

# Compassionate Care

*Using best practice standards to build positive, nurturing and resilience-building relationships between children, youth and families and those that care for them.*

The adults in caring positions have the knowledge, skills, and emotional competencies to create positive, nurturing and resilience-building relationships needed to maximize a child or young person's wellbeing and healthy development.

**Aware Adults:** ensuring we have the knowledge to understand compassionate care

**Skilled Adults:** ensuring we have the skills to create compassionate care

**Healthy Adults:** ensuring we have the emotional competencies and wellbeing to deliver compassionate care

The institutions that care for children and their families have policies, practices and culture that enable positive, restorative and accountable operations

**Policies:** ensuring organizational/ governmental rules, regulation and priorities facilitate compassionate care.

**Practices:** ensuring organizational practice reflects the values and priorities of compassionate care

**Culture:** ensuring systems relationships, power dynamics and mental models support compassionate care

### IAC's Compassionate Care Theory of Change

