



Family Finding



A presentation to the PA State Roundtable's Congregate Care Workgroup

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Family Finding Legislation Fast Facts

- All states are required to conduct “diligent searches” under federal Fostering Connections legislation
- Only 6 other states besides Pennsylvania have specific family finding legislation (CA, AZ, WI, IL, OR, WA)
- PA has the most comprehensive legislation because our law requires family finding to begin once the case is accepted for service



Pennsylvania's Family Finding Legislation

ACT 55 of 2013

Legislative Intent



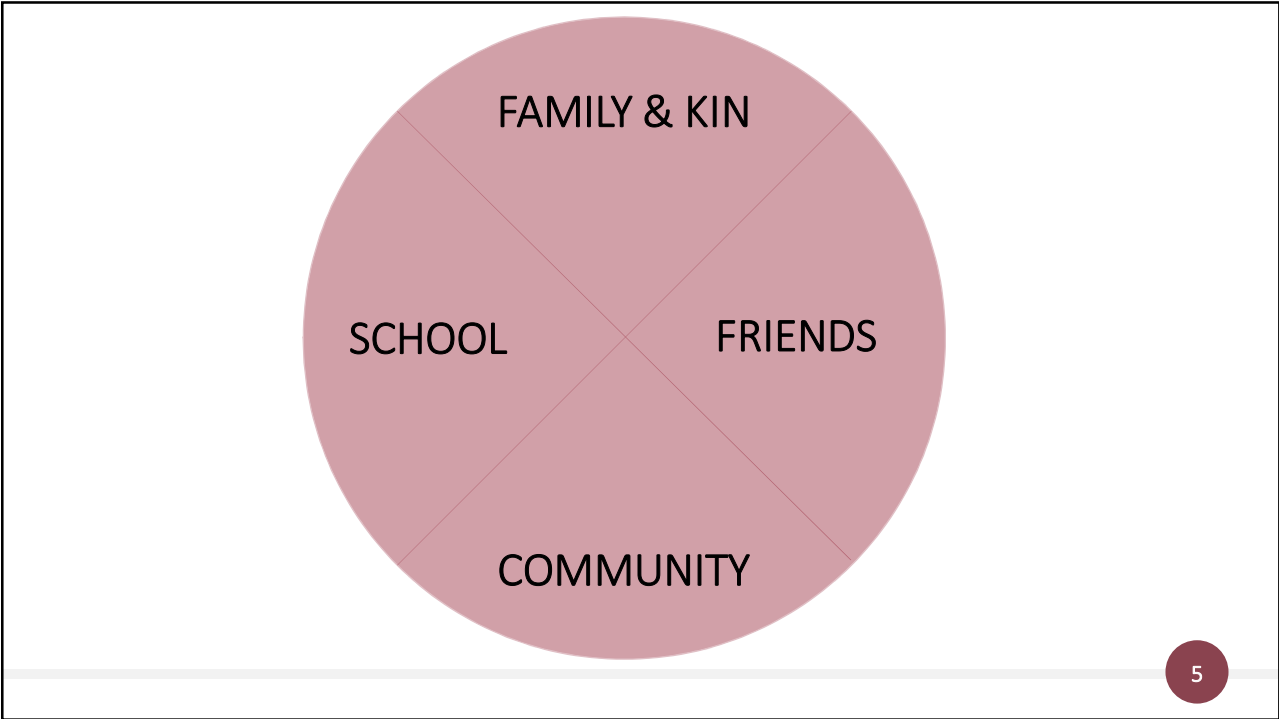
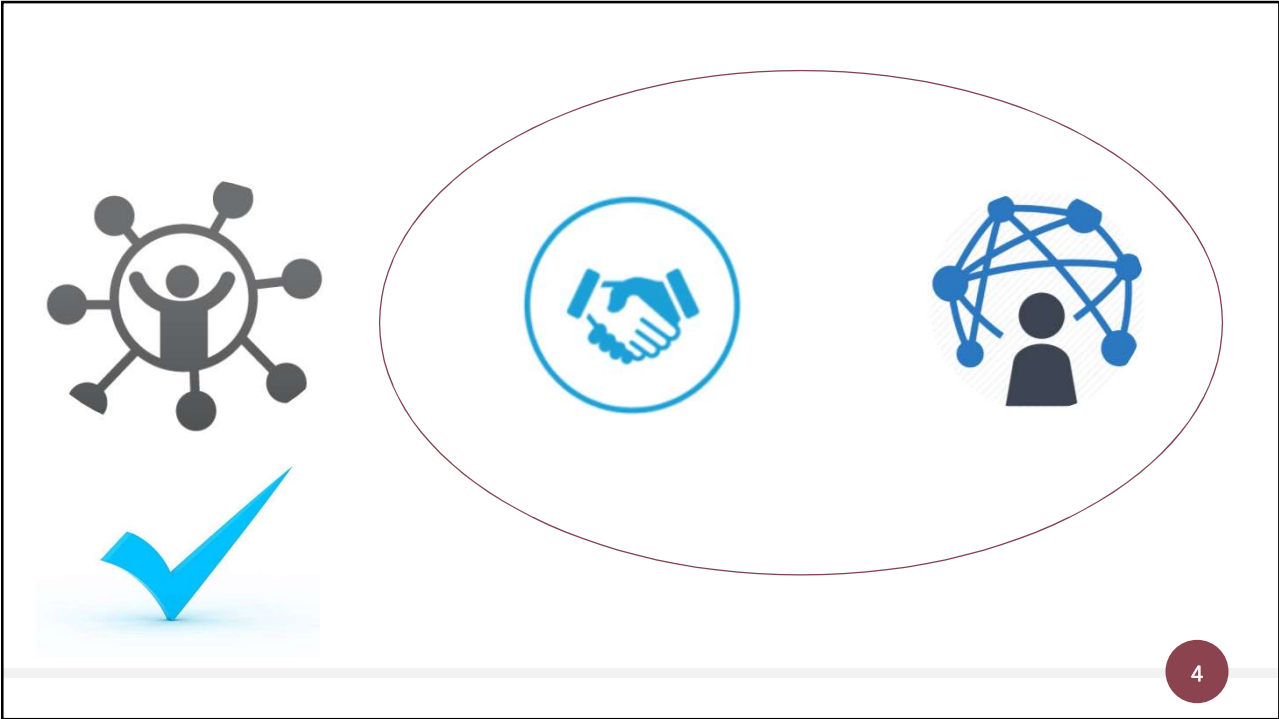
1. **Identify and build** positive connections between the child and the child's relatives and kin



2. **Support the engagement of relatives** and kin in children and youth social services planning and delivery.



3. **Create a network of extended family support to assist in remedying the concerns** that led the child to be involved with the children and youth agency.



ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES - ACES

What are Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)?
ACEs are potentially traumatic events that occur in a child's life:



Physical Abuse



Emotional Abuse



Sexual Abuse



Domestic Violence



Parental Substance Abuse



Mental Illness



Suicide or Death



Crime or Imprisoned Family

Causing lifelong medical, mental & social suffering



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BEHAVIOR



Lack of physical activity



Smoking



Alcoholism



Drug use



Missed work

PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH



Severe obesity



Diabetes



Depression



Suicide attempts



STDs



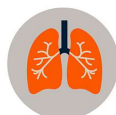
Heart disease



Cancer



Stroke



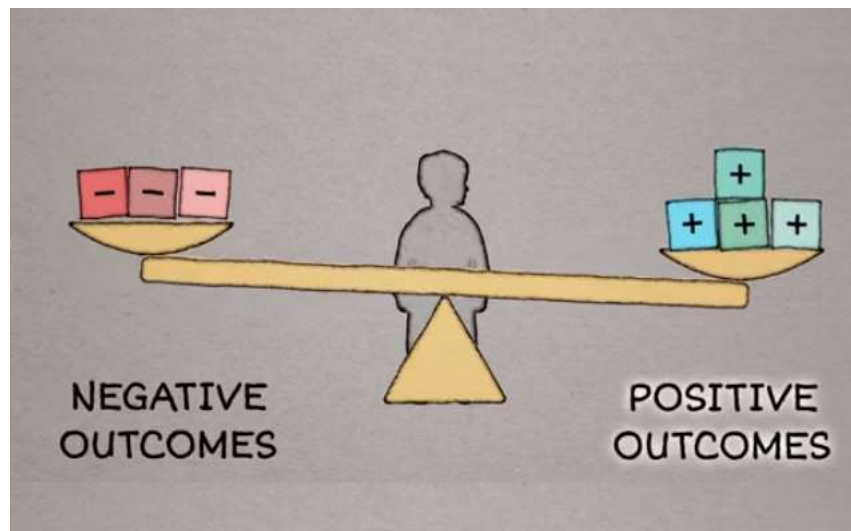
COPD



Broken bones

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Resilience Fulcrum



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Children should have an active role in helping to build their network



Using time differently



Safe, responsive and energetic relationships are at the center of healing for all maltreated children



Thank you



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