

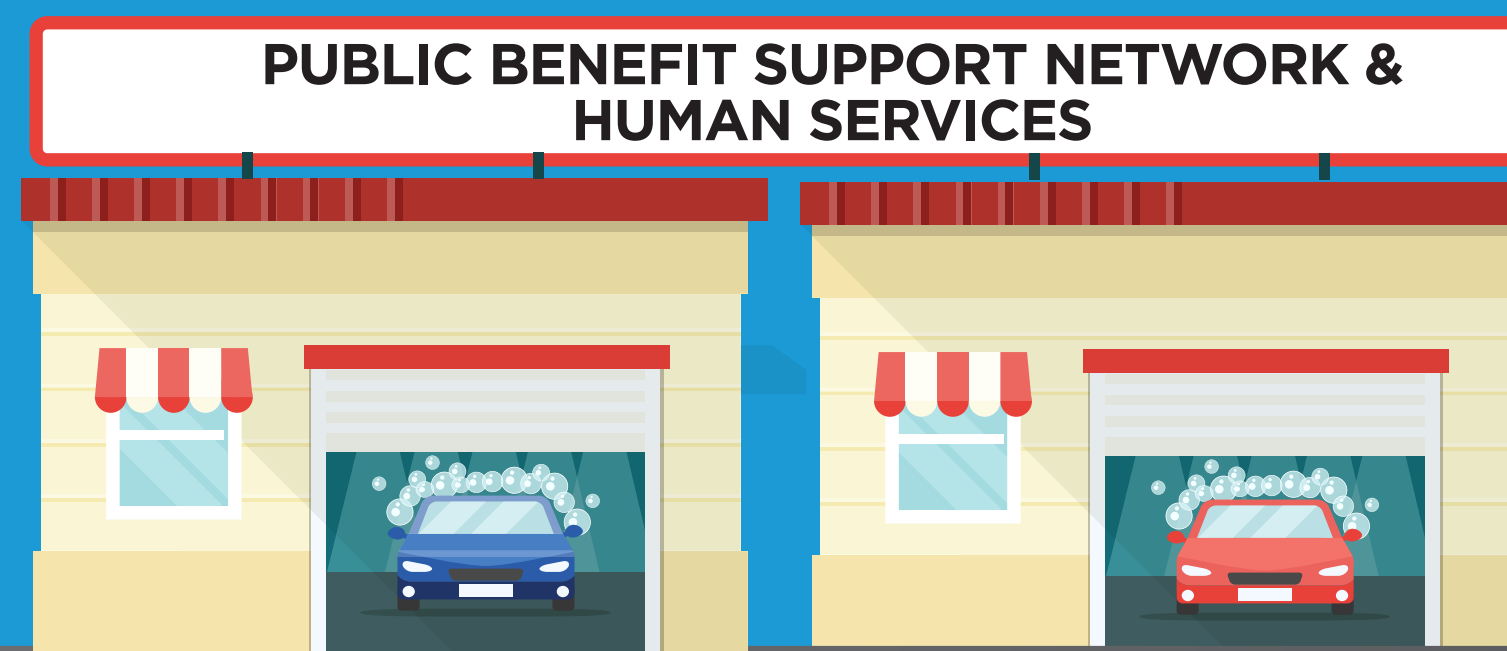
PREVENTING CHILD WELFARE INVOLVEMENT WITH ECONOMIC AND CONCRETE SUPPORTS



- Increased minimum wage & stable employment
- Income equality & mobility
- Paid Family Leave
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Child Tax Credit (CTC)



- Health care
- Child care & pre-K
- Housing
- Home visiting connecting to resources
- Flexible funds
- Direct cash transfers



- Expanded, equitable & integrated human-centered system with shared responsibility, outcomes & accountability to prevent child welfare involvement
- Assessment of family economic instability & risk at key touchpoints across human services
- Alternatives for mandatory reporters to connect families to resources



ECONOMIC DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSE, COMMUNITY PATHWAYS & NAVIGATION

- Redesigned policy & programmatic framework that centers “reasonable efforts” to prevent family separation and addresses root causes of child welfare involvement
- Provide economic & concrete supports paired with equitable access to evidence-based & culturally responsive services in communities to address family needs and reduce risk

SERVES AS FIREWALL TO PREVENT CHILD WELFARE INVOLVEMENT



- Narrowed use of child welfare to respond only when necessary
- Families offered legal counsel at first contact with Child Protective Services
- Address families' intensive needs with economic and concrete supports plus evidence-based practices
- Partnership with families and communities to co-design responsive & accessible service array that goes beyond “treatment”
- Continuously evaluate & monitor effectiveness and impact of interventions



CHILD PROTECTION & FOSTER CARE

