OCFS funds many community-based child abuse prevention programs. These include Family Resource Centers, home visiting programs, parenting education programs, and clinical and family strengthening programs that provide evidence-based or evidence-informed services.

Programs partner with other community agencies and parents to assist families in their caregiving roles, strengthen informal supports, offer resources directly or through referrals, and promote community investment. These services build on protective factors that research shows can reduce child abuse and neglect.

**Family Characteristics**

- **73%** Have a child 0 to 5
- **42%** Income < $25,000
- **16%** No HS/GED
- **12%** Unemployed
- **11%** English not Primary Language
- **19%** Have a Disability
- **6%** No Health Insurance
- **11%** No Primary Care Provider
Most Commonly Provided Services

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338 Parents Engaged in Leadership Activities

Improvements in Protective Factors

Average increase in participants' Protective Factors subscale scores

- **2.4%** Increase in Family Functioning Scores
- **9.8%** Increase in Concrete Support Scores
- **4.9%** Increase in Social Support Scores
- **4.4%** Increase in Nurturing and Attachment Scores
Improvements in Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development

Average increase in participants' Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development scores

- **21%**
  - I know where I can get information about parenting and taking care of children

- **18%**
  - I know what behaviors and abilities are normal for my child's developmental stage

- **16%**
  - I understand why my child behaves the way they do

- **15%**
  - I know how to help my child learn

- **15%**
  - I know how to obtain information on what to expect of my child as they grow and mature

- **13%**
  - I provide activities for my child that will help them develop new skills

- **12%**
  - I help my child figure out a task when they are having trouble

- **10%**
  - I discipline my child without losing control

- **8%**
  - I read to or with my child

- **8%**
  - My child has a routine for daily activities

- **7%**
  - I praise my child when they behave well
This program helped me with stress

- Strongly Agree (65.43%)
- Agree (26.68%)
- Neither Agree Nor Disagree (7.42%)
- Disagree (0.46%)

This program helped me connect with other people

- Strongly Agree (58.45%)
- Agree (30.05%)
- Neither Agree Nor Disagree (10.09%)
- Disagree (1.17%)  Strongly Disagree (0.23%)

This program helped me know where to go when I'm in need

- Strongly Agree (65.36%)
- Agree (26.56%)
- Neither Agree Nor Disagree (7.85%)
- Strongly Disagree (0.23%)

This program helped me improve my parenting skills

- Strongly Agree (66.05%)
- Agree (26.51%)
- Neither Agree Nor Disagree (6.51%)
- Disagree (0.7%)  Strongly Disagree (0.23%)

This program helped me make my home safer for my child

- Strongly Agree (58.04%)
- Agree (29.37%)
- Neither Agree Nor Disagree (11.66%)
- Disagree (0.7%)  Strongly Disagree (0.23%)

This program helped me learn more about my child's development

- Strongly Agree (64.27%)
- Agree (28.31%)
- Neither Agree Nor Disagree (7.19%)
- Disagree (0.23%)