



MEETING FAMILY NEEDS



A Multi-System Framework for Family and Child Well-being

Fostering cross-sector collaboration to promote family and child well-being and prevent child welfare involvement

Too many American families find themselves struggling due to gaps in health, economic, and human service systems that leave families with insufficient or unattainable supports. As unmet needs swell into a crisis, families are too often sent to the child welfare system for support that it, by design, does not provide. Within human service systems, there is increasing momentum in a new direction—one that prevents child welfare involvement by ensuring that family needs are addressed earlier, through an integrated and holistic child and family well-being system. Chapin Hall, with the support of the Doris Duke Foundation, has developed a strategic framework to support this change.

Meeting Family Needs: A multi-system framework for family and child well-being is a detailed tool to develop an integrated and holistic child and family well-being system—a system that buoys families facing adversity and helps them thrive. This framework provides both a vision of this system and the practical steps to get there. Key elements of this framework are illustrated on this page.

