

A photograph of a woman and a young child laughing together outdoors. The woman, on the right, has her head tilted back and eyes closed in a joyful expression. The child, on the left, is also laughing heartily. Bubbles are floating in the air around them. The background is a soft-focus green landscape. A diagonal orange and grey banner is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

Two Generations, One Future

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Our Vision

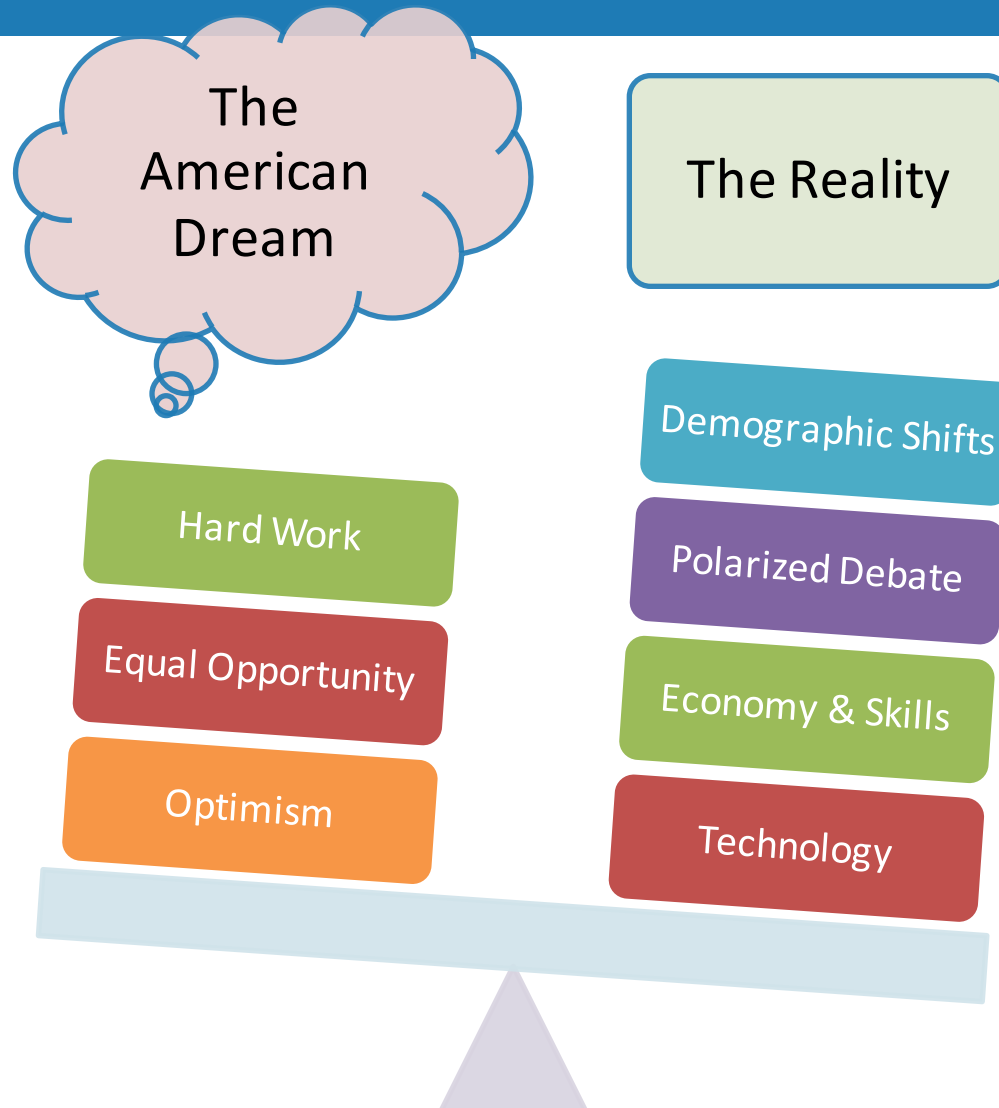
WE ENVISION **AN AMERICA**
IN WHICH A LEGACY OF ECONOMIC
SECURITY AND EDUCATIONAL
SUCCESS PASSES
FROM
ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT.

Our Mission

Mission: Ascend at the Aspen Institute is the **national hub** for breakthrough ideas and collaborations that move **children & their parents** toward **educational success & economic security**.



The U.S. in the 21st Century



Harness the Family's Full Potential



The Need

Fragmented policies and programs that address the needs of children and parents separately leave either the child or parent behind and dim each family's chance at success.

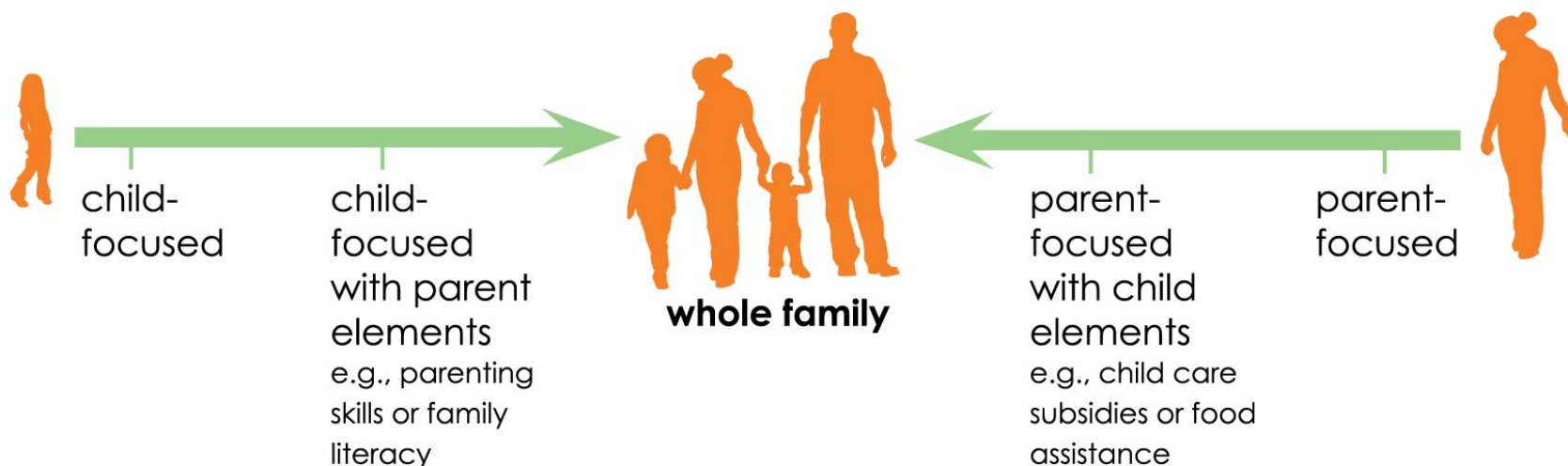


The Solution

Policies and programs that address the needs of *children and their parents together* can harness the family's full potential and put the *entire family* on a path to permanent economic security.

Integrating a 2Gen Lens

The Two-Generation Continuum

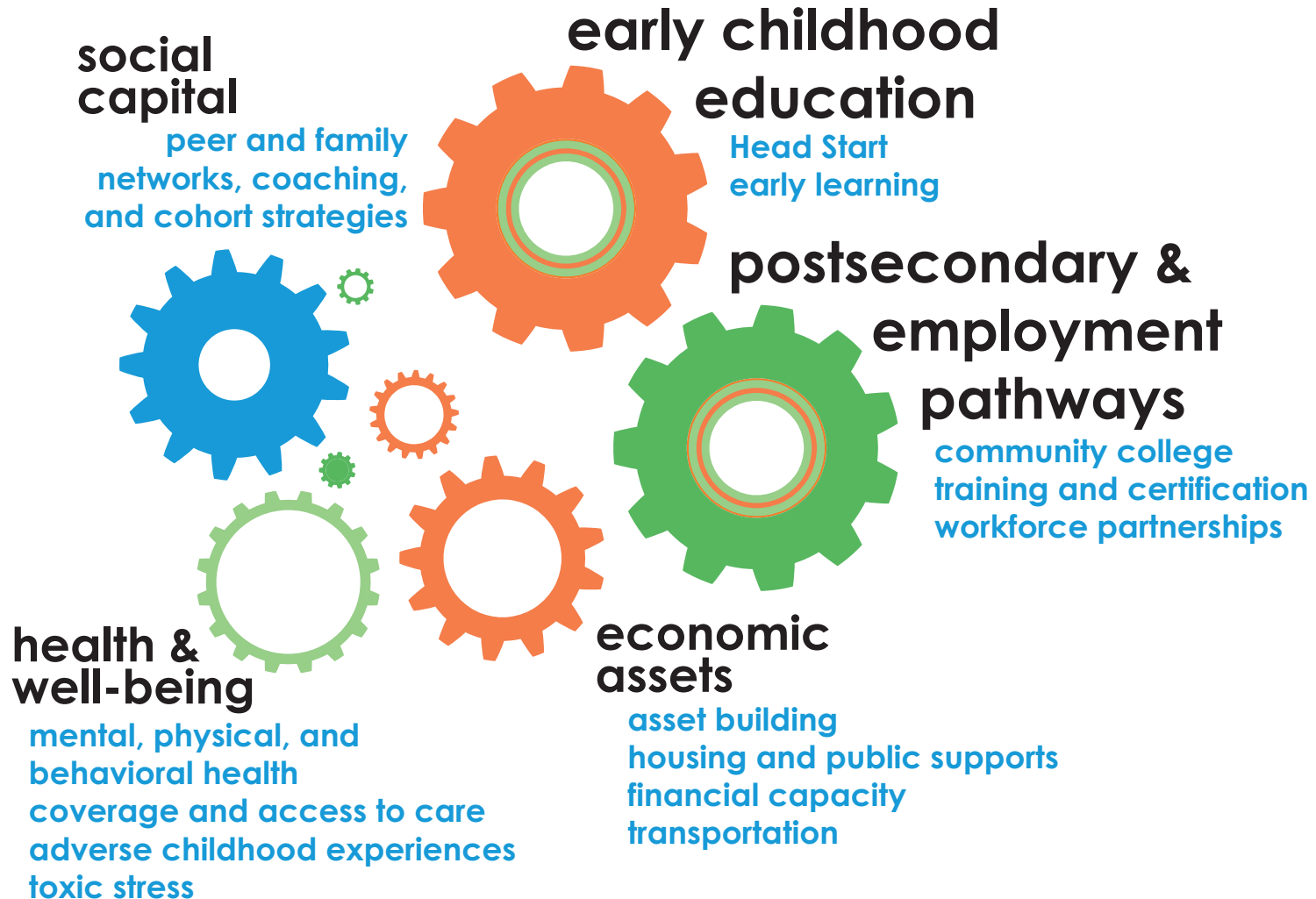


Two-generation approaches provide opportunities for and meet the needs of children and their parents **together**.

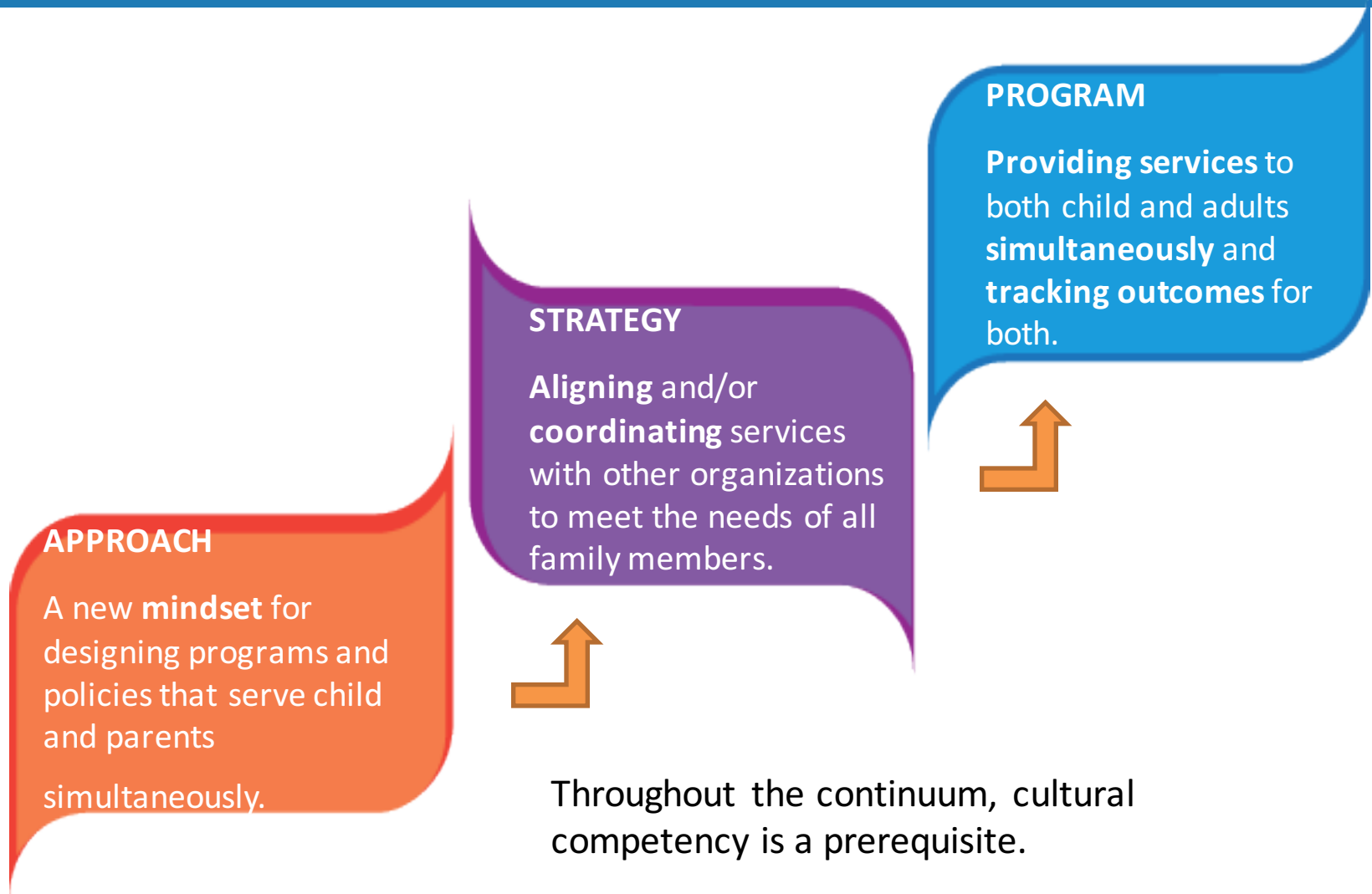
Principles to Guide 2Gen Efforts

- **Measure and account for outcomes for both children and their parents**
- **Engage and listen to the voices of families**
- **Ensure equity**
- **Foster innovation and evidence together**
- **Align and link systems and funding streams**

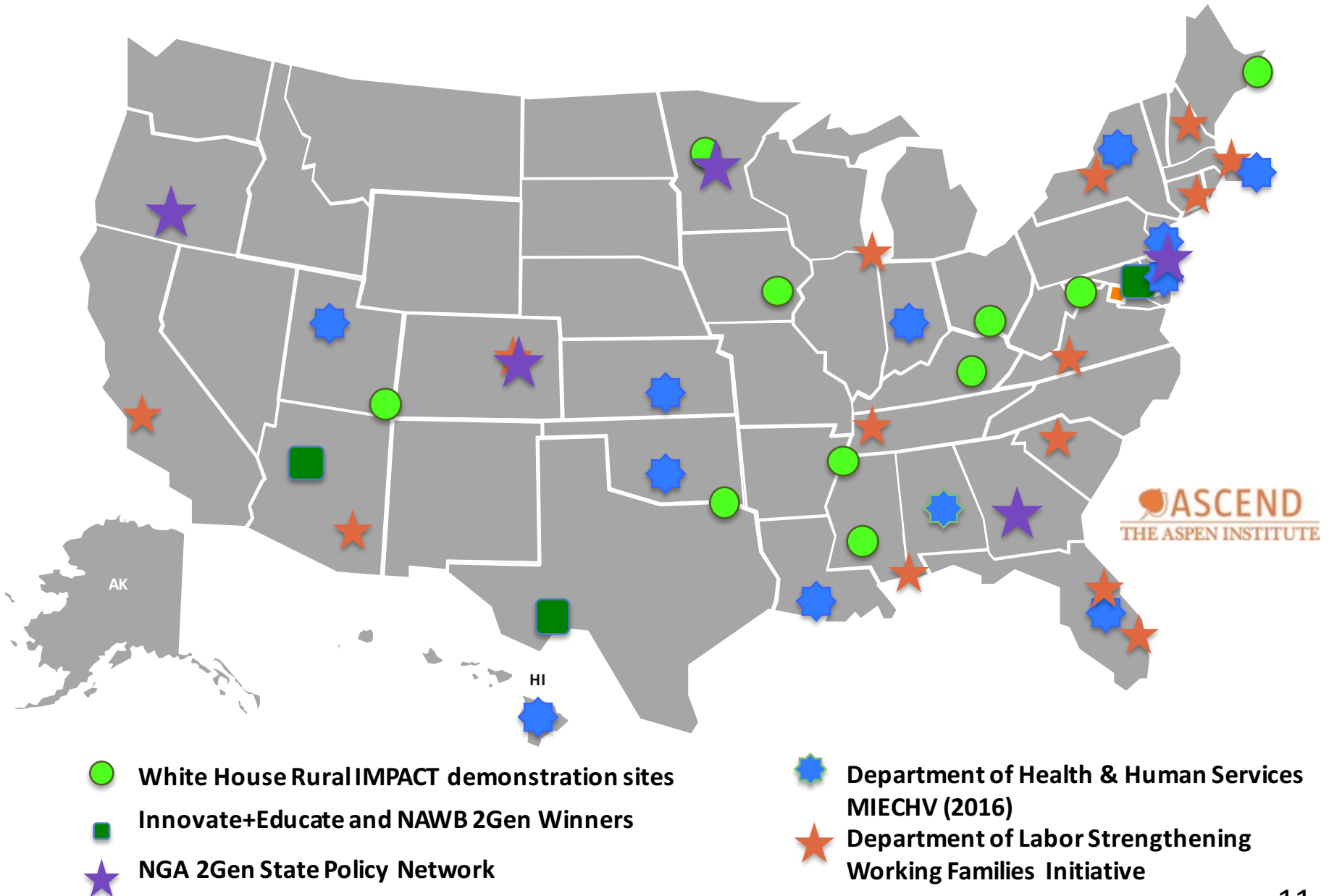
Core Components



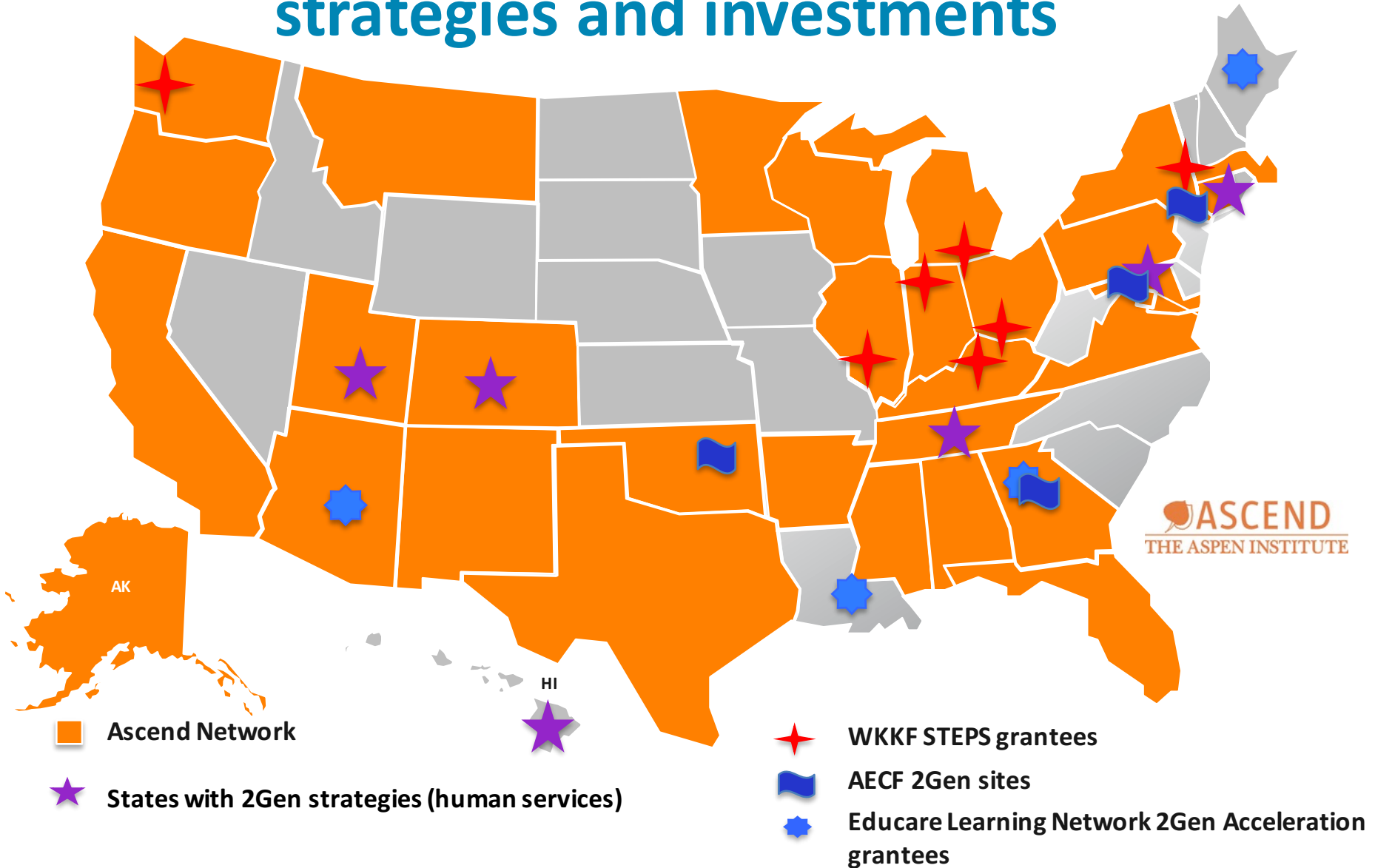
2Gen Program Continuum



Federal Policy Opportunities



2Gen momentum: Confluence of strategies and investments



Ascend Network

171 Network Partners in 36 states and the District of Columbia



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Example of 2Gen Implementation

United Neighborhood Houses of New York



Lynn Appelbaum



Example of 2Gen Implementation

Colorado Department of Human Services



Reggie Bicha, Executive Director



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Example of 2Gen Implementation

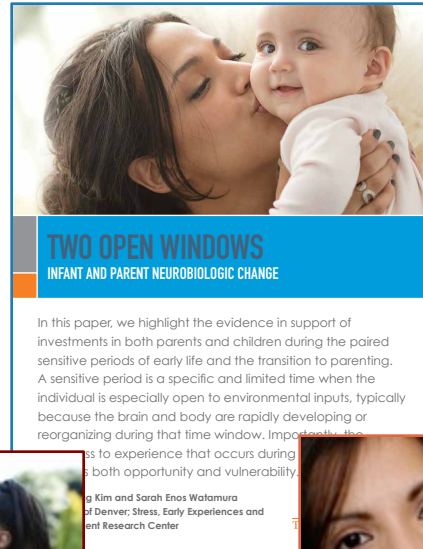
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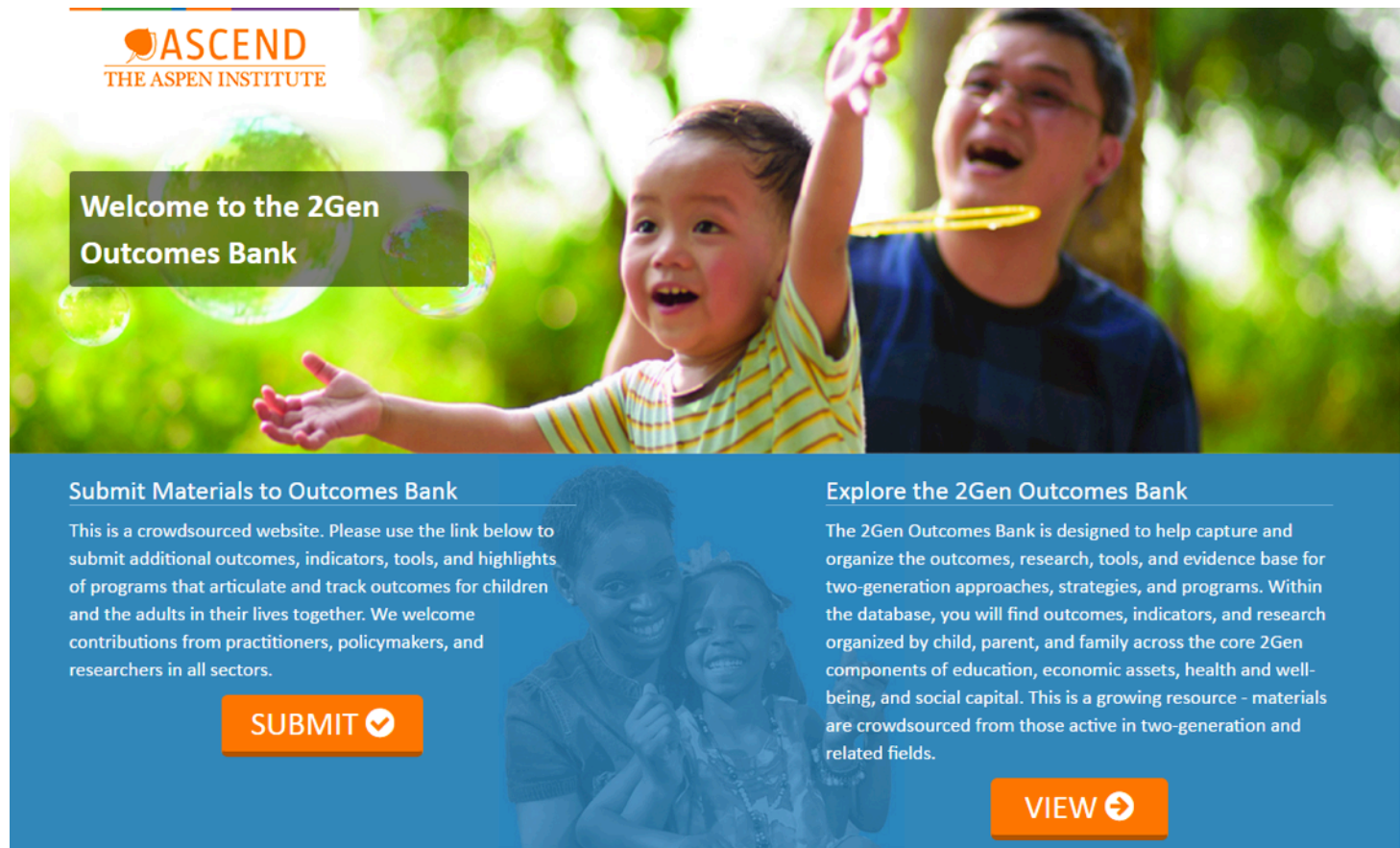
Working with Communities: Tools & Resources



TWO-GENERATION PLAYBOOK



Outcomes Bank for 2Gen Programs



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Welcome to the 2Gen Outcomes Bank

Submit Materials to Outcomes Bank

This is a crowdsourced website. Please use the link below to submit additional outcomes, indicators, tools, and highlights of programs that articulate and track outcomes for children and the adults in their lives together. We welcome contributions from practitioners, policymakers, and researchers in all sectors.

SUBMIT ✓

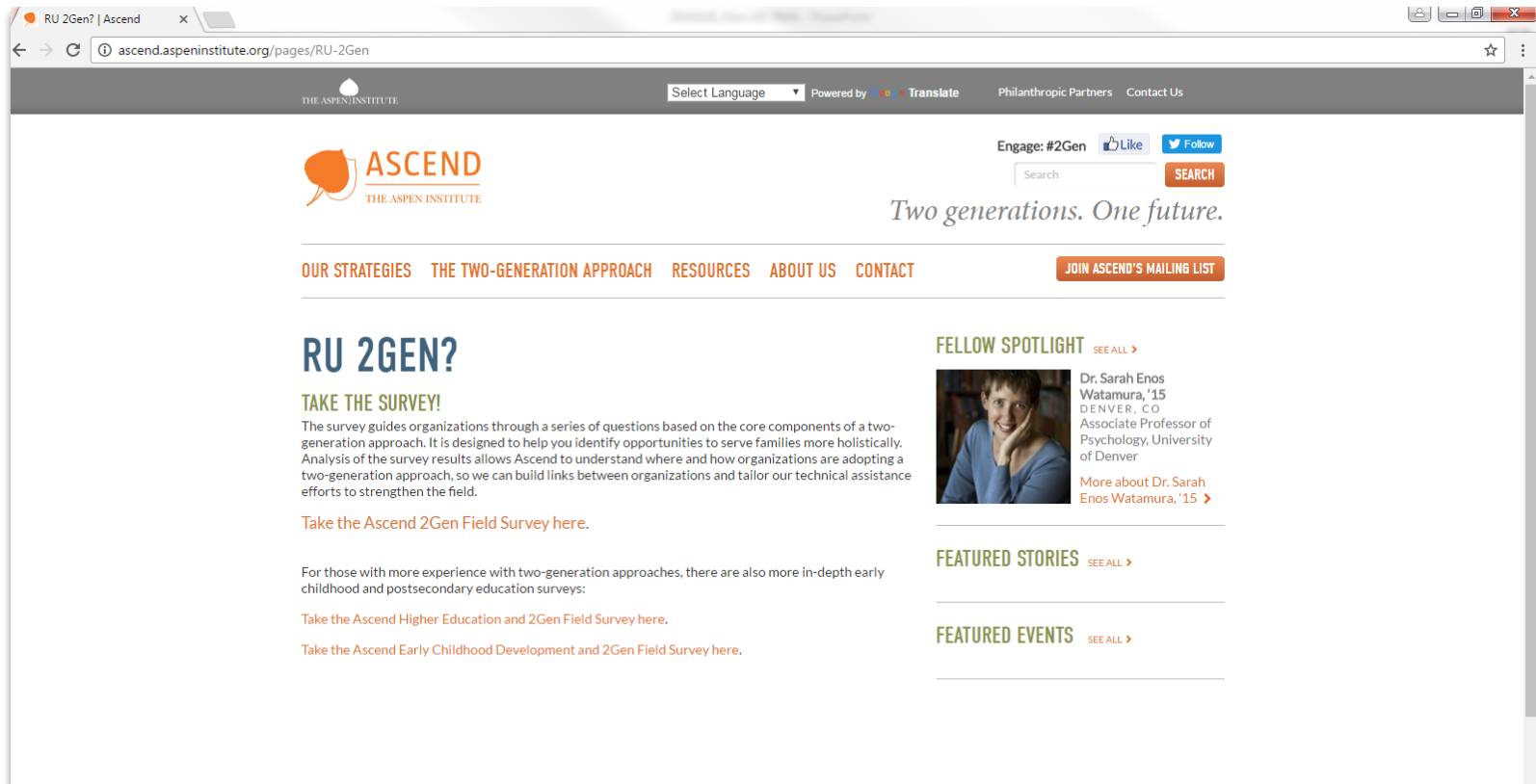
Explore the 2Gen Outcomes Bank

The 2Gen Outcomes Bank is designed to help capture and organize the outcomes, research, tools, and evidence base for two-generation approaches, strategies, and programs. Within the database, you will find outcomes, indicators, and research organized by child, parent, and family across the core 2Gen components of education, economic assets, health and well-being, and social capital. This is a growing resource - materials are crowdsourced from those active in two-generation and related fields.

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