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**12-Month + 18-Month Statewide Planning Effort**

- Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Advisory Council** – 33 members
- 17 Statewide Workgroups**
  - Prevention – 12 workgroups
  - Permanency – 5 workgroups
  - 166 planning partners
  - 107 organizations and agencies
- Circuit-level Local Planning Teams**
  - 20 teams with approximately 600 members




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- Vision**  
 Florida's highest priority – children are raised in healthy, safe, stable and nurturing families.
- Mission**  
 To serve as a blueprint that will be implemented for the care, safety, and protection of all of Florida's children in an environment that fosters healthy social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development.
- Overarching Goal**  
All families and communities ensure that children are safe and nurtured and live in stable environments that promote well-being.



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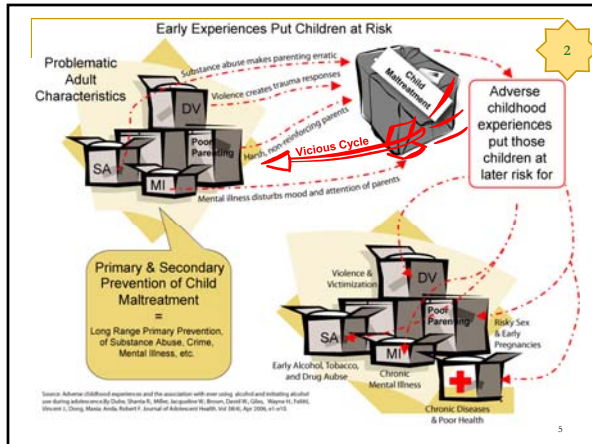
**Desired Population-Level Result of Child Maltreatment Prevention Plan Implementation**


**Reduce the statewide rate of verified child maltreatment**

**Turn the Curve**



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**Foreseeable Results of Adverse Childhood Experiences**

- Increased Rates of:**
  - Teen Pregnancy and Promiscuity
  - Depression and Hallucinations
  - Substance Abuse
  - Disease: Liver, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary, etc.
  - Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
  - Conduct Disorders
  - Developmental Delay and Low Academic Achievement
  - Juvenile Delinquency and Adult Criminology
  - Etc.!

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## The Premise of Positive Deviance

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In every community there are certain individuals whose **uncommon practices and behaviors** enable them to find **better solutions** to problems than their neighbors who have access to the **same resources.**

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## Although most problems have complex, interlinked underlying causes . . .

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The presence of **Positive Deviants** demonstrates that it is possible to find successful solutions **TODAY** before all the underlying causes are addressed!

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## Application of Positive Deviants to Child Maltreatment

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- Research and Work of the Center for the Study of Social Policy
- Five Protective Factors
  - Nurturing and Attachment
  - Knowledge of Parenting and of Child and Youth Development
  - Parental Resilience
  - Social Connections
  - Concrete Support for Parents

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Headline Indicator

## The Prevention Strategies and Objectives Adopted by the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet

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## Prevention of Child Maltreatment

**Child Maltreatment [Defined in Statute]**

- Abuse
- Abandonment
- Neglect

**Prevention Levels and Strategies**

- Primary with Universal Strategies
- Secondary with Targeted Strategies

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- **Six State Prevention Plan Strategies with 23 Objectives:**
  - Infuse the **Five Protective Factors.**
  - Strengthen Florida's Family Support Systems.
  - Provide Information.
  - Inform Education Communities.
  - Inform Law Enforcement Communities.
  - Monitor and Evaluate Implementation.

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■ **State Prevention Plan Strategy #1** to infuse the **Five Protective Factors** into Florida service systems.

■ **Six Objectives:**

- Early Education and Care (AWI)
- Home Visiting Programs (HFF)
- Head Start Programs (HSSC & HSA)
- Medicaid Child Health Check-Up (AHCA)
- Technical Assistance to Circuits (DCF)
- Faith-Based and Community-Based Efforts (EOG)



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■ **State Prevention Plan Strategy #2** to strengthen Florida's systems to better serve the needs of Florida families.

■ **Four Objectives:**

- Whole Child (LCF)
- Healthy Families Florida (DCF & HFF)
- Healthy Start (DOH)
- Educational Services for Parents/Caregivers of Newborns/Young Infants (DOH)



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■ **State Prevention Plan Strategy #3** to provide information on ways to ensure children are safe, nurtured and live in stable environments that promote well-being.

■ **Three Objectives:**

- Public Awareness and Education (PCAFL)
- Evidence-Based Parenting Programs (DCF)
- Child Death Review (DCF, CADR, DOH)



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■ **State Prevention Plan Strategy #4 (Cooperative Education Plan)** to collaboratively work through Florida's educational communities to prevent and respond appropriately to child abuse, abandonment and neglect.

■ **Four Objectives (DOE, DCF, DOH, EOG, ...):**

- Professional development opportunities
- Materials and resources for parents
- Awareness of prevention and intervention resources
- Multidisciplinary curricula



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■ **State Prevention Plan Strategy #4 (Cooperative Law Enforcement Plan)** to provide cross agency training in the law enforcement community – Children and Families, Health, Juvenile Justice, Law Enforcement and Local Sheriffs.

■ **Three Objectives (DLE, DCF, DJJ, DOH, EOG, ...):**

- Design review of implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding
- Annual reviews and updates
- Plan for continuation and expansion



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■ **State Prevention Plan Strategy #6** to monitor and evaluate implementation.

■ **Three Objectives:**

- Design
- Progress Monitoring – Prevention Learning Community
- Annual Review and Assessment



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## Crosswalks of Prevention Strategies

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  - Primary/Universal Strategies 36
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### Summary Take-Away

- Empower Communities and Strengthen Families to Better Care for their Children:
  - Prevent Abuse Before it Ever Occurs.
  - Promote Adoption and Support our Wonderful Adoptive Families.
- Collaborative Effort to Develop:
  - Over 800 Planning Partners Representing
  - 200+ Agencies and Organizations.
- Agency Partnerships for Implementing the Prevention Strategies:
  - 16 Leads (unduplicated) & 20 Workgroups
  - 100s of Potential Partners
- Predominately Low-Cost, No-Cost, and Attainable Strategies and Objectives.



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## Questions, Suggestions, Feedback?



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## Thank You!

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