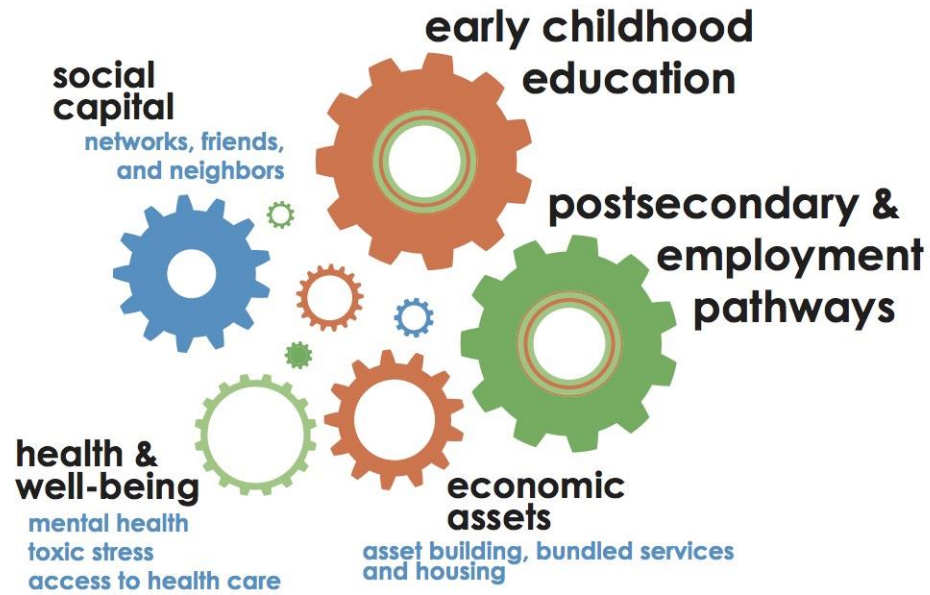


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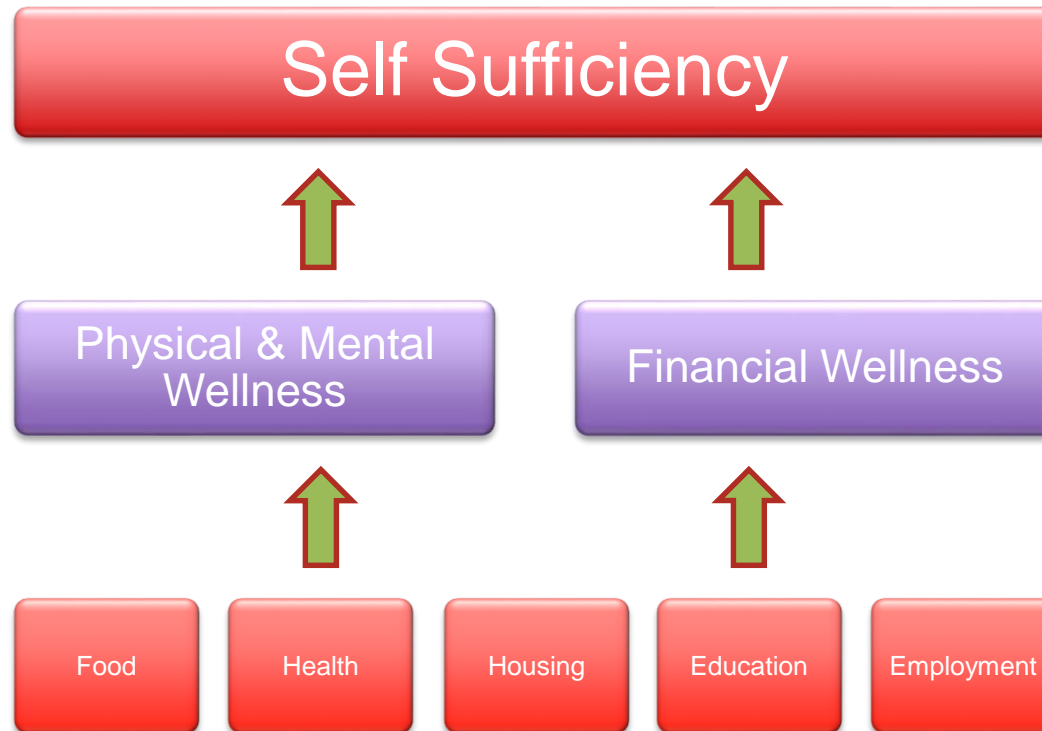
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Children Learn
Families Thrive

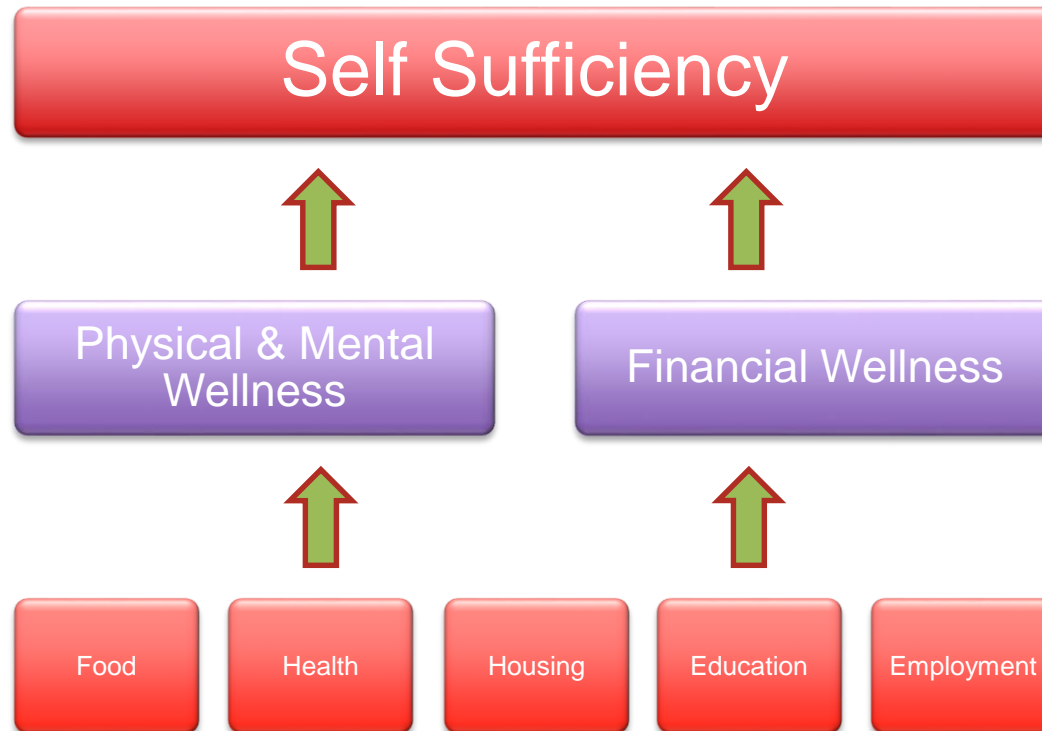


Financial Stability (Self Sufficiency)









Economic and Social Opportunity

Education

Employment & Income

Family and Social Support

Early Learning /
Child Care

K-12

Parent Engagement

Workforce Training

Adult Ed
(GED/ESL/Comp)

Financial Literacy

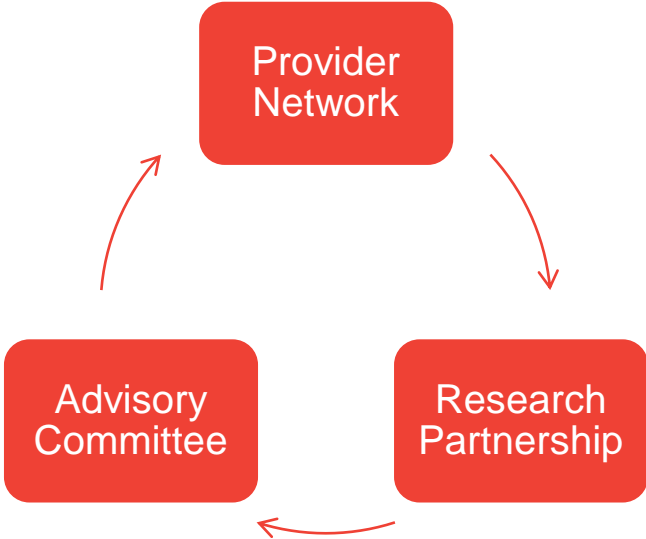
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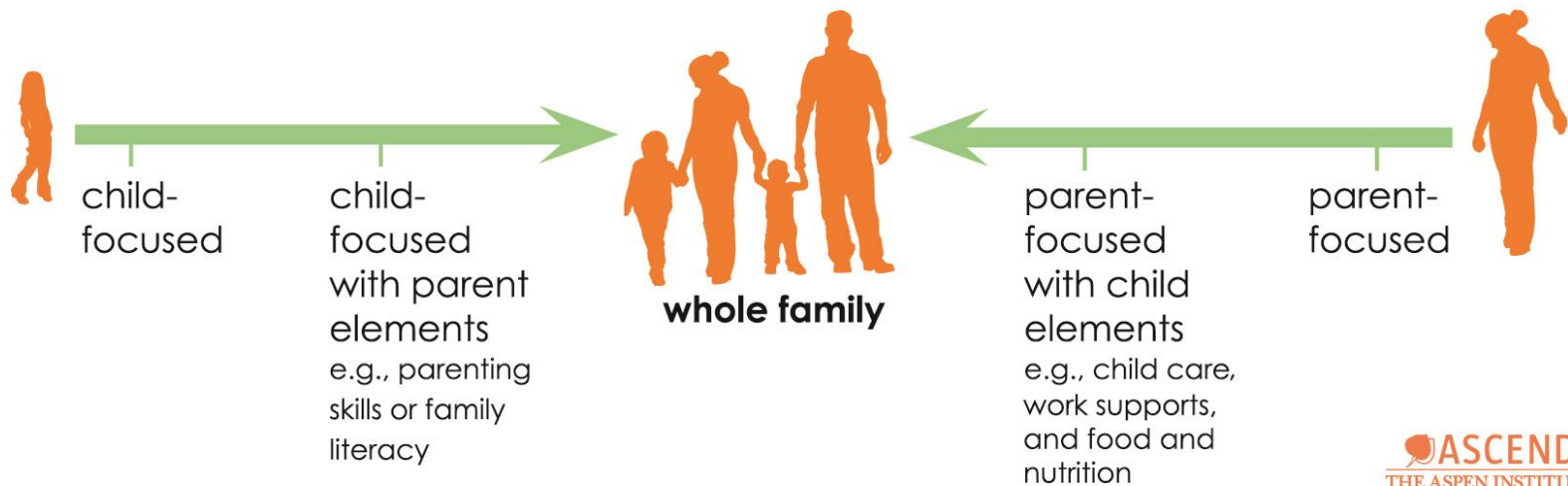


Austin 2-Gen Ecosystem



Austin Two-Gen Vision

The Two-Generation Continuum



Austin Two-Gen Vision

Policies and programs are designed, and their resources are aligned

- *to help parents improve basic educational skills and become economically stable,*
- *to strengthen parents' ability to be positive influences on their children's development, and*
- *to help children achieve their maximum potential by simultaneously addressing the needs of parents and children.*

Meeting the needs of both generations will produce larger and more enduring effects than can be achieved by serving parents and children separately.

Two Generation Multiplier Effect

- Two-generation programs explicitly target low-income parents and children from the same family, providing **high quality** services for both

$$1 + 1 = 3$$

- Benefits multiply when parents and children both improve skills and relationships
 - Increases in parent education produce improved cognitive development in children
 - High quality education and care for children improves parents' participation in education and work

Two Generation V1 (1980s and 90s)

- Policy experiments to promote parent work had positive effects on children's achievement **WHEN**
 - Family income improved
 - Exchanging a paycheck for a welfare check was not enough.
 - Children received center-based child care
 - For low-income families center care is higher quality than care by relatives or home-based providers

Evidence-based, high quality, high intensity

- Education programs that teach language (ESL), literacy and basic educational skills,
- Workforce programs that incorporate basic and postsecondary education and workforce development for jobs that offer opportunities for advancement.
- Parenting education

Two Generation V2: Children

Evidence-based, high quality, high intensity and/or duration

- Early education programs
- Health services
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How It Can Work in Austin

- Strengthen existing two-generation programs
- Facilitate “arranged marriages” of programs serving parents and children separately
- Infuse two-generation thinking into programs serving parents and children

2-Gen Community Investment Grants

- American YouthWorks
- Jeremiah Program Austin
- St. Louise House
- SSP Learning Center
- Goodwill Exploration Center

Quality Early Childhood Education for Children in Our Community



Public School Pre-kindergarten AISD (full day for 4-year-olds; half day for 3-year-olds)

- More than half of population eligible
- About 70% of eligible 4-year-olds attend
- 3-year-old expanding (about 880 currently)

Head Start (4-year-olds in AISD pre-k)

- 3-year-olds in centers (around 900)

Both programs are free

Quality Child Care

Child care centers

- 298 licensed centers in Austin
- 53 have high quality rating

Licensed and registered homes (few have quality rating)

Availability and affordability

- Cost average over \$600/month
- Much more for infants and toddlers
- Capacity difficult to determine

Subsidized Child Care

Workforce Solutions administers subsidies for low-income working parents

- Federal funds, city and county funds
- About 2800-3000 families at any one time
 - (Demand usually greater)
- Reimbursement rates typically below market
- Parent pays portion of cost
- Continuity of care
- Quality of care