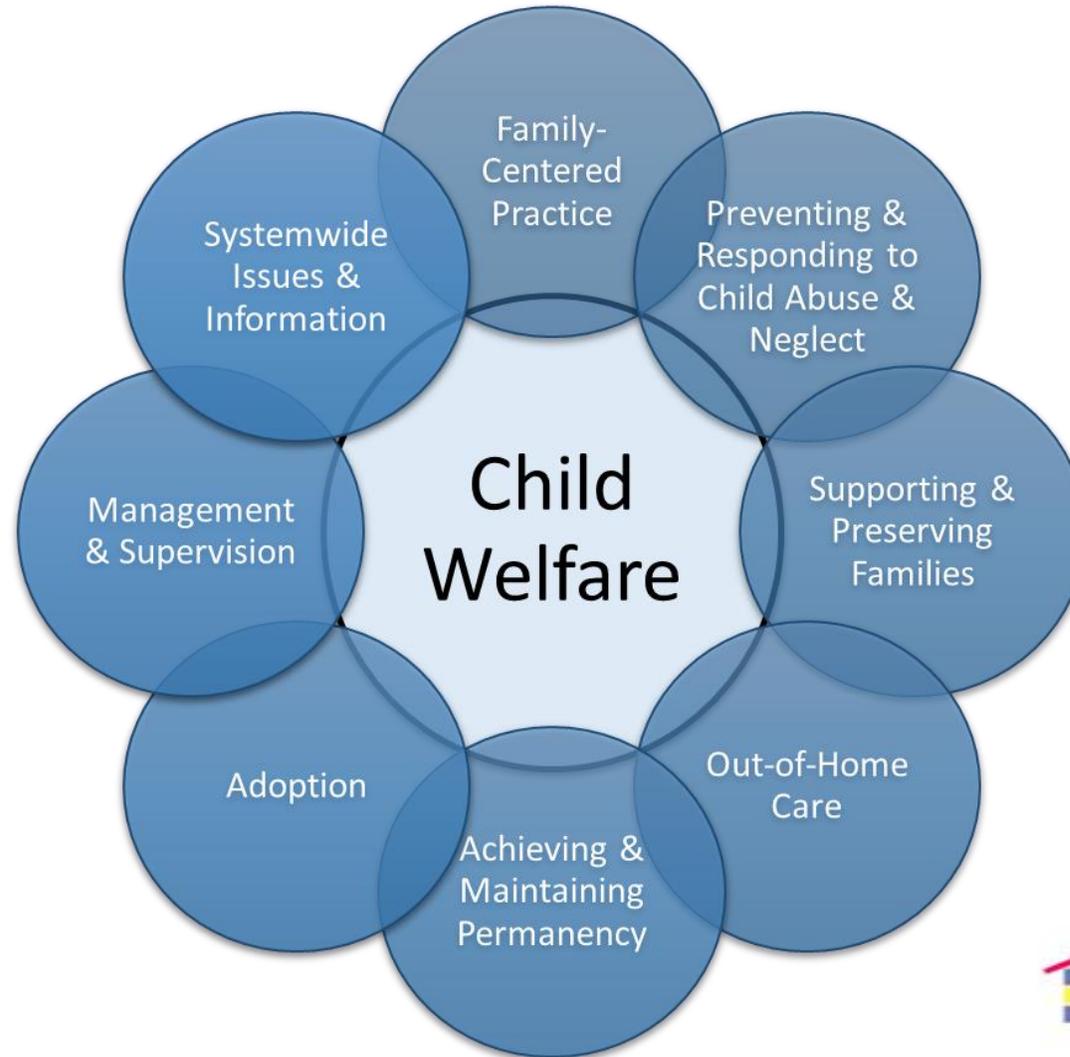
Our Mission

Connecting child welfare & related professionals to comprehensive resources to help protect children & strengthen families.

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Topical Scope

- From Prevention to Permanency



New Information and Resources



New Web Sections:

- Behavioral Health & Wellness
- Human Trafficking
 - Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (P.L. 113-183)
- Educational Stability for Children and Youth in Foster Care
 - The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (P.L. 114-95)

Online Databases and Tools



- Adoption Assistance by State
- **Information Gateway Library**
- **National Foster Care and Adoption Directory (NFCAD)**
- **Publications**
- **Online Learning Center**
- Logic Model Builders
- Realistic Job Previews (RJP)
- **State Guides and Manuals**
- **State Statutes Search**

Publications

More than 350 Free Products

- **Bulletins for Professionals** - research, practices, and policy information for child welfare workers
- **Factsheets** - general information on child abuse and neglect, the child welfare system, and Federal legislation
- **Factsheets for Families** - accessible information on topics in adoption, foster care, and parenting
- **Issue Briefs** - information for professionals and policymakers, including program examples
- **Numbers and Trends** - statistical research synopses
- **State Statutes** - snapshots of State laws around particular child welfare topics, and the specific laws for each State and territory

New Publications



- *Child Welfare and Human Trafficking* (Issue Brief)
- *Immigration and Child Welfare* (Issue Brief)
- *Intergenerational Patterns of Child Maltreatment: What the Evidence Shows* (Issue Brief)
- *Child Welfare Practice With Families Affected by Parental Incarceration* (Bulletin for Professionals)
- *Supervising for Quality Child Welfare Practice* (Bulletin for Professionals)
- *Developing a Trauma-Informed Child Welfare System* (Issue Brief)
- *Promoting Protective Factors for Children and Youth in Foster Care* (Factsheet Series)

Updated Publications



Recently updated:

- *Major Federal Legislation Concerned With Child Protection, Child Welfare, and Adoption*
- *Caseload and Workload Management*
- *Family Engagement: Partnering With Families to Improve Child Welfare Outcomes*

Annual Numbers and Trends:

- *Child Maltreatment 2014: Summary of Key Findings*
- *Foster Care Statistics 2014*
- *Trends in U.S. Adoptions: 2008–2012*

Microsites

Family Engagement Inventory (FEI)

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT INVENTORY

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Family engagement is recognized as a foundation for success across the human services and education fields. The Family Engagement Inventory (FEI) is designed to assist professionals in child welfare, juvenile justice, behavioral health, early education, and education to learn how family engagement is defined and implemented across these fields of practice.

The FEI enables professionals to access information on family engagement organized by discipline and domain. The FEI can be used in several ways:

- Explore commonalities across fields synthesized from an [evidence-based framework](#)

Access links to valuable information and websites within the [resource section](#)

View key information on family engagement across disciplines and compare and contrast the themes, approaches, and resources within them

Examine in the [FEI Synthesis Summary](#) how information for the FEI was researched, collected, and synthesized

The FEI tabs include:

- Definitions
- Benefits
- Practice-level strategies
- Program-level strategies
- System-level strategies
- What works
- Resources

EXPLORE AND COMPARE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACROSS DISCIPLINES

Child Welfare (CW) | Juvenile Justice (JJ) | Behavioral Health (BH) | Early Childhood Education (ECE) | Education (ED)

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FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PRACTICE STRATEGIES

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Narrow By Discipline

The strategies domain is organized by levels of planning and implementation. The practice level domain includes methods, plans of action, processes, and/or policies designed to be used by frontline staff of each discipline in order to enhance or achieve family engagement.

Commonalities Across All Practice Strategies (PDF - XX KB) | Section of Synthesis

CHILD WELFARE (CW)

Effective caseworker and agency behaviors for family engagement include the following:

- Setting mutually satisfactory goals
- Providing services that clients view as relevant and helpful
- Focusing on client skills and strengths
- Spending sufficient time with clients to demonstrate skills and

EDUCATION (ED)

Classroom Family Engagement EE

- Teachers possess the beliefs and mindsets to effectively engage families.
- Teachers and families have trusting relationships and meaningful two-way communication.
- Teachers engage families in constructing goals together.

JUVENILE JUSTICE (JJ)

- Respect family bonds and focus on family strengths
- Define family broadly to include youths' support networks
- Have consistent, frequent two-way communication with youths' families
- Provide families access to information about the juvenile justice system

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE)

The Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (PFCE) Framework

- Program environment: helps families feel welcomed, valued, and respected by staff
- Family partnerships: assist families in working with staff to identify and achieve their goals

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (BH)

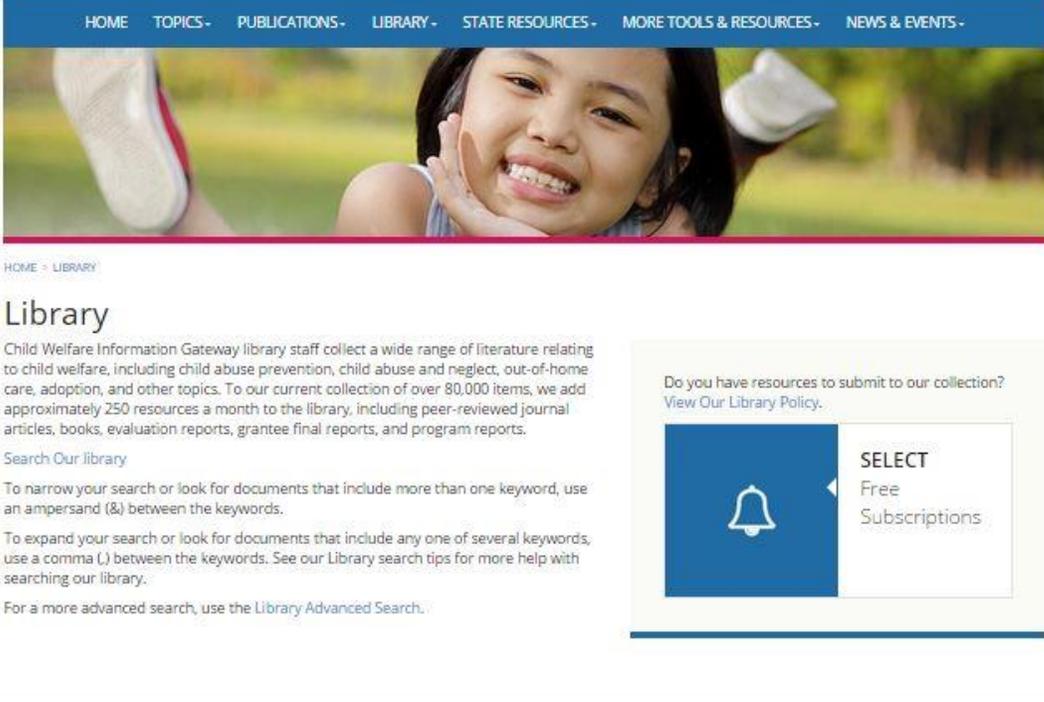
- Ensure engagement begins at the initial contact with the family
- Train behavioral health providers on engagement strategies
- Recognize and respond to the perceptions of parents and families regarding their barriers to treatment
- Include parenting education and treatment.

National Initiative Websites



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Library

Child Welfare Information Gateway library staff collect a wide range of literature relating to child welfare, including child abuse prevention, child abuse and neglect, out-of-home care, adoption, and other topics. To our current collection of over 80,000 items, we add approximately 250 resources a month to the library, including peer-reviewed journal articles, books, evaluation reports, grantee final reports, and program reports.

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- **State Resources**
A snapshot of new State and local government child welfare publications added to the Information Gateway Library
- **My Child Welfare Librarian**
Monthly distribution of links to specific topics related to child welfare practice and organizations

Supporting the Children's Bureau

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Children's Bureau website. At the top, the navigation bar includes "U.S. Department of Health & Human Services", "Administration for Children & Families", and "Children's Bureau". The main header features the Children's Bureau logo and a search bar with options to search all of CB or the CB Resource Library. A horizontal menu lists various sections: HOME, ABOUT, FOCUS AREAS, GRANTS, PROGRAMS, CAPACITY BUILDING, LAWS & POLICIES, MONITORING, and RESEARCH, DATA & TECHNOLOGY. The main content area is dominated by a large banner with a colorful illustration of a community and a bridge over a river. To the right of the illustration, the text reads "Build Communities Via Cross-Agency Collaboration" and describes materials from a 20th NCCAN plenary session. Below the banner, a paragraph states: "The Children's Bureau (CB) focuses on improving the lives of children and families through programs that reduce child abuse and neglect, increase the number of adoptions, and strengthen foster care." The lower section of the page is divided into three columns: "News" with articles like "Rafael López on the interconnectedness of ACYF programs", "Spotlight" featuring a photo of a child and the title "Early Childhood Adversity", and "Find More in our Resource Library" with a search box and a "VIEW" button. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the date as 10/11/2016 and the time as 3:37 PM.

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