Circle of Parents® Theory of Change

FINAL GOAL	Eliminate child abuse and neglect	
INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES Increase in the Protective Factors	***Parents/Caregivers***	***Children***
	Improved knowledge and skills by parents/caregivers	Mitigate future Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
	Increased concrete supports	Improved physical, psychological and behavioral outcomes
	Increased parental resilience	Improved social-emotional competence
	Improved positive relationships in families, communities, and culture	
ASSUMPTIONS	Parents/Caregivers participating in Circle of Parents mutual support groups will create safe and nurturing homes for children	
	Parents/caregivers will fully participate in program sessions	
	Assurance of confidentiality allows participants to feel safe in sharing	
	Offering Circle of Parents Children's Program and/or childcare will increase parent/caregiver participation in Circle of Parents mutual support groups	
	Groups are driven by parent/caregiver needs and feasibility	
ACTIVITIES	A holistic approach, which includes the whole family, which recognizes the importance of trauma-informed care practices to ensure family success	
	Group Facilitators trained to lead Circle of Parents groups	
	Parent Leaders trained to lead Circle of Parents groups	
	Accompanying Children's Program if possible and/or childcare available	
	Mutual support groups that are offered at no cost to participants	
	Groups that are ongoing	
INPUTS (RESOURCES)	Staff: Researcher, National Coordinator, National Trainers, State Coordinators, Group Facilitators, Parent Leaders	
	Circle of Parents model and training	
	Parents/Caregivers	
	Referral network	
	Child care facilities	
	Leader and Participant Stipends	
	Transportation	
	Office equipment and supplies	
	Meeting and office spaces	
	Supplies and equipment for families	