



Visioning for Prevention

Protecting Children Through Strengthening Families

What if...

- ◆ What if we believed that strong families grow out of strong communities?
- ◆ What if there was shared responsibility for keeping families strong?
- ◆ What if there were structures that helped service providers, including child welfare agencies, put energy and resources into helping strengthen families before crisis strikes?

It would mean...

The child welfare agency would be supported to focus more on what makes a family strong, like...

Parental resilience	Social connections	Concrete support in times of need
Knowledge of parenting and child development	Being able to solve problems and know what solutions work	Children's healthy social and emotional development

And what makes a community strong, like...

Personal Connections 	Community Associations 	Local Institutions
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And increase their support to meet challenges that all families can face, like...

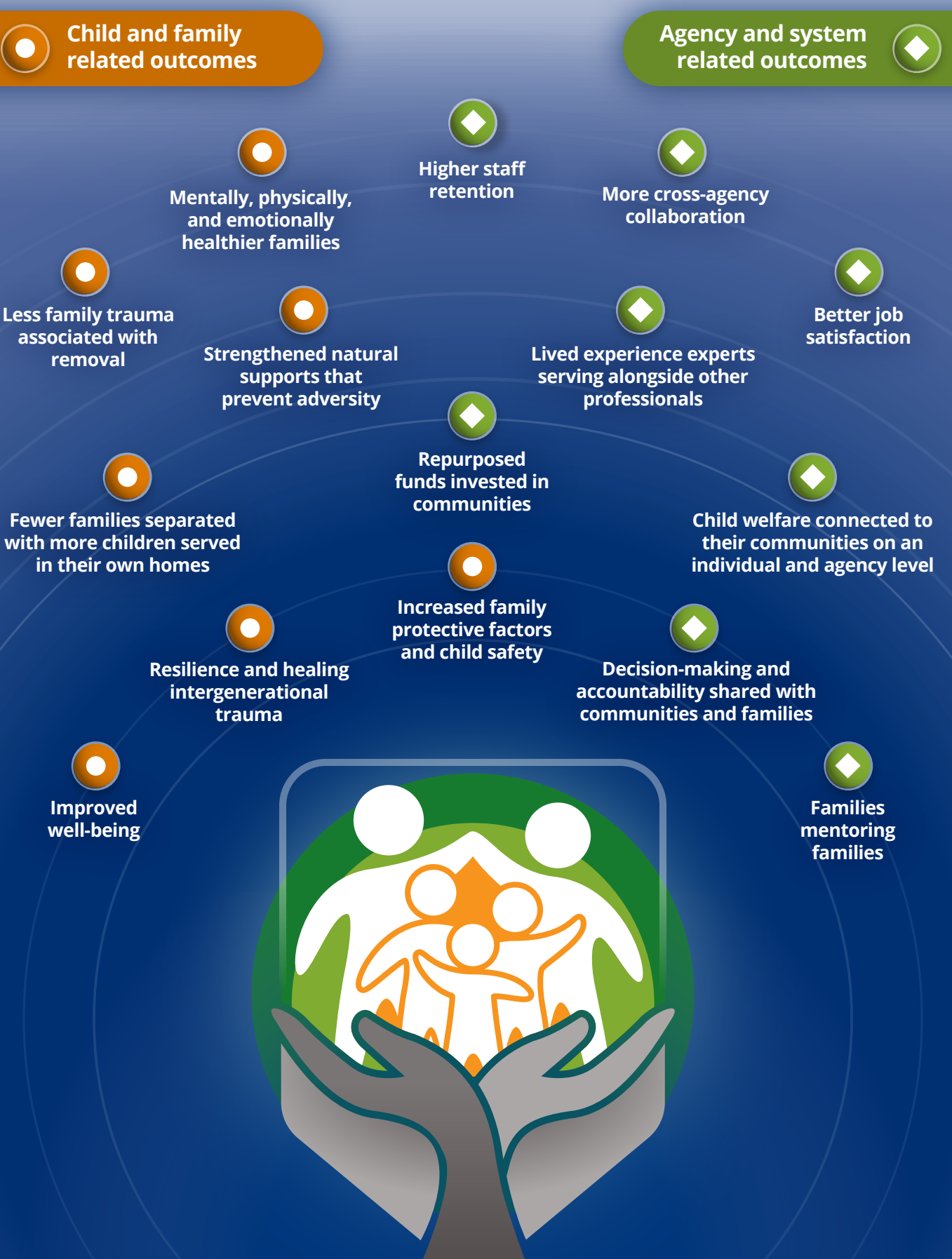
Housing	Self-sufficiency and employment	Mental and behavioral health	Food security	Other concrete and social supports
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But child welfare agencies can't do this on their own. They must authentically engage those with lived expertise to help redesign a child well-being system and engage community partners to support and strengthen families.



Making the shift to prevention requires a community response; it means identifying and engaging the community network and leveraging resources to build a new system.

Which would lead to...



So child welfare agencies operate within a child well-being system designed to help families thrive.

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