



# Principles of strength based practice and early childhood care

- ▶ Parents are experts on their children and want the best for them (Brazelton)
- ▶ And health care professionals are the experts on their professional situation within their community, know their families well and want the best for them (Rinehart)
- ▶ “In order to develop normally, a child requires progressively more complex joint activity with one or more adults who have an irrational emotional relationship with the child. Somebody’s got to be crazy about that kid. That’s number one. First, last, and always .”

--- **Urie Bronfenbrenner**

[http://developingchild.harvard.edu/index.php/resources/reports\\_and\\_working\\_papers/working\\_papers/wp1/](http://developingchild.harvard.edu/index.php/resources/reports_and_working_papers/working_papers/wp1/)

# Comprehensive Understanding

## Strengths\*

- Concrete Support in Time of need
- Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
- Parental Resilience
- Social and Emotional Competence
- Social Connections

## Family

- What would you like us to know about your child? (What does s/he do well? Like? Dislike?)
- What would you like us to know about you/your family? (Culture, values)

## Needs

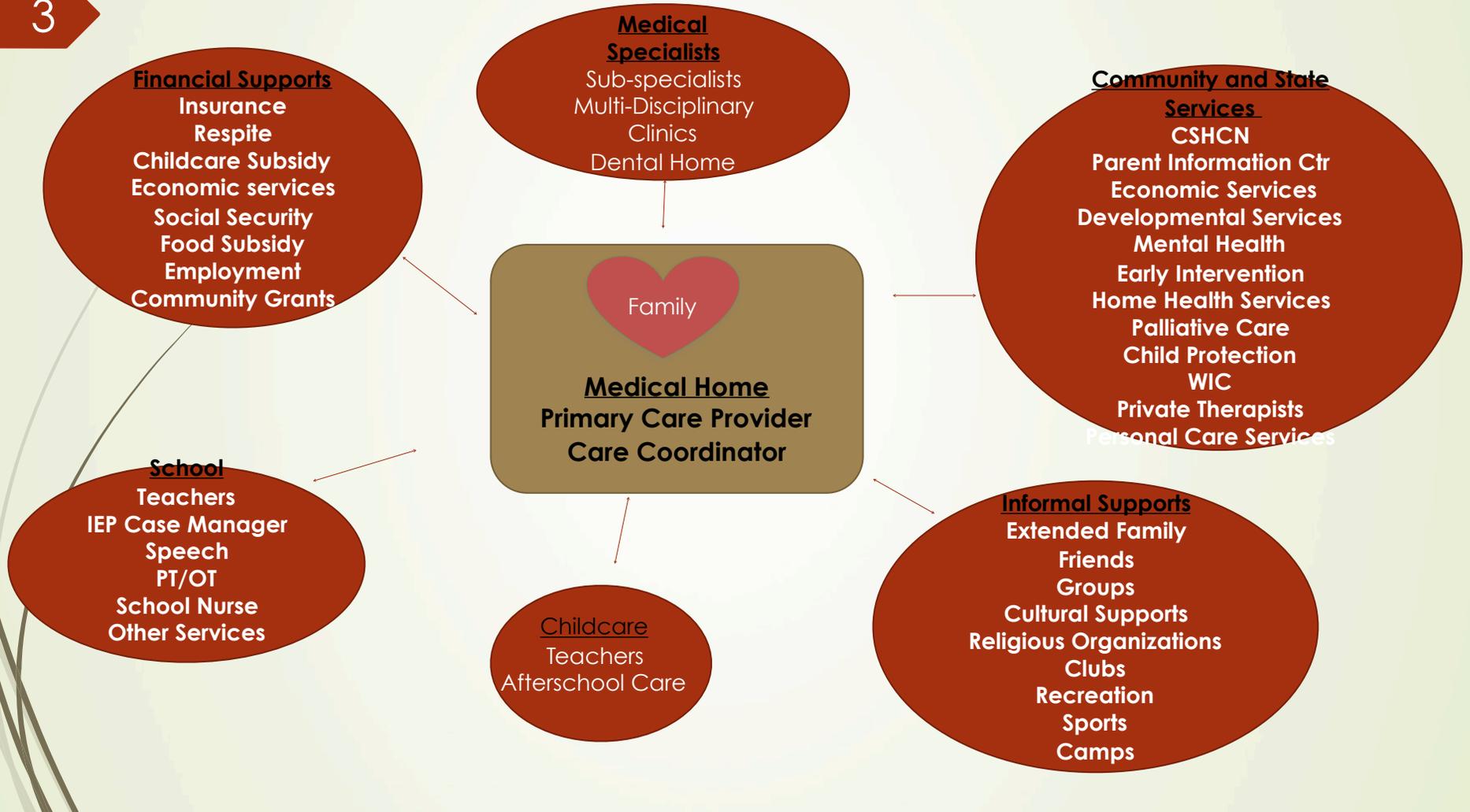
- Worries or Developmental concerns? (Sleep, moving, language)
- Social changes? (Job, Divorce, Death, Move)
- Medical
- Educational
- Financial
- Legal
- ACEs

\* **Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children and Adolescents, Fourth Edition**, 2017

\* Harper Browne, C. (2014, September). *The Strengthening Families Approach and Protective Factors Framework: Branching out and reaching deeper*. Washington, DC: Center for the Study of Social Policy

# CARE MAP

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# Care-Maps

- ▶ We create this with families, for families
- ▶ Share copy with the team
- ▶ Members can identify gaps in services and update resources
- ▶ Orients the team to community around the patient
- ▶ Patient/Family can identify where strong connections are
- ▶ Identify who the “main” care coordinator in some instances