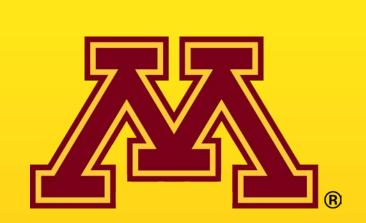
Factors Associated with Good Outcomes for At-Risk Children Who Receive Social Services

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Purposes & Definitions

Purposes

- To identify factors associated with good outcomes when children and their families receive social services
- To develop training materials that prepare professionals to
 - identify positive factors
 - to identify barriers to good outcomes
 - to develop strategies for working through barriers

Definitions of Good Outcomes

- Attachments to others
- Has a safe home
- Works to capacities in school
- Emotional health
- Prosocial beliefs & behaviors

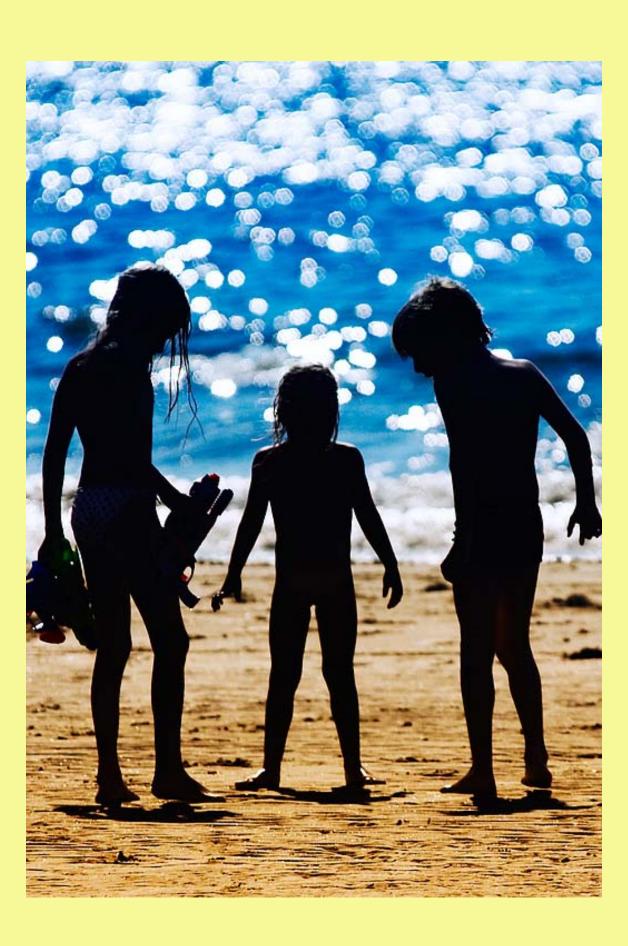
Parent Factors

- Do whatever it takes for the sake of children
- Psychologically and physically available to children
- Sensitive & responsive to children
- Provides love, safety, structure, & predictability to children
- Works cooperatively with service providers (SP)

These factors predict success

Child Factors

- Have parents like those just described
- Willing to engage in programs offered such as
 - trauma-related services
 - services for anti-social behaviors
 - tutoring
 - recreation
- Shows positive behavior changes
 - Self-regulation
 - Executive function
- Confides in service providers
- Good management of any neurological issues
- Pro-social values and goals
 - Resources to attain them



Children's behaviors reflect parents' behaviors

Service Factors

Providers

- Show up
- Follow through
- Listen
- Set limits
- Form positive relationships with clients
- Tolerant of negativity & not knowing
- Have clinical knowledge
- Understand systems issues
- Have resources to offer clients
- Support client autonomy
- loco parentis only when necessary
- Keep themselves safe

Supportive service providers have support within their agencies

Systems Issues

- Reasonable workload
- Supervision
- problem-solving
- provision of information
- support for emotional reactions
- Trust in supervision processes
- Adequate salary & benefits
- Cooperative collaborative relationships
- Adequate service network
- Administrative support to foster collaborations
- Administrative support to lobby funders and policy makers

Outcomes

Good Child Outcomes

Condition 1

- Positive relationship with SP: parent
- Positive relationship with SP: child
- Engagement in services: parent
- Engagement in services: child
- Parent-child relationship positive

Condition 2

- Poor relationship with SP: parent
- Positive relationship with SP: child
- No engagement in services: parent
- Engagement in services: child
- Parent-child relationship: negative

Mixed Child Outcomes

- Poor relationship with SP: parent
- Positive relationship with SP: child
- Good engagement in some services: parent
- Good engagement in some services: child
- Parent-child relationship: negative

Poor Child Outcomes

- Poor relationship with SP: parent
- Poor relationship with SP: child
- No engagement in services: parent
- No engagement in services: child
- Parent-child relationship: negative

