

# How to Safely Prevent Children from Needing Foster Care

## *Invest Resources Upstream*

Foster care is an important intervention for children who are not safe at home. But as many as 50% of U.S. children in foster care could have been spared the trauma of family separation if their family had access to supportive people and services before they experienced a crisis. These are the programs and services that elected officials can support to strengthen families and safely prevent the need for foster care.

