

Child Protective Factors

Individual Protective Factors

- Caregivers who create safe, positive relationships with children.
- Caregivers who practice nurturing parenting skills and provide emotional support.
- Caregivers who can meet basic needs of food, shelter, education, and health services.
- Caregivers who have a college degree or higher and have steady employment.

Relationship / Family Protective Factors

- Families with strong social support networks and stable, positive relationships with the people around them.
- Families where caregivers are present and interested in the child.
- Families where caregivers enforce household rules and engage in child monitoring.
- Families with caring adults outside the family who can serve as role models or mentors.

Community Protective Factors

- Communities with access to safe, stable housing.
- Communities where families have access to high-quality preschool.
- Communities where families have access to nurturing and safe childcare.
- Communities where families have access to safe, engaging after school programs and activities.
- Communities where families have access to medical care and mental health services.
- Communities where families have access to economic and financial help.
- Communities where adults have work opportunities with family-friendly policies.