

# A Model for Ensuring the Well Being of Florida's Children

## Desired Outcomes

**Children Ready to Learn and Succeed in School**

**Healthy Children**

**Stable and Nurturing Families**

**Children Safe in Their Families and Communities**

**Economically Self-Sufficient Families**

**Supportive Communities**

## A Prevention Orientation Promotes Outcomes

Comprehensive, Integrated Services
Implementation Capacity
Holistic Service Delivery
Evidence-Based Practices and Programs
Supported Front Line Staff
Highly Competent Staff at All Levels
Staff Education and Training
Fiscal Policies that Promote Integration of Quality Services
Local Community Decision Making
Continuity of Care and Practice
Family Supportive Policies
Adequate Resources
Accountability and Continuous Improvement at all Levels

## Supports Necessary for a Prevention Orientation

- Leadership
- Accountability
- Local Level Involvement
- Partnerships Between Specialized Services and Natural Supports
- Balance Between Regulation and Accountability
- Coherent Framework
- Longer View of Change
- Strategic Communications
- Multi-Partisan Commitment

### Challenges of Florida Context

- Age, cultural and language differences
- Poverty
- Population Growth and Mobility
- Gaps in Services
- Inflexible Funding
- Inadequate Preventions Resources
- Inadequate Fiscal Incentives for Service Integration
- Inadequate Leveraging of Funds
- Lack of Implementation Capacity

### Strengths of Florida Context

- Diversity
- Increased Community Awareness of Children's Needs
- Communication Networks
- Examples of Integrated Services
- Emerging Service Delivery Networks
- State-Local Partnerships
- Citizens' Interest in Prevention Investments
- Children's Services Councils