## **Social-Ecological Model of Child Abuse & Neglect**

# CULTURAL/SOCIETAL Risk Factors

 Social norms, laws and policies that increase the risk of negative outcomes for children & families

#### **Protective Factors**

 Social norms, laws and policies promote the well-being of children & families

## COMMUNITY Risk Factors

- Unemployment
- Chronic poverty
- Lack of safe housing
- Lack of informal support

#### **Protective Factors**

- Safe, stable and cohesive neighborhoods
- Access to adequate health care, quality education and employment services

### FAMILY Risk Factors

- Unhealthy parent/child interactions
- Parental stress
- Parental discord
- Isolation from family
- Domestic violence

#### **Protective Factors**

- Availability of caring/supportive family, friends, siblings, teachers, neighbors etc.
- Presence of adult role models
  - Parenting skills
    - Social network of relatives and friends
      - Marital harmony
        - Healthy bonds between parent and child

### INDIVIDUAL

- **Risk Factors**
- Lack of parenting skills/capacities
- Lack of child development knowledge
- Past history of abuse
- Substance abuse
- Mental illness

#### **Protective Factors**

- Availability of supportive, helpful person at birth of child
- Social network of relatives and friends
  - Knowledge of child development
    - Emotionally satisfying relationships
      - Parental resilience

