

**ECAS TEAM 2**

**Safe & Nurturing Families**

Team 2 is working to reduce family violence and support safe and nurturing families by 1) building awareness and understanding of both family violence and family strengths and 2) supporting families and service providers to develop skills and resources to interrupt patterned behavior, break cycles of violence, and build families with high well-being.

**ECAS GOAL 1**  
More babies are born healthy

**ECAS GOAL 2**  
More children develop on-track

**THEORY OF CHANGE**

When young children are raised in safe and nurturing homes, they are more likely to develop on-track and reach school ready to thrive.

**GOALS**

- » Reduce family violence in homes with young children
- » Strengthen early childhood providers' capacities to support families and refer families at-risk
- » Educate the public about the prevalence of family violence, the impact of violence on young children, and the tools available to end or break cycles
- » Strengthen our systems of support for families

**STRATEGIES**

- » Develop a Safe and Nurturing Families framework to reduce child abuse and neglect (CAN) and intimate partner violence (IPV)
- » Implement a community-wide messaging and media campaign
- » Develop family strengthening core competencies and training for early child practitioners/service providers
- » Create a parenting support system that connects families to support programs from prenatal through early childhood
- » Identify policy opportunities to strengthen family safety

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES (TARGETS)**

- » Increased referral of families to support services
- » Increased utilization of family support services
- » Increased community awareness about family violence and creating safe and nurturing homes
- » Decreased rate of reported cases of CAN and IPV