

Key Principles of NC's Child Maltreatment Prevention System

NC's child maltreatment prevention efforts will ...

- Promote the healthy development of the parent/child relationship through community and institutional support of parenting.
- Consist of normative, universal efforts to promote healthy parenting among all NC families, as well as more targeted efforts directed towards higher risk families.
- Target the developmental stages of pregnancy and the first years of a child's life as the foundation of our commitment to prevention.
- Add services at different developmental stages to support the healthy formation of the parent/child relationship.
- Match family needs with an appropriate level of support.

To be effective, services need to ...

- Integrate prevention and support services across public and private agencies.
- Enhance the role of community institutions and informal supports in helping families raise children.
- Use family support principles in program planning, implementation, and governance.
- Be linguistically and culturally accessible and responsive.
- Incorporate strong evidenced-based and empirically-based strategies into program planning and implementation.
- Evaluate programmatic efforts and ensure that training, quality assurance, and technical assistance resources are available.
- Ensure that sufficient resources are available to successfully implement prevention strategies and programs.



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