The Pritzker Children’s Initiative

- The Pritzker Children’s Initiative (PCI) is a project of the J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation

- PCI vision: Expand equitable access to and participation in high quality services for at least one million low income infants, toddlers and their families by 2023 to get them on track for school by assuring healthy beginnings, supported families, and high quality child care
National Collaborative for Infants & Toddlers

• NCIT is committed to advancing the most promising policies and programs that ensure families have the support they need

• Key Areas:
  - Healthy Beginnings
  - Supported Families
  - High Quality Child Care and Learning
NCIT Policy Priorities

Increase the number of families with children prenatal-to-age-three who are connected to essential health, development and social emotional support services

Increase the number of low-income infants and toddlers receiving affordable, high-quality child care
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Measuring Success: Healthy Development by Age 3

- With a focus on equity, states and communities can build and sustain locally responsive programs, policies, and systems that meet the needs of infants, toddlers, and their families.

- Policy outcomes support child and family outcomes, and prenatal-to-three systems create a sustainable infrastructure to ensure families get the right services at the right times.
Equitable Access and Equitable Outcomes: Trending Strategies for PN-3

• Improving birth outcomes by addressing racial disparities and/or targeting under-served populations (Los Angeles County, Baltimore, Flagler/Volusia Counties, FL, Kent Cty MI)

• Universal newborn screening and referral (Austin, Chattanooga, Norwalk CT, Watauga Cty NC, Pierce Cty, WA, Boone Ct. MO)

• Targeting specific, high-need populations to facilitate access to high-quality services: Cleveland (neighborhoods with high lead levels); Ramsey Cty, MN (MFIP/TANF clients)
Community Trends--Continued

• Coordinated system for developmental screening and referral across health and early learning: (Tarrant Cty, TX, Salt Lake City, Spartanburg, SC, Pierce Cty. WA, Ventura Cty CA)

• Focusing CQI efforts on specific services to ensure effectiveness for specific populations: (Albuquerque, Tucson, Memphis, Multnomah Cty OR)

• Integrated data systems (Kent Cty, MI, Boston)

• Expansion of high-quality, targeted services:
  • Integration of maternal mental health services with PN-3 primary, preventative health care (Orange Cty, CA)
  • Support for home-based child care through networks (New Haven, CT, New York City)
Community Trends--Continued

All of it! Guilford County, North Carolina

- Navigation system to connect families to the right resources at the right time
- Expanding proven programs (Nurse Family Partnership, Family Connects, Help Me Grow, Healthy Steps)
- Early literacy strategic plan
- High-quality care affordable/accessible to all
- Building authentic family voice and political will
- Improving PreK Transition
- Supporting technology, rigorous evaluation, culture of CQI
NCIT States and Communities

Current Engagements
+ CA + OH
+ IL + OR
+ NC + NY

State Grant Competition Awardees
+ AR + NE + SC
+ D.C. + NV + TX
+ LA + NJ + WA
+ MD + NM + WI
+ MI + PA

Communities
CSSP
- Denver, CO
- Orange County, CA
- Multnomah, OR
- Boston, MA
- Onondaga, NY
- Ventura, CA
- Kent, MI
- Guilford, NC
- Los Angeles, CA
- Volusia/Flagler Counties, FL

NLC
- Austin, TX
- Baltimore, MD
- Cleveland, OH
- Chattanooga, TN
- Denver, CO
- Minneapolis, MN

NACo
- Tarrant, TX
- Watauga, NC
- Dauphin, PA
- Ramsey, MN
- Champaign, IL
- Washington, VA
- Pierce, WA
- Boone, MO

Strive/NICHQ
- Tucson, AZ
- Albuquerque, NM
- Norwalk, CT
- Salt Lake City, UT
- Memphis, TN
- Spartanburg, SC
NCIT’s Online Solutions Center:  www.thencit.org

• Dedicated, easy to navigate resource where policymakers, influencers and early childhood leaders can access information and tools to inform prenatal-to-three policies

• Built for activists and changemakers in states, communities and throughout the country

• Includes case studies, guidance on building and executing plans, information for measuring impact and research-based messaging to garner support