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# A National Perspective on Two- Generation Approaches

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# Why a two-generation approach?

Almost HALF of all children in the U.S. live in low-income families.

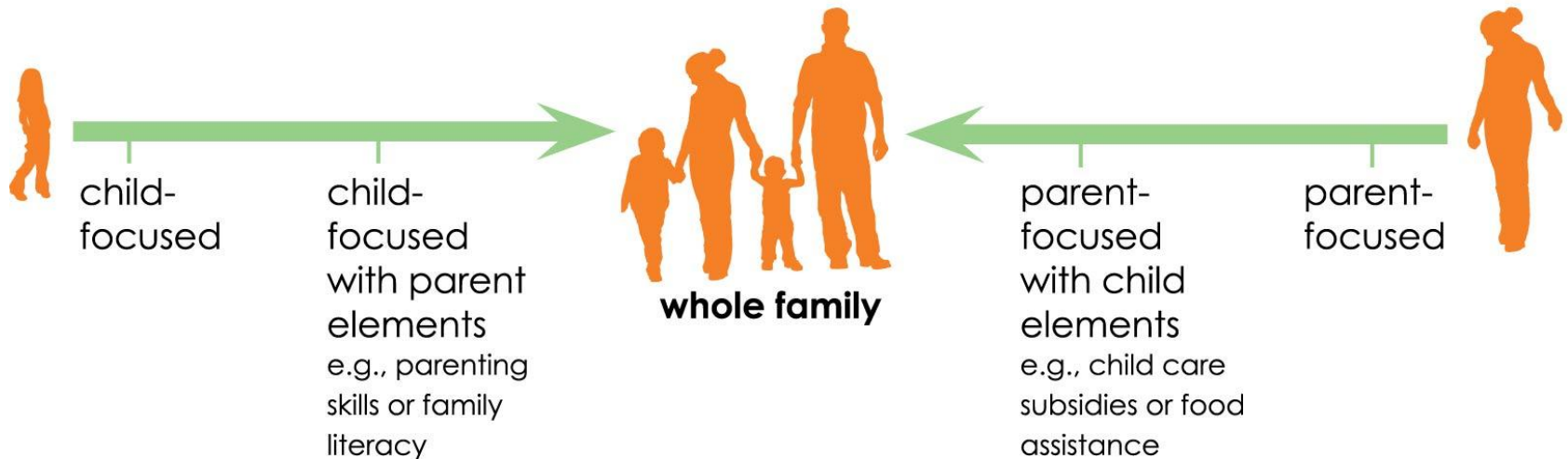


ROI in education for children AND their parents is high.



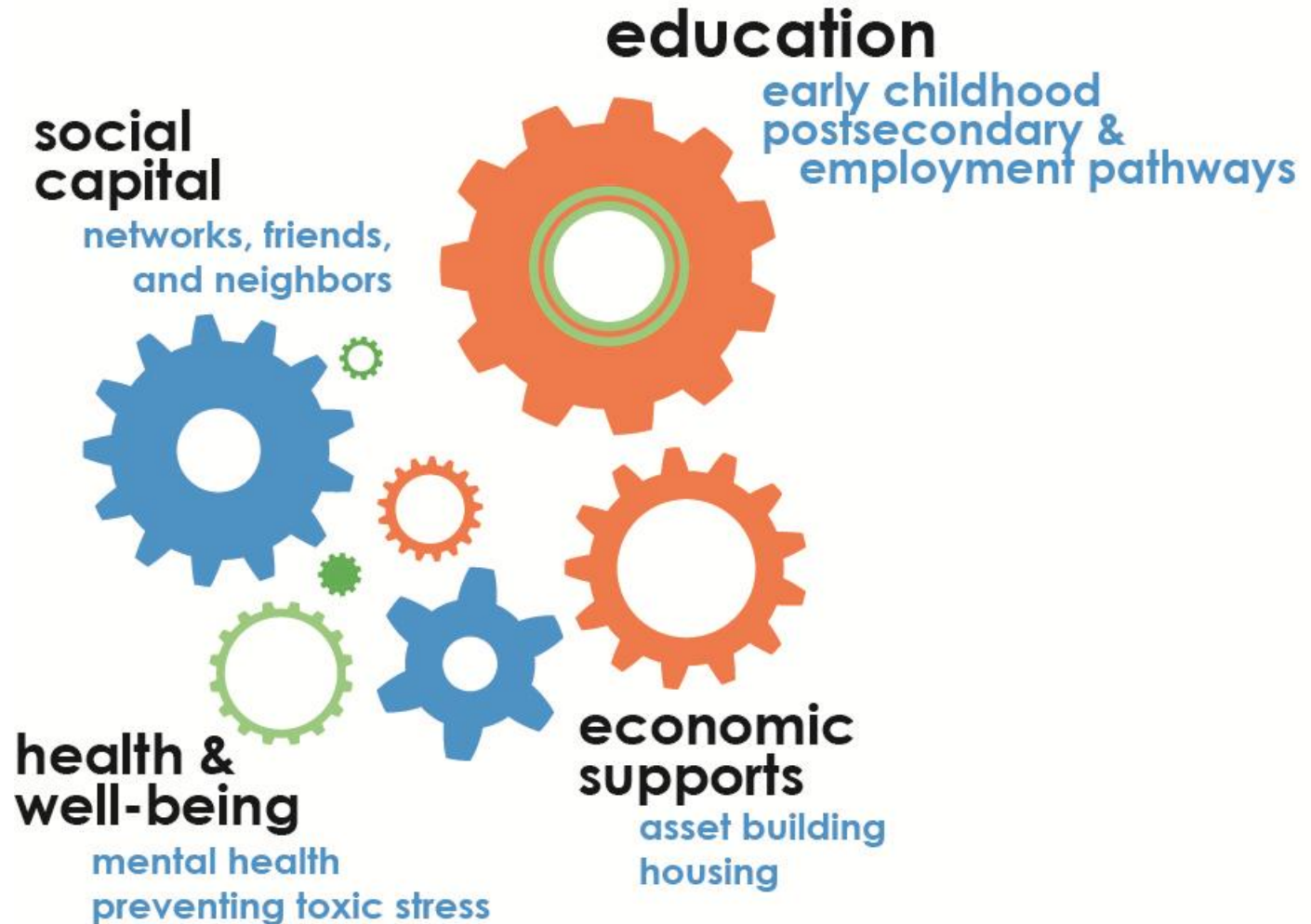
# What is a two-generation approach?

## The Two-Generation Continuum



**Two-generation approaches** focus on creating opportunities for and addressing needs of both vulnerable parents and children **together**.

# Core elements



# Applying two-generation approaches



# Leading Program Design Elements

- **Data**
- **High-touch support**
- **Segmentation**
- **Buy or Broker: Partnerships**

# Guiding Policy Principles

- **Capitalize on Current Levers**
- **Encourage Evidence-Building**
- **Capture the Continuum**
- **Intentionality in Implementation**
- **Support the System: From Parents to the Private Sector**



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