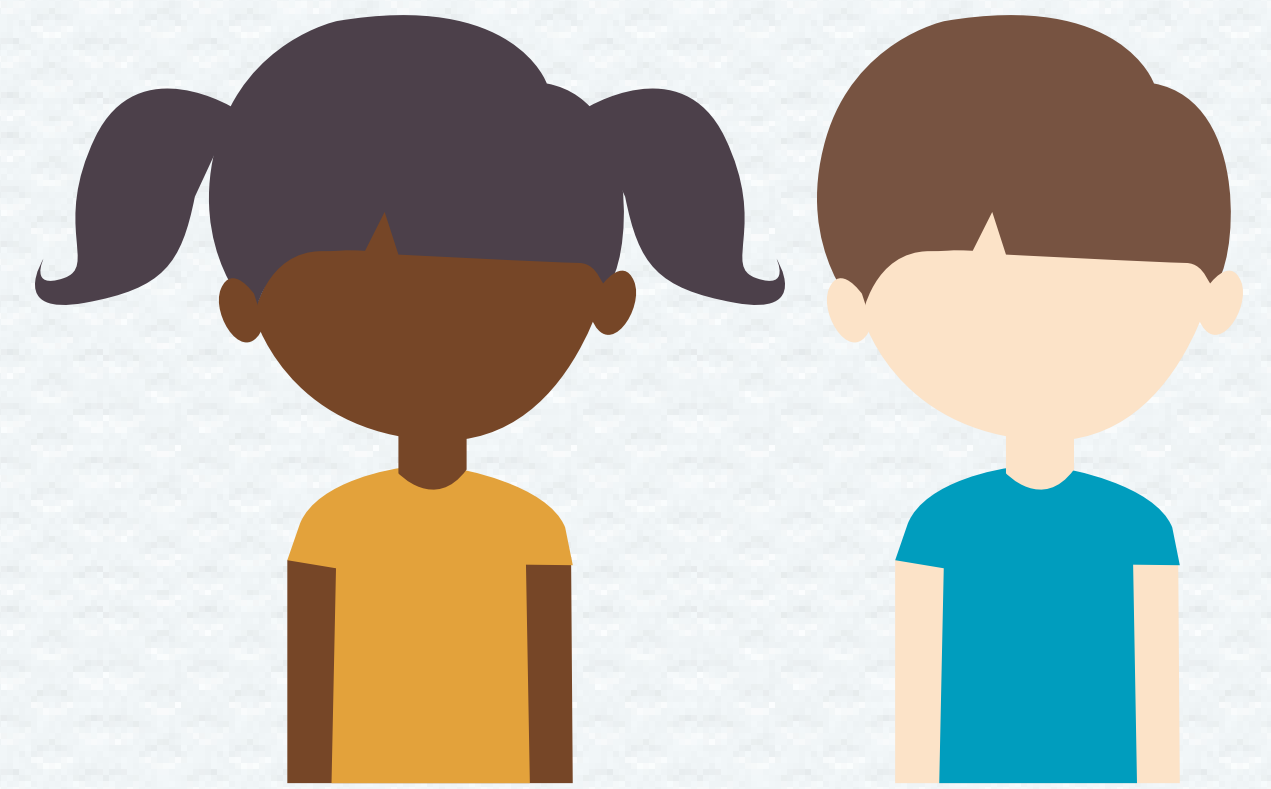


Our Mission: We help children facing adversity on their journey to adulthood. We use proven methods to help families raise their children so they can flourish.



Current Situation: The "Why"
 Science tells us that early experiences affect the development of brain architecture, which provides the foundation for all future learning, behavior, and health. Just as a weak foundation compromises the quality and strength of a house, adverse experiences early in life can impair brain architecture, with negative effects lasting into adulthood.

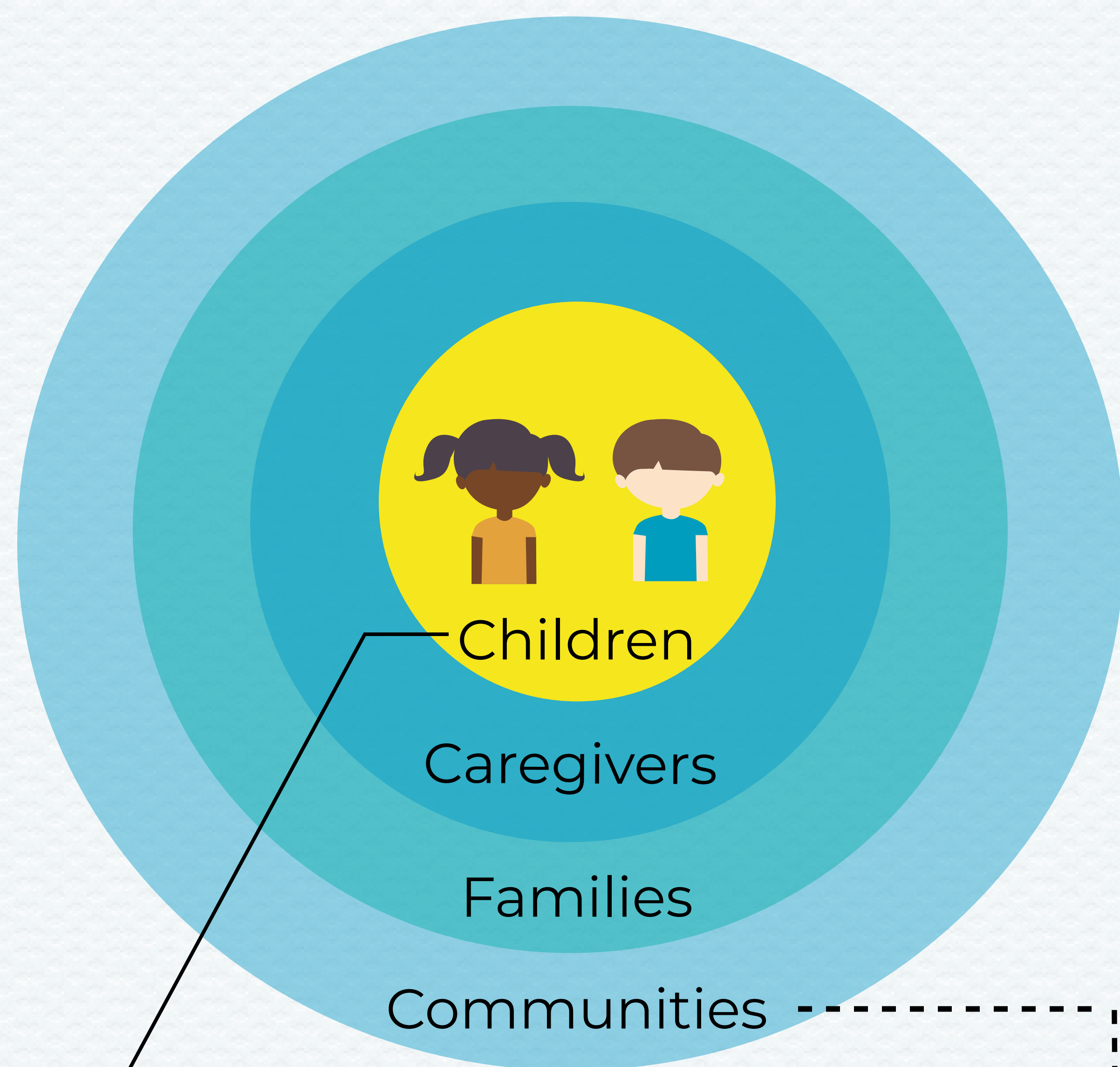
Ultimate Goals

Children reach their full potential through healthy development and educational achievement.



Adults provide responsive caregiving and achieve economic stability.

Who We Support



Our primary focus is Delaware children ages 0-18 who may experience adversity (such as poverty, family challenges, or abuse or neglect), as well as their caregivers.

Communities are strengthened by our work because when children & families reach their full potential, we all benefit. We partner with other child and family service providers, policy makers, and public systems.

Our Core Principles

Children & Families First turns research into practice using principles developed by the Harvard Center on the Developing Child.



Build Responsive Relationships

Healthy brain architecture depends on a sturdy foundation built by appropriate input from a child's senses and stable, responsive relationships with caring adults.



Strengthen Core Life Skills

Research shows that it is never too late to help adults build their core capabilities and that we can have lifelong impact if adults support the development of these skills in childhood.



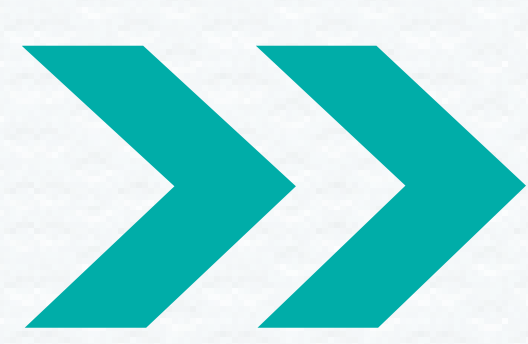
Reduce External Sources of Stress

Chaotic, stressful, & threatening situations can derail anyone. We intentionally design programs and services to reduce stress for people whose core capabilities are challenged.

Our Continuum

Prevention

Help parents prevent adverse experiences from happening to their children.



Intervention

Intervene when children and families are struggling with challenges.



Healing

Provide supports for children & families to heal from adversity.

Invest in Our Work



We offer solutions to combat adversity in communities across Delaware. With your help, we can build strong foundations so that children & families can overcome challenges, build resilience and make multi-generational positive change.

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