SPEARHEADING CHANGE: Community And Local Foundations As Shared Services Incubators Or Hubs

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Bainum Family Foundation: Who We Are

We aim to give children living in poverty access to high-quality education and other supports and services. This includes an early learning strategy to:

• Increase high-quality seats by 750 in high-poverty areas in DC, focusing on EHS as a model
• Support systems-focused, equitable public policy and funding through B-3 Policy Alliance
Bainum Family Foundation: Our Role in Shared Services

• Funded and lead development and launch of EC Share DC

• Funded capacity building of Quality Improvement Network Hubs, DC’s EHS-CCP strategy

• Working with the Office of the State Superintendent to determine best way to support shared services business alliance pilot

Battle Creek Community Foundation: Who We Are

Established in 1974. The Battle Creek Community Foundation is a public foundation designed to provide citizens of the greater Battle Creek Community access to endowed philanthropy. BCCF is a “full service” Community Foundation that also provides Fiscal Sponsorship, Leadership and Direct Programming.

Vision: To foster an environment in which people and organizations are actively engaged in building a vibrant, healthy community.

Mission: To promote philanthropic giving and the use of endowment funds and to serve as a leader in coordinating local resources to meet the current and future needs of our community.

Affiliate Corporations of BCCF:
• Battle Creek College Access Network
• Encourage BC!
• Kool Family Community Center
• Regional Health Alliance
Encourage BC!

- Provides fiscal services and community initiatives such as Child Care Shared Services.
- Catalyst to establish a supporting organization.
- Mission: Encourage BC! works to energize and facilitate positive charitable ideas for individuals or groups in our community to be active in matters that affect their everyday lives.
- Board Membership: 5-9 member Board of Directors, full board appointed by BCCF, up to 49% can be current BCCF Trustees.
- Staffing: CEO of BCCF is CEO of Encourage BC! (for now).

Encourage BC!

- An infrastructure to support Shared Services.
- Utilization of the Professional Employer Organization (PEO).
- Staff who have expertise in child development and child care management.
- Employees who fit the start up needs of both.
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Role in Shared Services

Partners:
• Opportunities Exchange
• Michigan Works!
• Calhoun County Intermediate School District
• Planned collaboration with Early Learning Neighborhood Collaboration (ELNC).
• Planned collaboration with Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC) to launch Shared Services on the Web at a State Level.

Unexpected Challenges:
• Child care centers needing technical assistances for the business side of child care.
• Finding qualified staff.

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Role in Shared Services

• Finding the right dosage of local and national expertise.
• Finding unique talent in our community.
• Providing child care centers the necessary technical assistance
• Contract management.
• Working with Child Care Boards of Directors.
• Providing “in-kind” staffing.
• Installing EZ-Care – child management software.
The David and Laura Merage Foundation: Who We Are

The Foundation's philanthropic investments are focused on societal change and result in children, families, and communities improving the quality and circumstances of their lives.

- Early Childhood Education
- Arts & Culture
- Community Development
- Israel

http://earlylearningventures.org/investors/invest-elv/
Early Learning Ventures

Comprised of Two Practices Areas

- The ELV Business Model equips child care providers to improve quality, save time, and lower costs; resulting in better outcomes for all children.

Early Learning Ventures

ELV Network Results as of March 2017

- 1,452 ELV users
- 492 Licensed programs served
- 28,764 Children impacted
Early Learning Ventures

ELV Child Care Partnership Network

ELV Affiliates serving most at-risk infants & toddlers

240 children in 31 center-based and family child care providers across 4 counties in Colorado

1,700 TOTAL IMPACT on children & their families

Early Childhood Funders Collaborative: Who We Are

Our Vision: All children have an equitable opportunity for healthy development and learning, in the context of their families + communities.

Who We Are: A collaborative of committed early childhood funders learning together and improving our collective positive impact for children.

What We Do:

• Learning & Networking – ECFC provides substantive member briefings and meetings, connections with top researchers and practitioners, and

• Aligning and Leveraging Resources – ECFC’s work includes launching the BUILD initiative and funding the Early Learning Challenge Collaborative to build state capacity to apply for federal early childhood system grants.

• Promoting Effective Local, State, and Federal policy - ECFC has sponsored policy briefings, shared our learning with policymakers at all levels, and promoted public-private partnerships.
Early Childhood Funders Collaborative: Our Role in Shared Services

Potential Roles for Funders
• Incubator – especially identifying and incubating the hub organization
• Link and liaison between public and private sectors

Why it is Appealing
• Serves interest in building capacity in grassroots, small groups, and organizations led by people of color
• Provides an opportunity to improve quality at a larger scale and makes systems change, rather than investing in one program. Greater impact.
• Provides a route for sustainable change based on the investment

Discussion
1. WHY did you choose your particular approach to supporting shared services (e.g. incubating in-house vs giving a grant)
2. HOW does a Shared Services framework further your foundations’ mission
3. What excites you about Shared Services?
4. What concerns you about Shared Services?