

# CONSIDERING YOURSELF A MANDATED SUPPORTER



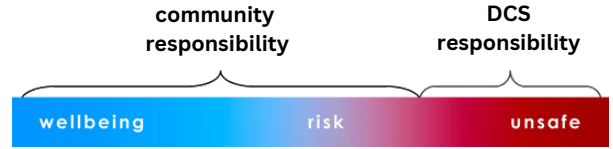
SUPPORTING FAMILIES TO REDUCE OVERWHELM  
& PREVENT CHILD MALTREATMENT



## CHILD WELLBEING IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Role of DCS is child protection: investigation of abuse & neglect that meets statutory requirements.

You are often the best messenger to connect families to supports.



## CHILD MALTREATMENT IS LARGELY PREVENTABLE

> 70% of DCS reports are for neglect.

Connecting families to supports & resources can help address root causes of abuse & neglect.

You can report *and* support.



CHILDREN'S  
TRUST FUND  
**Alliance**

## ASSUMPTIONS & BIASES

Families of color are disproportionately referred to DCS

Everyone has a bias & standard by which we judge others - this can affect our decision-making

## PROTECTIVE FACTORS

**What all families need to thrive**

- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
- Concrete Support in Times of Need
- Children's Social and Emotional Competence

## SHARING RESOURCES

Make resources conspicuous by posting in highly frequented areas

Share them with everyone in communications received by all parents

Make normalizing statements acknowledging parenting is hard and everyone needs help at times



## CONVERSATIONS ARE KEY

"On-ramps" can help: "Do you have a minute to chat? I've noticed something and I'd like your perspective."

**Remember  
LEAN on me:**

- Listening
- Empathy
- Affirmation
- Non-judgment



## RESOURCES

- 211Arizona.org
- Positive ParentingAZ.org
- StrongFamiliesAZ.org

- Birth to Five Helpline: 877-705-KIDS (5437)
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 988
- National Teen Life Line: 602-248-TEEN (8336) [call or text]
- National DV Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
- National Substance Issues Referral & Treatment Hotline: 1-800-662-HELP (4357)