The Children and Families Service Continuum

THE COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

(Services that foster the well-being, safety & development of all children, families & communities. The range of services provided depends on the extent & nature of community assets.)

Examples: child care, after school, youth development & employment programs, & services to the visually handicapped.

EARLY INTERVENTIONS

(Services that preserve well-being & safety, when the potential for a problem is first evident.)

Examples: delinquency prevention, home visiting & other abuse prevention programs, tutoring & mentoring.

HOME-BASED RESPONSES

(Services that reduce demonstrable threats to well-being and safety.)

Examples: adult & child protective services & juvenile justice diversion programs.

OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT

(Services that permanently restore well-being & safety by modifying family living arrangements.)

Examples: foster care & residential juvenile justice programs.

POST-PLACEMENT (RE)INTEGRATION

(Services that preserve safety & well-being.)

Examples: post-adoption, independent living & aftercare programs.