

# CHERISH Overview



# CHERISH Vision & Purposes:

**Vision:** Children (0-5 ) and their families involved in the child welfare system get their social-emotional needs met in safe, secure, and nurturing relationships.

**Purposes:**

To promote healing through safety and security in children's relationships.

To facilitate connections amongst the adults in a child's life.

To support children and families in ways that minimize additional trauma

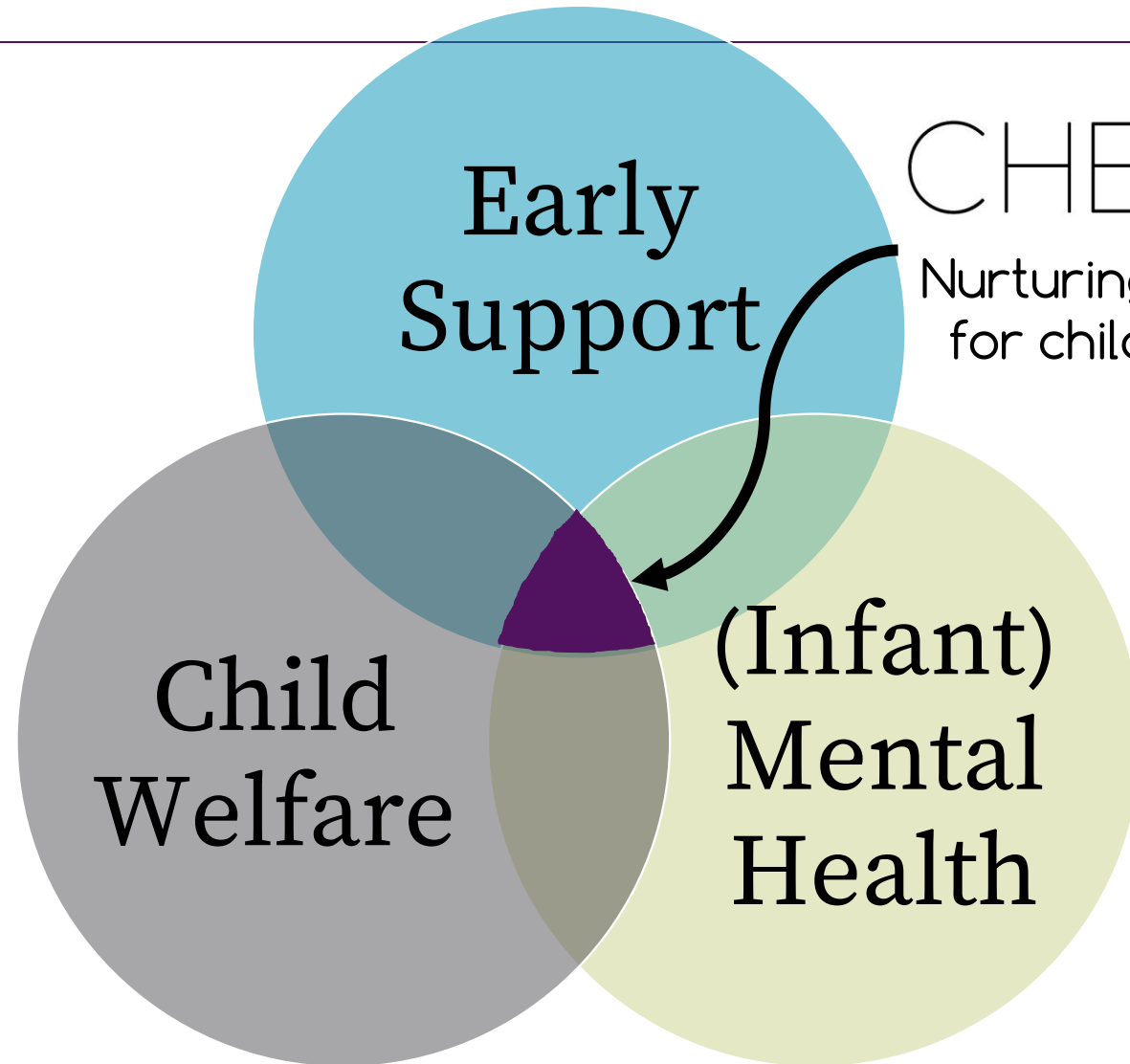


# What is CHERISH? (Children Encouraged by Relationships in Secure Homes)

**CHERISH** is a multidisciplinary Infant Mental Health model for providing early support to child-welfare systems-involved children and their families.

The **CHERISH** Program:

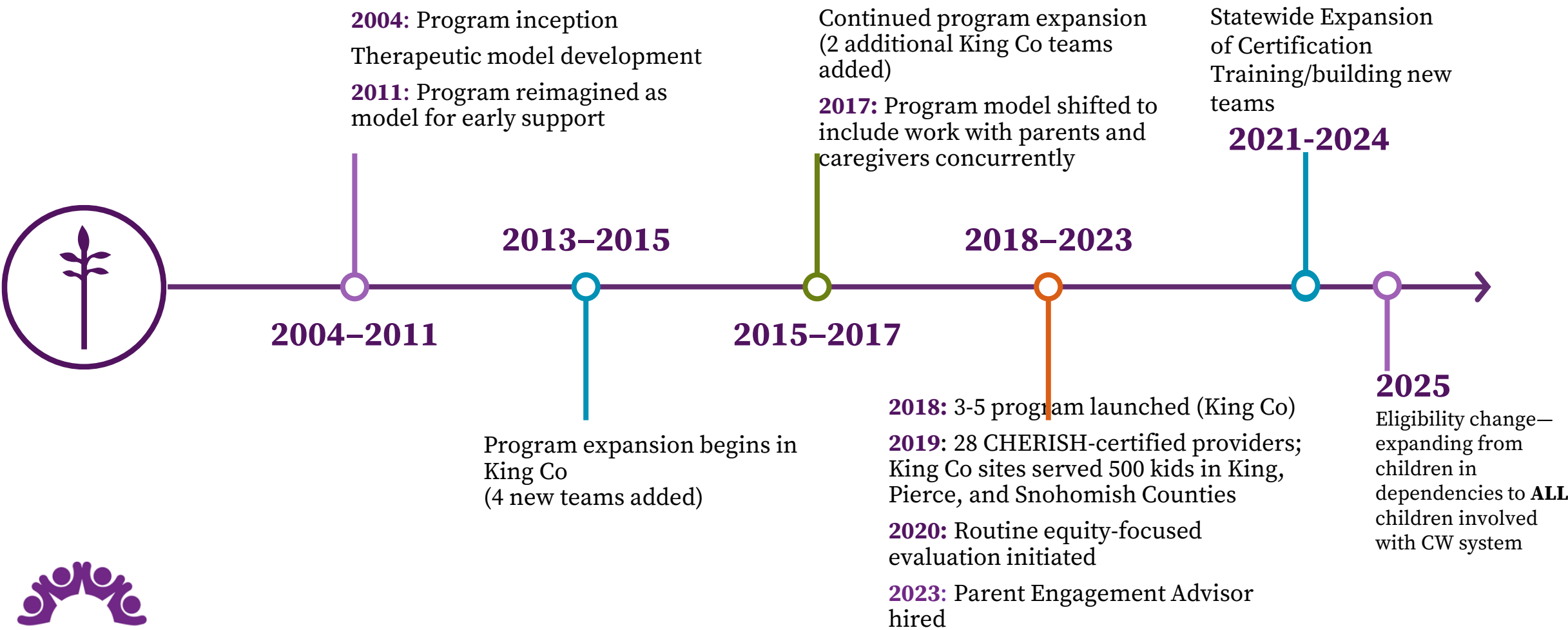
- Centers **relationships**
- Provides **training**
- Emphasizes **Advocacy**



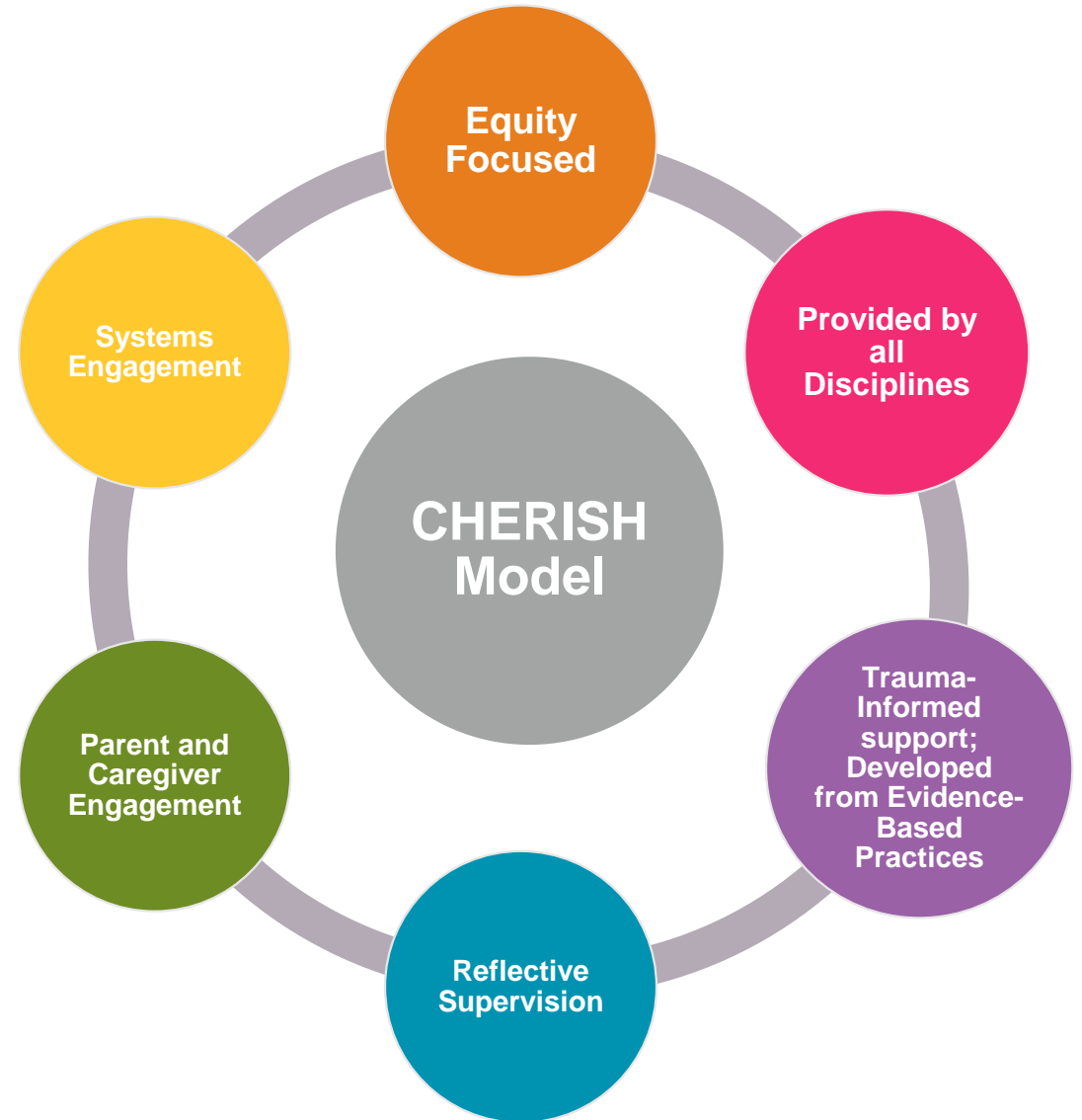
**CHERISH**<sup>TM</sup>  
Nurturing relationships  
for children to thrive



# CHERISH History & Growth



# CHERISH Model: Active Ingredients



# Focus on Relationships

## Honoring and strengthening the child's network of support

- CHERISH works with *both* parents *and* caregivers, honoring various perspectives about the child
- Both families benefit from individualized support, with goals relevant to their unique family routines & needs
- Options for Participation – flexible support to meet families where they're at



# Training Opportunities for Providers



## CHERISH 101 – Informed Training

- For early support service providers who work with children and families in the child welfare system
- Four live sessions, approximately two-hours each combined with asynchronous learning (4-6 hours)
- At completion, participants considered “CHERISH-Informed”



## CHERISH 102 – Conversations & Mentoring

- Optional, regular virtual meetings for attendees of CHERISH 101 to access ongoing learning & support
- Provides platform for feedback to the training and technical assistance team regarding community needs statewide



## CHERISH Certification Training

- Cohort of early support providers engaged in-depth training/mentoring
- Weekly training sessions over six months
- At completion, providers are certified and continue with ongoing support from the CHERISH program; their agency has a CHERISH Team



# CHERISH Outcomes

Increased Parent Involvement in Services

Improved Child-Parent and Child-Caregiver Relationships

Developmental Milestones Met/Increased Child Wellbeing

Placement Stabilization

Parent and Caregiver Satisfaction

Systems Engagement for Better Outcomes

Equity-Focused Outcomes Analysis





# Equity Focused

- Support keeping families together
- Provider trainings centered in racial equity practices
- Data analysis for race/ethnicity disparities
- Take program guidance from parents and caregivers with lived experience
- Solicit organic feedback
- Discuss culture openly and address racism & historical trauma
- Hire staff with lived experience in child welfare system



# Community Partnership & Resources

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