

# The Prevention Continuum

SERVICE				
EARLY PREVENTION PRIOR TO A VALID CPS REFERRAL		PREVENTION PROVIDED AFTER RECEIPT OF A CURRENT, VALID CPS REFERRAL		
Primary Public Education and Awareness Prevention Services	Secondary Prevention Services	Tertiary Prevention Services provided through Child Protective Services	Secondary or Tertiary Prevention services provided through Foster Care AFTER removal of a child	Secondary or Tertiary Prevention Services provided AFTER adoptive placement
TARGET POPULATION				
General public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groups of families and/or</li> <li>Individual families at risk of abuse/neglect, and/or out of home care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Birth families who have suspected or confirmed abuse and/or neglect and</li> <li>Alternative families identified by parents as caretakers to prevent removal and foster care placement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential foster families,</li> <li>Approved foster families</li> <li>Birth families whose children have been removed</li> <li>Birth families whose children have been returned to them and</li> <li>Foster care children in independent living arrangements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential adoptive families</li> <li>Approved adoptive families</li> <li>Birth families who may continue contact with children</li> </ul>
OUTCOME				
Helping children thrive / reducing the risk of abuse/neglect in the community and supporting families so that all children can remain safely at home	Reducing the risk of abuse/neglect in high risk groups or high risk individual families and increasing family stability	Reducing risk of future harm in birth families or other alternative families used to prevent foster care and increasing family stability	Helping children heal and reducing risk of future harm through reabuse or placement disruptions in birth and foster families	Helping children heal and reducing risk of future harm through reabuse or placement disruption / dissolution in adoptive families