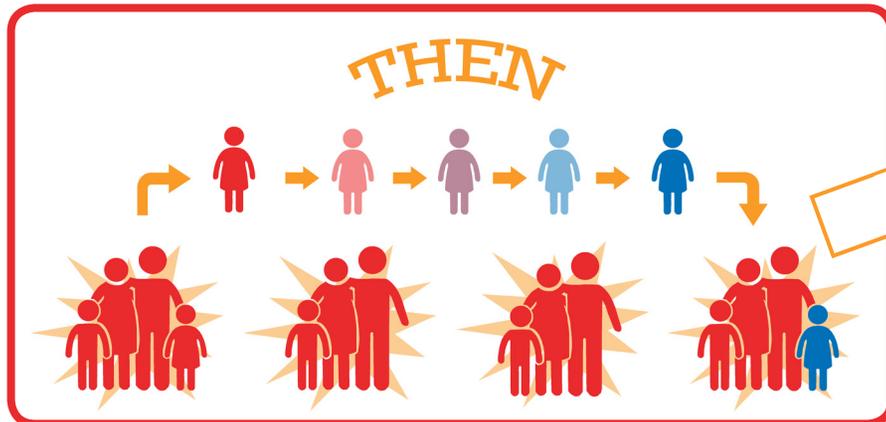


BROADER CARE FOR FAMILIES IS BETTER FOR THE COMMUNITY

Family Needs Left Unaddressed; Isolate The Child



Family Needs Addressed; Nurture The Child



Therapy and support for a child alone will have an impact, but how long will that last if his family is in crisis and we don't do anything about that? His family is his home base. His environment. The thing that influences him the most.

Your support makes it possible to fold the family into his treatment.

Effect real "system change" so that the complex and varied needs of the family are met, and what happens? Real and long-lasting results!

Healing a child + stabilizing a family = healthier communities

When something like sexual abuse -- or domestic violence or losing a loved one or some other very bad thing -- happens to a child, that "something" goes well beyond that child.

You know. When a child in your family hurts, you hurt, too.

That's why at Clifford Beers Clinic our focus is increasingly on children and families. When a bad thing or, as we call it, "trauma" occurs, everyone is affected: mom, dad, brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles. Casting this wider net of treatment and looking at what the family might otherwise need will best heal the hurt and set a course for health and happiness.

In one family it could be that dad needs mental health therapy to cope with the abuse his daughter endured. That mom needs a better job so she can secure suitable housing. That a simple basic need -- like diapers for a new baby -- is going unmet.

Because of you we are able to weave these needs so that families can be stabilized and given a chance to grow and thrive. When we do that, wonderful things happen in communities. Child by child, family by family.