STRATEGIES TO STRENGTHEN FAMILIES:
THE CHILDREN'S BUREAU'S VISION FOR CHANGING NATIONAL CHILD WELFARE PRACTICE

Change our work’s focus to
- Preventing maltreatment
- Preventing unnecessary placements

Prioritize the importance of families
- Children must be kept in their communities and schools
- Foster parents must become resources to help support birth parents

Focus our interventions on the well-being of children and their parents
- Address both parent and child trauma
- Don’t cause additional trauma through unnecessary removal

Build the capacity of communities to support their children and families
- Locally based resources and services
- Supports families need must be located where families live

Develop and support a healthy and stable child welfare workforce
- Competent, skilled, and informed
- Capable and visionary leadership
This will require:

- FLEXIBLE FUNDING FOR PREVENTION
- SHARED COMMUNITY VISION
- COLLECTIVE CHANGE IN MINDSET