

## Finding Your Frame

Translating the Science of Early Adversity for Action

**May 2016** 

Nat Kendall-Taylor, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer

1

### Why Does Framing Matter?

# What Do We Know About Reframing Child Development and Adversity?

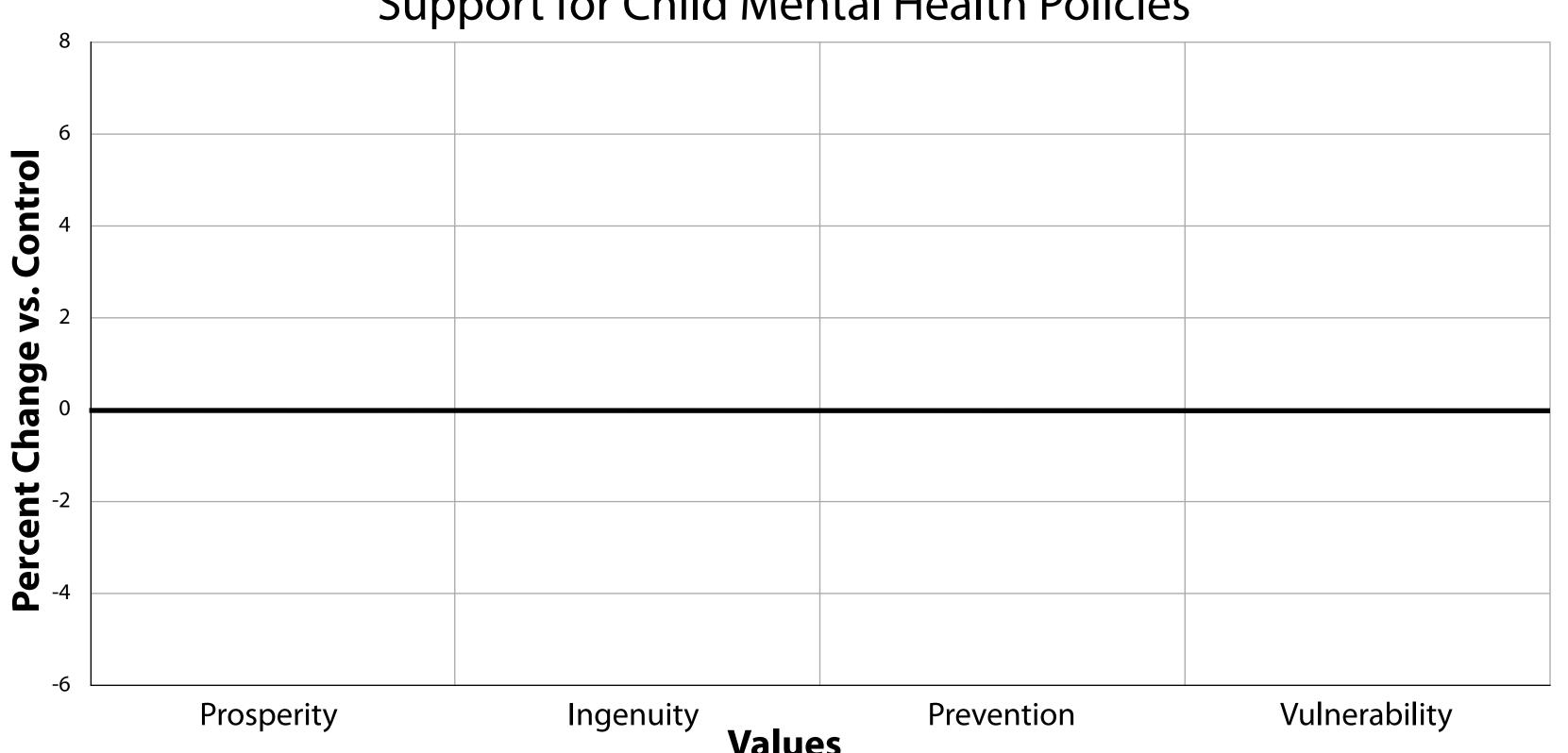
### Why Does Framing Matter?

What Do We Know About Reframing Child Development and Adversity?

### Because Understanding is Frame Dependent

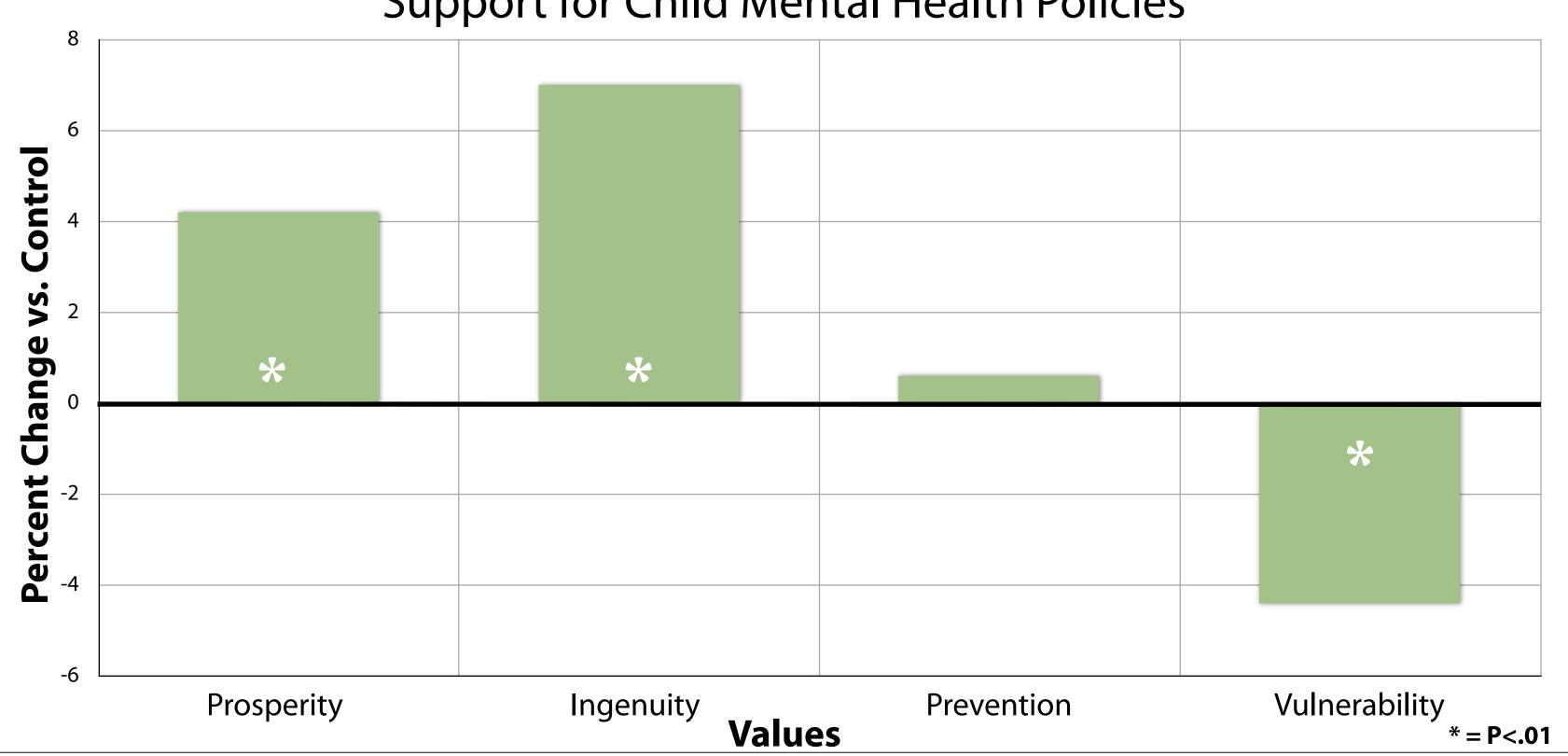
### Because Understanding is Frame Dependent

Support for Child Mental Health Policies

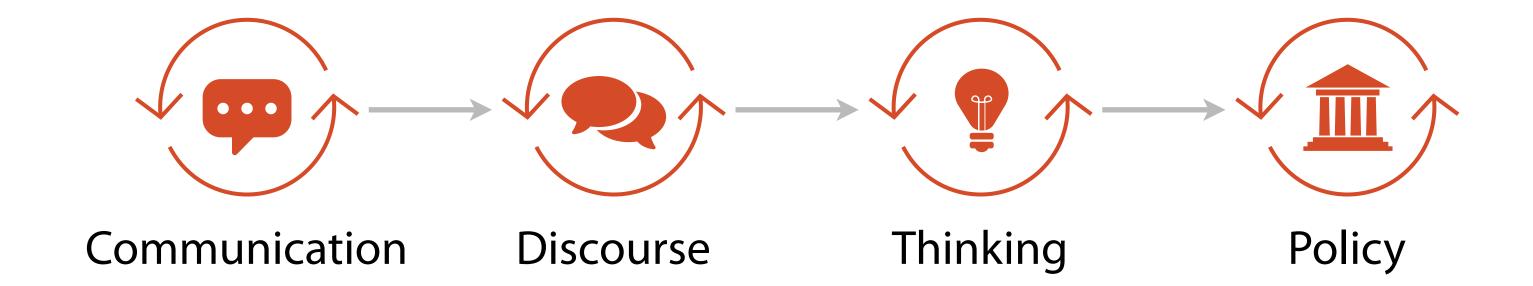


### Because Understanding is Frame Dependent

Support for Child Mental Health Policies

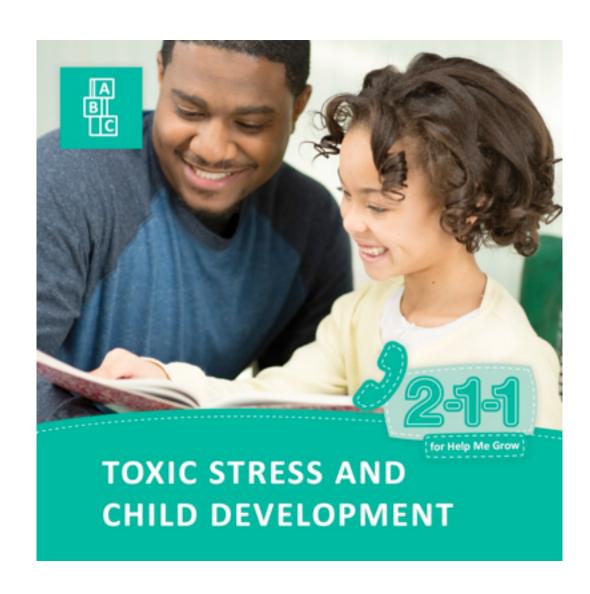


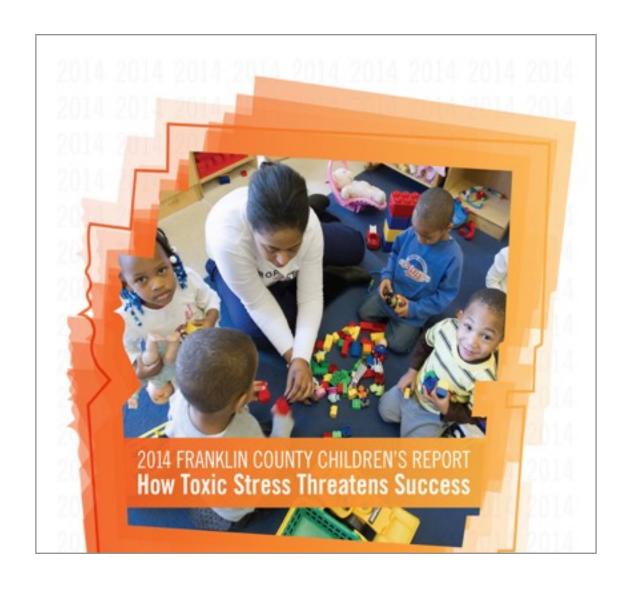
### Because Frames Can Help Make Change

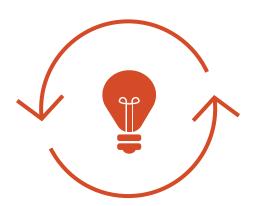




## Changes in Communication







## Changes in Discourse



### The New Hork Times

The Opinion Pages

#### **Opinionator**

FIXES

#### **Protecting Children From Toxic Stress**

By DAVID BORNSTEIN OCTOBER 30, 2013 11:55 AM



Kelth Negley



## Changes in Thinking

#### 2002

Only 42% understood that infants can communicate before they learn to speak.

Public unsure whether babies' cries were 'conscious manipulation' or expressions of genuine need.

### 2011

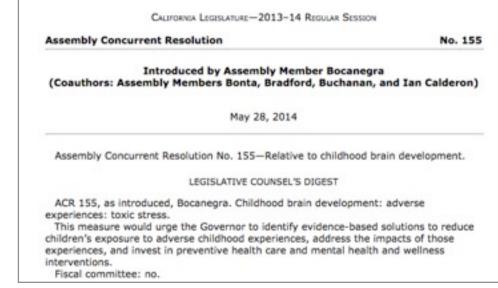
96% understood that infants can communicate before they learn to speak.

85% understood that for infants, cries and signals indicate a genuine need for adult attention.



# CALIFORNIA SENATE PASSES RESOLUTION ASKING GOV TO LOOK AT INTERVENTION POLICIES TO ALLEVIATE "TOXIC STRESS" IN CHILDREN







TECHNICAL REPORT

The Lifelong Effects of Early Childhood Adversity and Toxic Stress

#### abstract



Advances in fields of inquiry as diverse as neuroscience, molecular biology, genomics, developmental psychology, epidemiology, sociology, and economics are catalyzing an important paradigm shift in our understanding of health and disease across the lifespan. This converging, multidisciplinary science of human development has profound implications for our ability to enhance the life prospects of children and to strengthen the social and economic fabric of society. Drawing on these multiple streams of investigation, this report presents an ecohodove-

Jack P. Shonkoff, MD, Andrew S. Garner, MD, PhD, and THE COMMITTEE ON PSYCHOSOCIAL ASPECTS OF CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH, COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD, ADOPTION, AND DEPENDENT CARE, AND SECTION ON DEVELOPMENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRICS

#### KEY WORD

ecobiodevelopmental framework, new morbidity, toxic stress, social inequalities, health disparities, health promotion, disease prevention, advocacy, brain development, human capital development, pediatric basic science

**ABBREVIATIONS** 

#### H.R. 1429: Head Start Reauthorization of 2007

"train Head Start personnel in addressing the unique needs of ... children and families experiencing toxic stress."

Early Head Start University Partnership Grants: Buffering Children from Toxic Stress (July 2011)

"grant projects to promote knowledge of how Early Head Start programs can buffer children from the effects of toxic stress by supporting parenting/caregiving"

### Because You Have a Problem



BBB





The environments that young children are exposed shape how they do throughout childhood and even as adults. Environments and experiences matter. What do you think shapes how kids turn out and why some do well and others don't?





The environments that young children are exposed shape how they do throughout childhood and even as adults. Environments and experiences matter. What do you think shapes how kids turn out and why some do well and others don't?







Responsibility for making sure that children have positive development is spread across multiple systems—there's education, healthcare, child protection, mental health, housing... But we also know that families play a really important part of this process. Who do you think is responsible for our children's development?





Responsibility for making sure that children have positive development is spread across multiple systems—there's education, healthcare, child protection, mental health, housing... But we also know that families play a really important part of this process. Who do you think is responsible for our children's development?



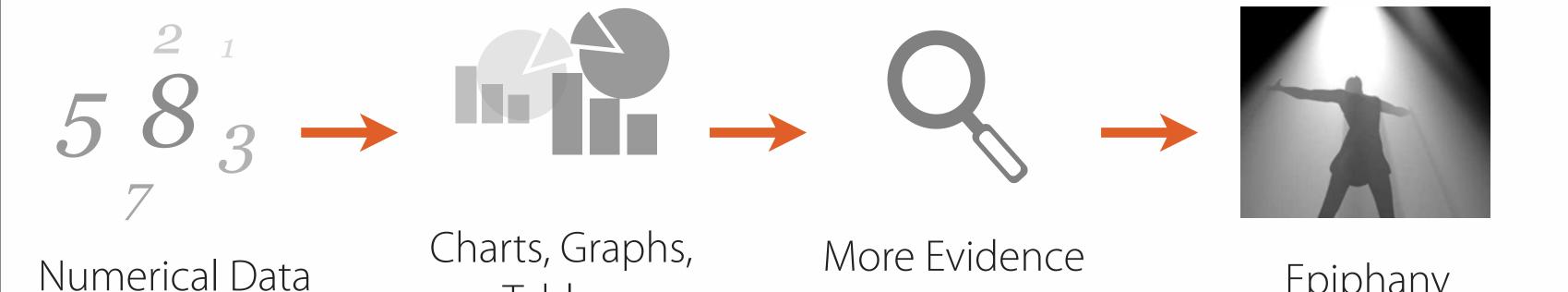




### What People Do When They're in This Position

- Provide (more) data
- Meet them where they are

## Providing more data is not the answer



Tables,

More Data

Epiphany

## Providing more data is not the answer



Meeting them where they are

# Meeting them where they are is **NOT** the answer

### In a Poll on Early Childhood Development...

Who is responsible for making sure that families have childcare?:

- -73% parents
- -17% government
- -10% employers

What are the most serious problems that children face?:

-85% say "parents not paying enough attention to what's going on in their children's lives"

### Parents Are Responsible

### In a Poll on Early Childhood Development...

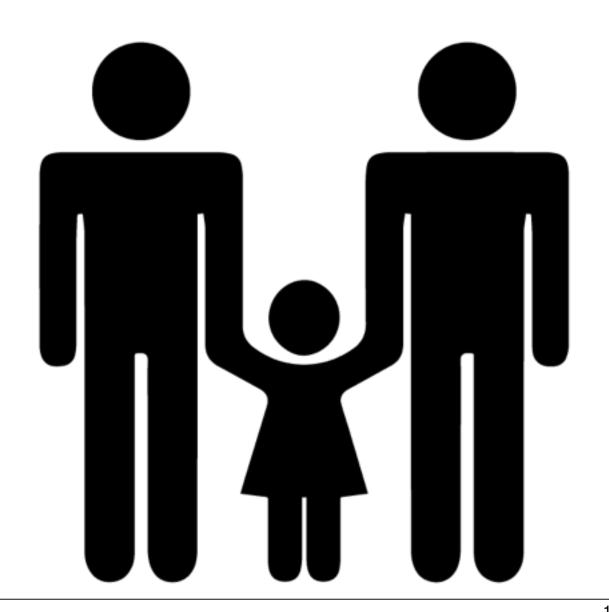
Who is responsible for making sure that families have childcare?:

- -73% parents
- -17% government
- -10% employers

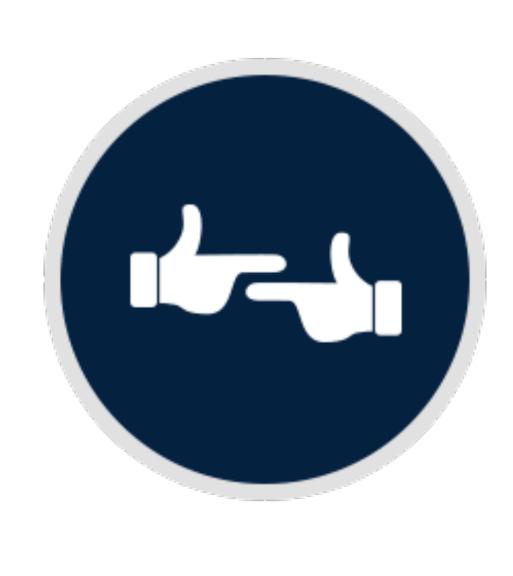
What are the most serious problems that children face?:

-85% say "parents not paying enough attention to what's going on in their children's lives"

Parents Are Responsible



## **Problems With Focusing on Parents**







Context is key part of explaining why some kids do well and others do not.

???







Context is key part of explaining why some kids do well and others do not.









### **Strategic Communications =**

Knowing What You're Up Against

十

Using Empirically Tested Tools to Navigate

### Why Does Framing Matter?

# What Do We Know About Reframing Child Development and Adversity?

# What Do We Know About Reframing Child Development and Adversity?

## 3 Framing Recommendations

### Framing Recommendation #1:

Explain how things work to make people better solutions thinkers

## The Explanatory Metaphor

Makes something that is hard to understand easier to understand, by comparing it to something concrete and familiar

### Brain Architecture







**Brain Development** 

Building/Architecture

Fill in Understanding to Expand Thinking

## Framing Recommendation #2:

Urgency is not enough; You need solutions



#### Study: Housing Crisis Fueled Racial Inequality

DAILY REAL ESTATE NEWS | MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015

The spike in foreclosures from the housing criamong minorities and whites that could alter A research from Cornell University, which will be

About 9 million Americans lost their homes to aftermath of the housing crisis, and the harder Latinos, and racially integrated neighborhoods study.

Researchers estimate that racial segregation and between blacks and whites by about 20 p areas most heavily distressed by foreclosures

"Among its many impacts, the foreclosure crisis has partly derailed progress in achieving racial integration in American cities," says demographer and lead author Matthew Hall, assistant professor of policy and analysis and management in Cornell's College of Human Ecology.



🖶 Text Size 😑

# HOME » Archives hives elect Month

### ECONOMY IN CRISIS AMERICA'S ECONOMIC REPORT - DAILY

ISSUES »

VIDEOS

ECONOMIC STATISTICS

ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

## Income Inequality Is Ravaging America's Middle Class

MARCH 23, 2016 R DANIEL MILLS



Recent Posts

Government So the Economy April 13, 2016 By

Comments

### The Problem with Problems

**Low Efficacy** 

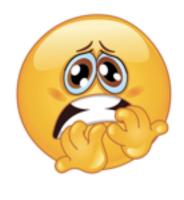
Hi Efficacy

**Low Urgency** 

Baseline



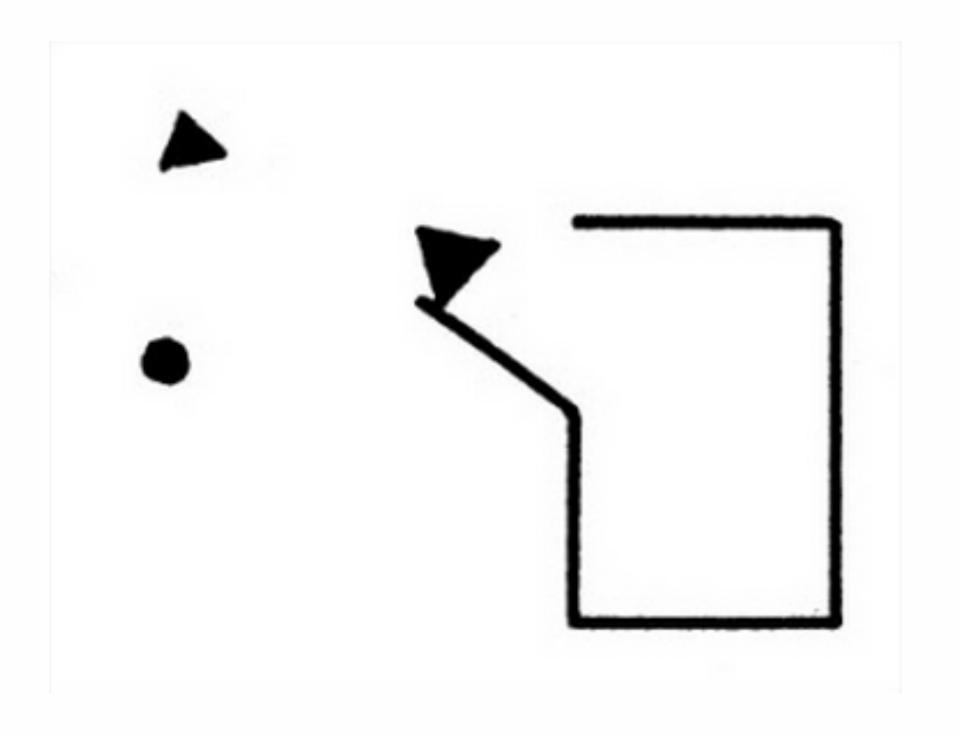
Hi Urgency



**Fatalism** 



# Framing Recommendation #3: ?????



## We think in story

# Framing Recommendation #3: We think in story...always tell a story

# Understand What You're Up Against and...

# Frame On!



www.frameworksinstitute.org



@FrameWorksInst



FrameWorks Institute

© 2016 FrameWorks Institute.

Slides in this presentation were developed by the FrameWorks Institute for individual use and cannot be represented, adapted or distributed without the express written permission of FrameWorks. All images in this presentation are licensed for the purpose of this presentation only and may not be reproduced elsewhere.