



Administering The Protective Factors Survey (PFS) and using the PFS database

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Overview

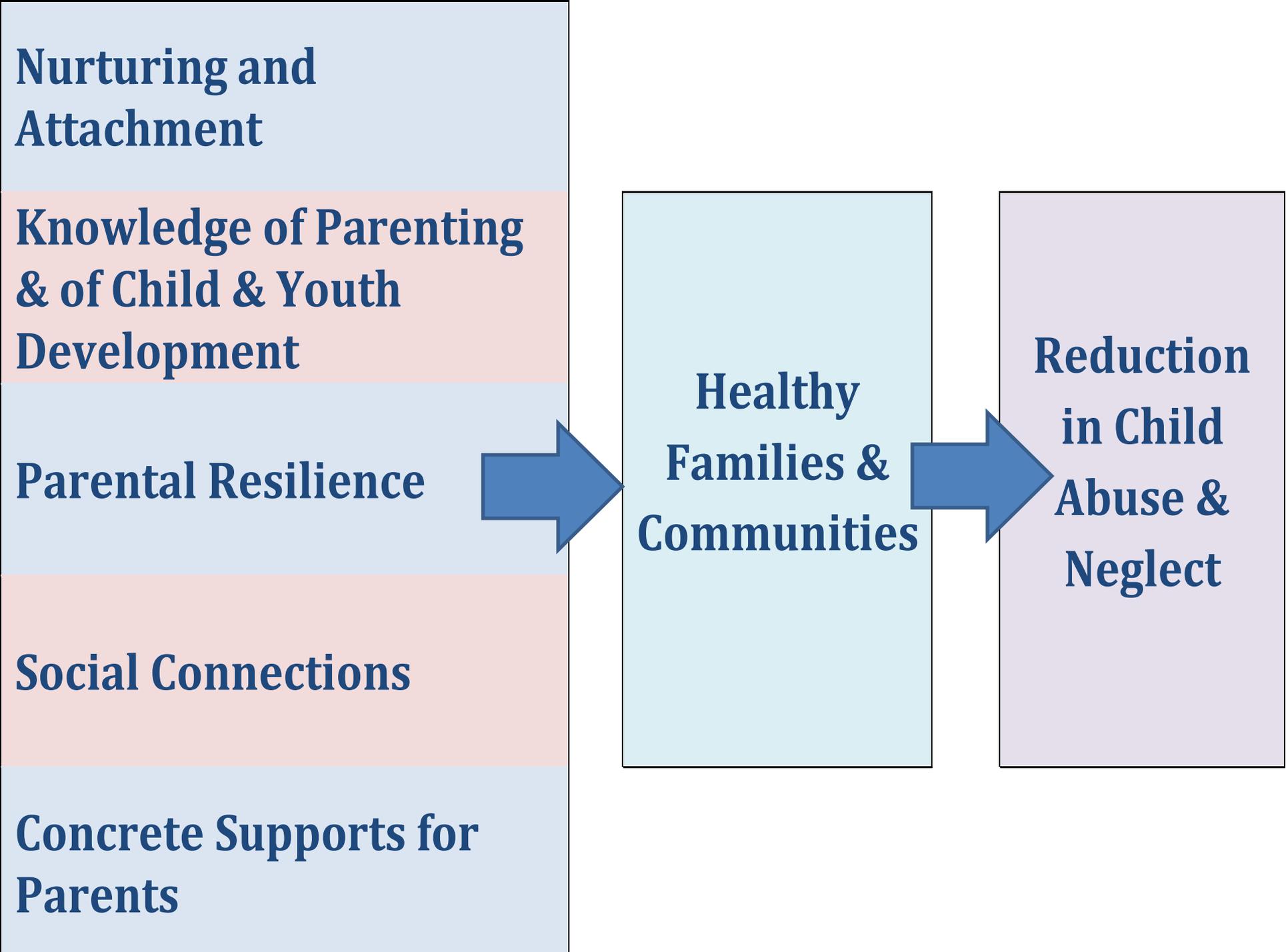
- Administering The Protective Factors Survey (PFS)
- Download and use the PFS Database
- Q & A



The Protective Factors

Protective Factors in the categories identified by the Center for the Study of Social Policy:

- Nurturing and Attachment
- Knowledge of Parenting and of Child and Youth Development
- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Concrete Supports for Parents





The PFS...

- Designed for use in child abuse prevention programs
- Provides feedback for continuous improvement and evaluation purposes
- Provides agencies with the following information:
 - A snapshot of the families they serve
 - Changes in protective factors
 - Where to focus services
 - The PFS is not intended for individual assessment, placement, or diagnostic purposes

CSSP Protective Factors

PFS Protective Factors

Parental Resilience

Family Functioning/Resiliency

Social Connections

Social Emotional Support

Knowledge of Parenting

Knowledge of Parenting/Child
Development

Concrete Support in Time of
Need

Concrete Support

Social/Emotional Competence
of Children

Nurturing and Attachment



Survey Administration (Preparation)

- Identify participants who may have literacy barriers and need assistance with reading
- Assign ID #s. Keep ID Key in secure location
- Staff complete “[program information](#)” on the PFS
- Staff may choose to complete the [demographic](#) portion of the PFS if they have access to the information.
- Create survey packets for the respondents including
 - Informed consent form
 - demographic form (if applicable) and the PFS (clearly marked with client ID)



Survey Administration, Continued

- Provide alternative arrangements for children
- Hand out survey packets with Client IDs clearly marked
- After explaining [informed consent](#), ask participants to sign the form. Remember: The PFS is voluntary. The forms can be handed in separately as a further safeguard to privacy.
- Introduce Survey (an introductory statement is in the manual)
- Review instructions (using the manual text)
- Start [survey](#), answer questions as needed (use manual to help with paraphrasing)
 - Be prepared to answer questions about the reverse scored items
- Upon completion, collect surveys



Data Management

- Store raw data in secure location
- Enter data
- Destroy surveys within prescribed time frames

How to use the database

[Download from FRIENDS website](#)

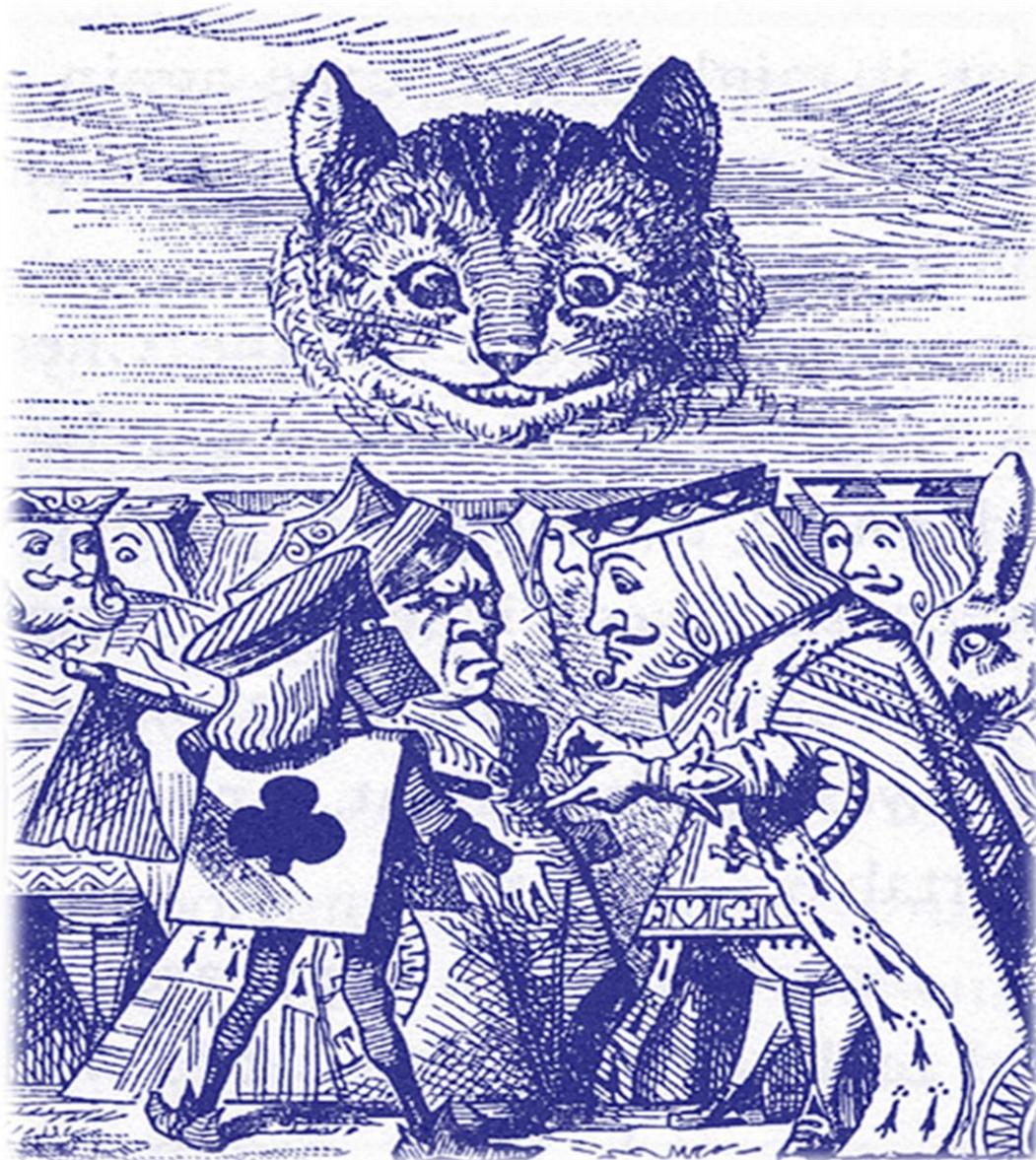
- Enter program ID
- Enter record
- Email data
- Upload data from other programs
- View reports, save reports in Word



The Rest of the Story

- Surveys (including the PFS) tell only part of the story.
- Use more than one evaluation measure
- Gather qualitative data.
- Collect implementation data.
- Practice CQI.

Document your practices



“The horror of that moment,” the King went on, “I shall never, NEVER forget!”

“You will, though,” the Queen said, “if you don’t make a memorandum of it.”

Lewis Carroll,
*Through the Looking
Glass*



Resources

- Training manual, PFS technical information handout, survey, reports all available at <http://www.friendsnrc.org/protective-factors-survey>
- FRIENDS Evaluation Toolkit, and Logic Model Builder <http://www.friendsnrc.org/evaluation-toolkit>
- FRIENDS on-line courses <http://www.friendsnrc.org/online-learning-community>



FAQ

- Why did you choose a 7-point scale?
- What is the cost of the PFS?
- Which items are appropriate for first time parents in a prenatal program?
- Are there cutoff scores?
- Is there a Spanish version of the PFS?
- Is there a retrospective version of the PFS?
- And. . . your questions



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