



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

2023 CAMPAIGN:
SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY EXAMPLES

WHAT IS A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY?

PARENT PERSPECTIVE...

- A supportive community provides quality, affordable childcare, helping to clear the path for parents' economic advancement.
- A supportive community understands the demands of parenting and is flexible with expectations, working with parents to accommodate busy schedules and competing priorities.
- A supportive community provides opportunities for parents to connect with one another.
- A supportive community makes an effort to know each family and to understand their language, culture, family structure, and areas of need.
- A supportive community has accessible community organizations with helpful staff members who can connect people to a variety of resources.
- A supportive community prioritizes wellbeing and recognizes that everyone needs help sometimes.
- A supportive community has easily accessible resources to support the mental health of all family members.
- In a supportive community organizations work together and share information, so that families can be guided to the right place when things seem overwhelming.
- A supportive community provides opportunities for people of all ages to give back.
- A supportive community values all parents and has resources for both moms and dads.
- A supportive community recognizes that other family members also assume the parenting role, and makes resources available to any caregiver who is raising a child.
- A supportive community offers classes and information to help parents/caregivers understand what to expect as their children grow.
- A supportive community makes sure that basic needs are met for healthy food, safe and affordable housing, and quality healthcare.
- A supportive community provides safe places to live, work, and play.
- A supportive community offers clear pathways to economic advancement and self-sufficiency.
- A supportive community has opportunities for people with disabilities, learning differences, and neurodiversity.

YOUTH PERSPECTIVE...

- In a supportive community, youth have adequate transportation and safe routes to schools and other activities.
- A supportive community understands that youth communicate in different ways, and service providers share information and opportunities using youth-friendly language and technology.
- A supportive community has adequate funding for youth-centered and youth-led programs that are consistently available and adaptable to youth needs and interests.
- A supportive community has places where youth can access immediate support for mental health.
- A supportive community understands youth pressures and challenges and strives to remove barriers.
- A supportive community provides youth with access to consistent, caring adults and a variety of engaging programs that nurture their interests and talents.
- A supportive community values and promotes youth voice and choice.
- A supportive community teaches service providers how to work with youth and how to collaborate with parents, schools, and youth-serving organizations.
- A supportive community teaches youth skills for self-regulation, and uses restorative practices to resolve conflicts.

PROVIDER PERSPECTIVE...

- A supportive community is welcoming and inclusive, respecting the contributions of those with diverse abilities.
- Providers in a supportive community are proactive in meeting the needs of community members, recognizing that often people don't know what to ask for when they are facing hard times.
- A supportive community has a "no wrong door" approach to service delivery, welcomes each individual as a whole person, provides assistance, and links them to other helpful resources.
- In a supportive community, service providers recognize intergenerational trauma and the importance of family and community in addressing the needs of the individual.
- Organizations in a supportive community are connected, communicating, and collaborating to achieve common goals for community wellbeing.
- A supportive community listens to community voices and invites community members to help design programs and services that will meet their needs.
- A supportive community compensates community members who serve as consultants.
- A supportive community removes language barriers and promotes cultural understanding.

- A supportive community focuses on prevention, teaching skills and providing resources for health and wellbeing.
- In a supportive community, providers offer quality services that are reliably delivered in a trauma-informed manner.
- Providers in a supportive community take care of their staff members and commit to fostering trauma-responsive organizations and systems of care.
- In a supportive community, providers look for root causes of family stress and take steps to promote equitable solutions to community challenges.