

Quick Breakout

- · Introduce yourself
- Why did you choose to attend today?
- What are you interested to know/learn?







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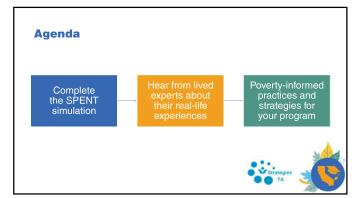


Ground Rules & Best Outcomes

- · Potential triggers for participants
- · Best outcomes
 - I spent time playing a game
 - I had a perspective shift and came away with some concrete strategies
- Basic assumptions about poverty
 - Strengths-Based model
 - Acknowledge your bias
 - Turning judgement to wonder



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Access to supports and services that reduce stress and help to make families stronger.



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CONCRETE SUPPORT IN TIMES OF NEED

- All parents need help sometimes day-to-day care of children, figuring out how to soothe a colicky baby, getting to the emergency room.
- When parents are faced with overwhelmingly stressful conditions, they need to seek help, but for some parents asking for help is not an easy thing to do.
- A strengths-based approach helps parents feel valued because they are acknowledged as knowledgeable and competent.





CONCRETE SUPPORT IN TIMES OF NEED: WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

As a professional working with families, your role is not just to provide referrals to needed services, but to identify any barriers the families may have in accessing those services. Helping families overcome those barriers is crucial to ensuring that their concrete needs are met.

[Source: CSSP Protective Factors Action Sheet]





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and opportunities

Observe and respond to early warning signs of child abuse or neglect

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The ability and opportunity to develop positive relationships that lessen stress and isolation and help to build a supportive network

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SOCIAL CONNECTION

- Parents need people who care about them and their children, who can be good listeners, who they can turn to for well-informed advice, and who they can call on for help in solving problems.
- Availability and quality of social connections are important considerations in the lives of parents.
- · Constructive and supportive social connections help buffer parents from stressors and support nurturing parenting behaviors that promote secure attachments in young

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SOCIAL CONNECTION: WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

You can help parents to think critically about their social network and how they could utilize it more effectively, as well as the skills and tools they need to expand it.

[Source: CSSP Protective Factors Action Sheet]





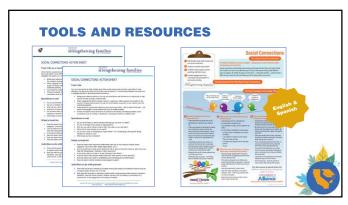
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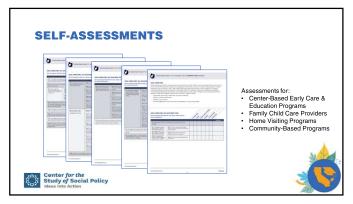
SOCIAL CONNECTION: STRATEGIES



Facilitate friendships and mutual support

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4.1 Parents are encouraged to turn to staff in the event of a crisis through:	The fact that staff listen, show concern and share their own personal challenges as appropriate in informal conversations and regular interactions.				
	4.1.2 Materials regularly provided to participating families.				
	4.1.3 Information on which staff members can help families with particular issues.				

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		meet with parents privately. 4.2.4 Ensuring that parents can talk with staff members with whom they are the most			

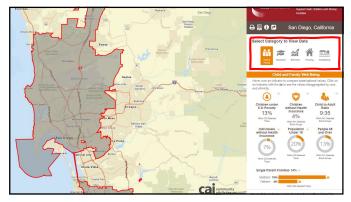


The Community Opportunity Map

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Take SPENT Back To Your Team



Discussion Questions:

- Which of the decisions were really hard for you?
- Did they surprise you?
- Did anything bother or frustrate you?
 Why?
- What would you like to learn more about based on your SPENT experience?

Include Lived Expertise







