

Cause and Effect Matrix:

Prioritization of Root Causes Child Abuse and Neglect

Prevention Think Tank

Problem Statement: Tippecanoe County residents have yielded much of the responsibility for care of children and families to the social systems set up by organizations, government and social/human service agencies, etc. Those systems are not effectively aligned to inform the community or aid the community in how they can help and engage them for the prevention of abuse and neglect.

Need to work on the whole of a family instead of in compartments: Service providers and services as well as the community need to be aligned to meet the needs of the whole family along the continuum of care and along the course of human development.

"Broken" adults raising children: Many parents need training, support, mentorship and or longer term monitoring to overcome their own challenged upbringing or to overcome consequences of choices made earlier in their lives.

Access to affordable, quality child care: Dependable, affordable, quality child care is not available at times and in quantities or at costs needed by families.

Need for early models of good parenting: Many adults suffer their own family of origin issues as they enter parenting and then social isolation, hesitation of asking for help or ignorance or who to ask to gain powerful and effective supports, examples to guide them in their own parenting.