### Attachment & Biobehavioral Catch-up

# PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

#### What is ABC?

Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-up (ABC) is a parenting program that was developed at the University of Delaware (UD). ABC is a home-visiting program that consists of ten 1-hour weekly sessions. During ABC sessions, parent coaches help parents nurture their child and follow their child's lead. ABC parent coaches also help parents avoid frightening their children.

#### **Our Mission**

ABC Parenting's mission is to nurture parentchild relationships through science-based practice and community partnership.

#### Why ABC?

Strengths-based and parent-focused
Brief (10, 1-hour weekly sessions)
Cost-effective

No requirements for parent coach background

 $\checkmark$  Proven history of evidence

Strong supervision and consultative support

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#### Supported by Research

After only 10 ABC sessions, parents demonstrate higher levels of responsive parenting.

Effects on children can be seen all the way through adolescence. Compared to children who receive a control intervention, children who receive ABC:



Demonstrate more normative patterns of cortisol



Report higher levels of trust in parents and develop secure attachments



Control anger when frustrated



**Resolve impulses effectively** 



Demonstrate higher levels of vocabulary



Show more normative brain development

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