



SUPPORTING PARENTS HEALTHY CHILDREN

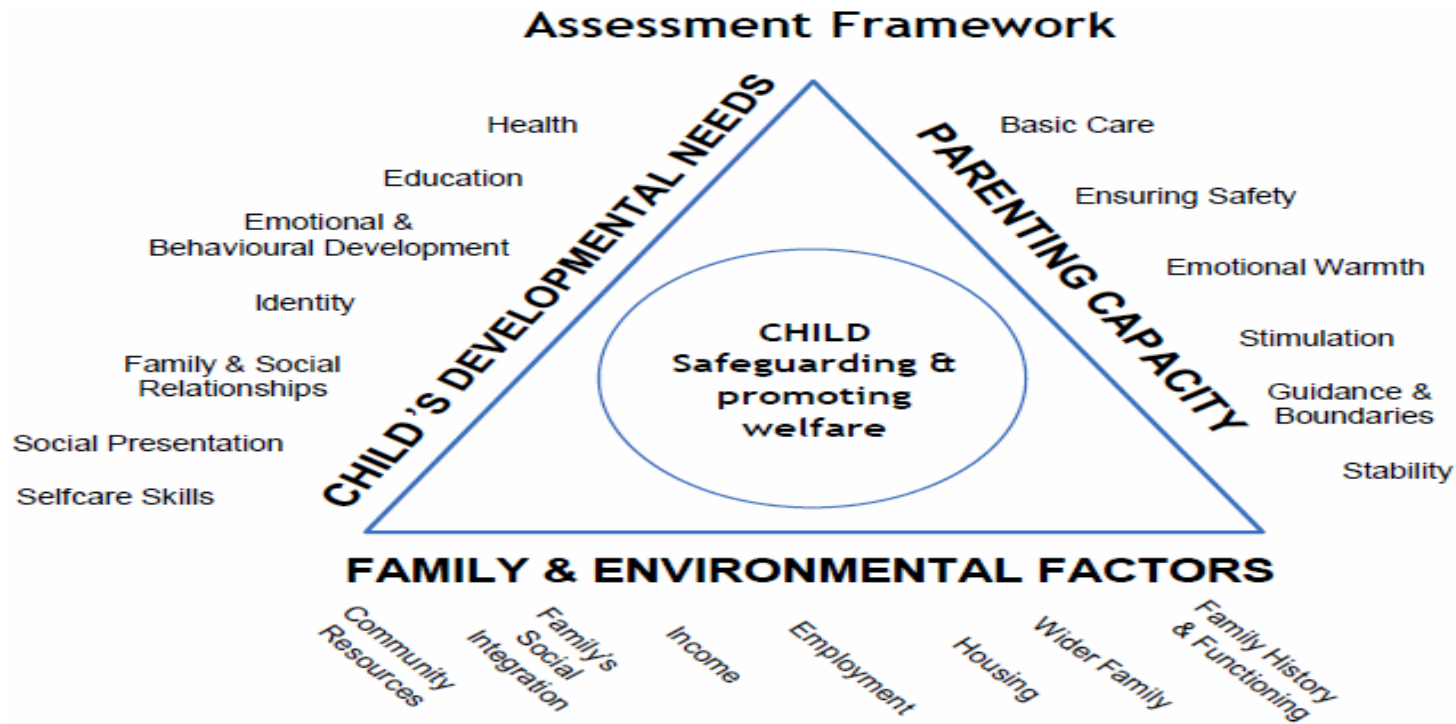
**Training and support for CADS Auckland staff
members to engage with the intent of the
guidelines**

ORIENTING STAFF & SUPPORTING FAMILY WORK

- Family Advisor role since early 2000's
- Early iteration of assessment form asked about family relationships including ages and names of children
- Funded for Family members to attend in their own right
- Stats for working with family are recorded
- Tension between client engagement and child protection (Cousins, 2004)



THINKING DEVELOPMENTALLY



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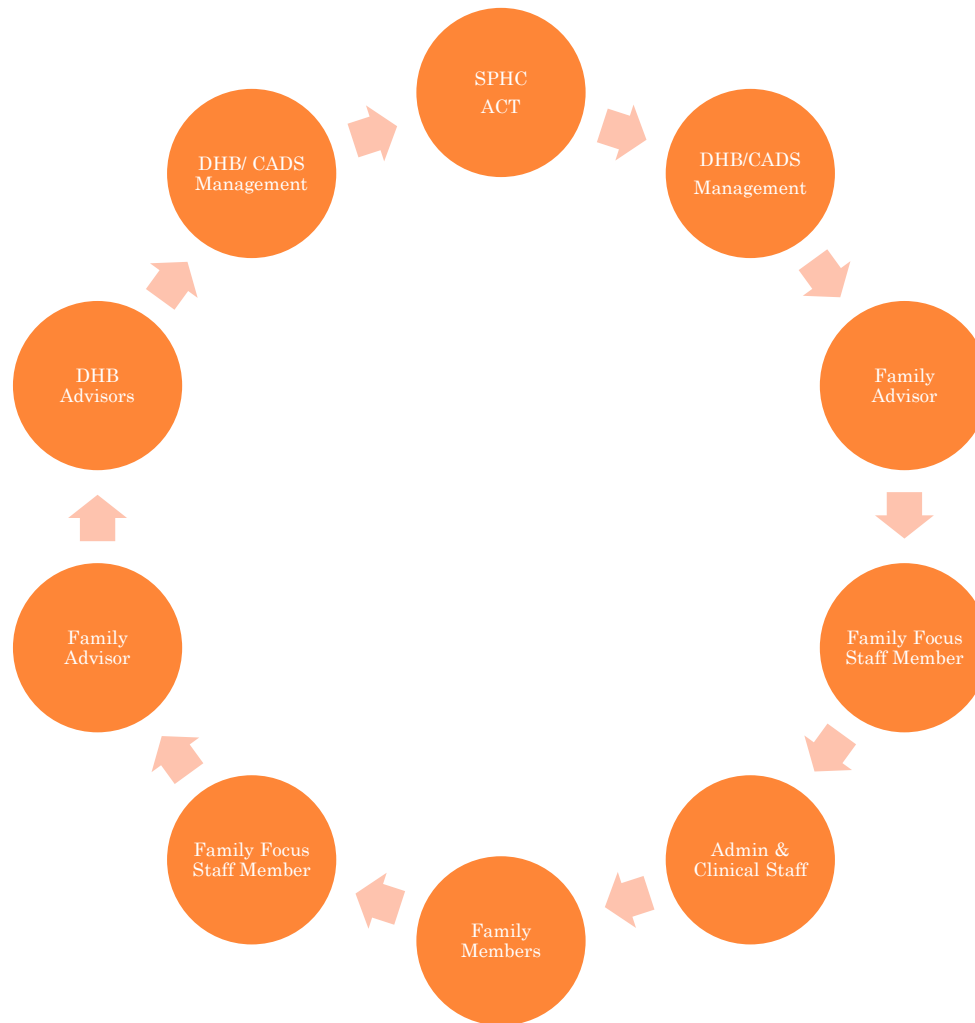


TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR SUPPORTING PARENTS HEALTHY CHILDREN

- Bi-monthly meetings with Family Focus Clinicians from CADS Teams
- Regular family in-services to all CADS services by Family Advisor, tailored to their specific client group e.g. Pregnancy & Parental Service - Dual Diagnosis Team .
- Regular external training by a trained family therapist focusing on managing challenging dynamics identified by participants.
- Single Session Family Work trialled in CADS inpatient detox unit.



IMBEDDING SPHC



LINKING TO EXTERNAL FAMILY SERVICES

- Development of Community Resource booklet
- Using institutional resources e.g. WDHB family advisor community events for clients and their families, SPHC interdepartmental & NGO meetings, Peer support networks.
- WDHB Vulnerable Children's co-ordinator
- NGO support groups for children
- MSD online community resource
- AOD helpline
- Triple P TIP information & newsletter



CHALLENGES

- Number of forms to be completed at assessment e.g. general information, risk, ADOM, treatment plan, community resources and build rapport
- Range of settings where assessments are done
- Increasing family involvement (particularly children) for clients referred by the justice system
- Processes for deciding how and what information to share between referring organisations e.g. probation, prison, GP, NGO's about children in the clients care and what plans are in place.



USEFUL READING THAT INFORMED PRESENTATIONS TO STAFF

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