

The Nurturing Care Framework: ECD approaches in fragile contexts



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Go Baby Go!

WVI Core model for 0-3 Child Development

- **Developed** - in close collaboration across sectors
- **Advised by** - evidence (*Lancet Series on ECD, science of brain architecture, attachment theory, risk & resiliency factors for child development, meta-analysis of parenting programs*)
- **Aims to** - strengthen caregivers' competencies, confidence, and well-being so they can provide **nurturing care**

Critical Elements of Model Design

Timing

- Age-appropriate messages guided by brain, health, nutrition and early learning science

Content

- Structured and contextualized curriculum (align with nurturing care framework)
- Experiential Learning, Coaching, Feedback

Intensity/Dosage

- Calibrate the minimum dosage and intensity to achieve results (consult evidence)
- In emergencies rapid cycles and high demand is a challenge

Training and Supervision

- Competency-based training
- Supportive supervision and feedback loops
- Fidelity of Implementation

Delivery Platforms

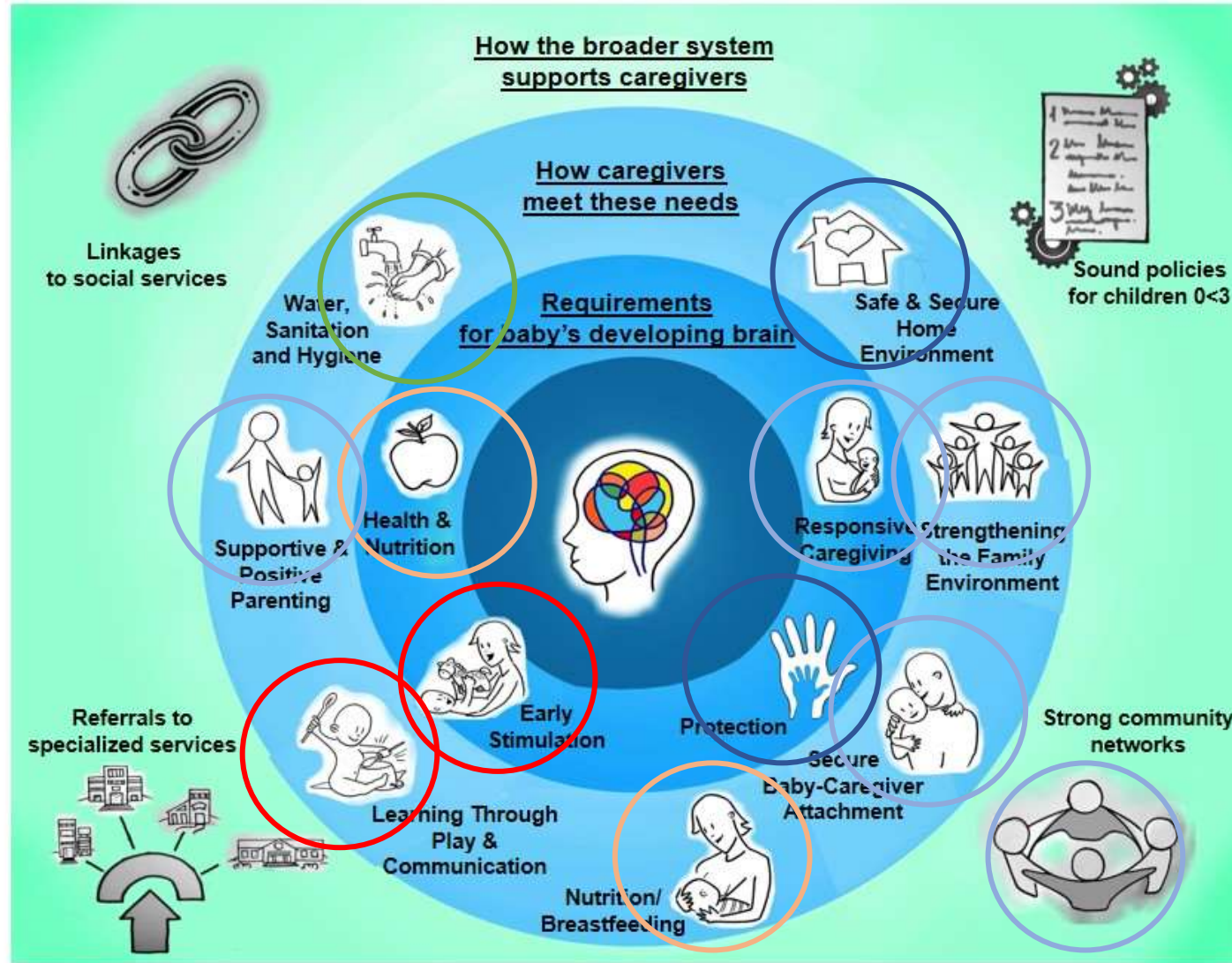
- Home visits
- Group learning sessions
- Clinics, Food Distribution Points, Child Friendly Spaces

Nurturing Care Framework





Go Baby Go - Parenting Program



Fragile Context Country Examples

World Vision Palestine

Research Study: Enhanced Timed Targeted Counseling (ETTC) with Mental Support and Promotion for Caregivers and Children Under One

ETTC Model

- **Target group** – Pregnant women (3rd trimester) caregivers of children under 12 months, from North and South areas of West Bank
- **Delivery mode** – monthly HH visits
- **Delivery cadre** – Community health volunteers
- **Intervention package** - promotes key family practices around the nurturing care framework, including maternal mental health; timely referrals
- **Outcomes of Interest:**
 - children with age-appropriate development - *primary*
 - maternal mental health - *primary*
 - maternal/child health and nutrition practices - *secondary*
- **Research design** - Cluster randomised case control study

Results



Attachments scales – MAAS/MPAS

- **13.1 % increase in positive mother-fetus/child attachment** in the intervention sites

Edinburgh Postnatal Depression scale (EPDS)

- **21.4% decrease in postnatal depression**

Relationship between depression and Maternal Mental Health

- Significant decrease in parent-child interaction, hostility, spending valuable time with their children.

Age appropriate child development

- Children achieve their development in most of the domains, especially in communication and motor domains.



World Vision Lebanon

Early Childhood Care and Development Programming for 0-6 Old Children



Target Group – Syrian refugees, and most vulnerable Lebanese population – in total 11,103

Implementation period – 2016 - 2017 years

Intervention Package:

- ***Sector specific:*** builds parental knowledge and skills on ECCD good and harmful practices - using Go Baby Go (0-3 age), Learning Roots (3-6 age) models
- ***Other sector interventions:*** winterization, cash assistance, food assistance, WASH

Measurement Tools: *WV ECD Caregiver Survey, Age stage Questionnaire (ASQ)*

Delivery mechanism: group learning sessions, usually held in parent's houses

Results

Outcome Indicator	Location	Baseline	Evaluation	Change
<i>Proportion of children aged 0 to 5 years who are developmentally on track</i>	Bekaa	27.3%	63.6%	36.3% p<0.004
	South	15.9%	85.7%	69.8% p<.0001
<i>Proportion of parents and caregivers who promote learning and reading readiness for children aged 0 to 5 years</i>	Bekaa	38.2%	49.7%	12.5%
	South	54.2%	66.3%	12.1% (p<.0005)

Learning

- **Targeting most vulnerable parents/families is key**
- **Even under duress**, caregivers are able to apply simple, applicable concepts
- **ECD integration** into existing programming platforms **is feasible**
- **Existing gaps** – more *evidence; innovations* such as effective delivery mechanisms financing; *measurement* tools; effective *cooperation* between relief and development, multiple sectors and partners.
- We can do **something!**
- **ECD programming constantly producing positive results**