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Counties invest $63 billion annually in federal, state and local funds in vital services for children and families.

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Agenda

Urban PN-3 Peer Learning Network: Creating Public-Private Partnerships on Prenatal-to-Three

• Welcome

• County Speaker – Allegheny County, Pa.

• Questions & Interactive Discussion

• Conclusion
Urban PN-3 Peer Learning Network: Creating Public-Private Partnerships on Prenatal-to-Three

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Trying Together supports high-quality care and education for young children by providing advocacy, community resources, and professional growth opportunities for the needs and rights of children, their families, and the individuals who interact with them.
Allegheny County is committed to strengthening the well-being of children and families by providing access to quality human services (including support with basic needs, parenting and home visiting programming, child care and early learning, early intervention) through a 2-Generational approach.
Allegheny County Children & Families

- 1.2M residents
- 51.6 female
- 5% under the age of 5; 19.3% over the age of 65
- 13.4% Black or African American; 4.2% Asian; 2.3% Hispanic; 79.9% White
- $61K Median Household income
PN-3 Programs in Allegheny County
At the Family Centers of Allegheny County, parents meet other parents, kids learn and play and families get the support they need.

https://familycenters.alleghenycounty.us/
Hello Baby was created to ensure that every family in Allegheny County feels supported and connected as they adjust to life with a new baby.

https://hellobabypgh.org/
PN-3 Programs & Advocacy: Increasing Child Care Quality

- EHS-Child Care Partnership
- Infant/Toddler Apprenticeship & CDA credentialing
- Increasing Access to High Quality Care
- Start Strong PA
Historical Challenges & Current Opportunities

- Coordination across systems
- Lack of access to quality (29% of children under 3 in high quality)
- Lack of investment in children and families as a share of federal budget
+ Resource rich comparatively
+ Collaboration across public, private, and nonprofit settings
+ Coordination across services
Public-Private Partnerships

- Foundation rich
- Strong relationship between city and county government and foundation community
- Foundation funding complements government investments
Our Kids. Our Commitment.

- Allegheny County Children’s Fund Initiative
- Launched May 2018; qualify question on November 2018 ballot
- Voter referendum to establish sustainable public revenue
  - .25 millage rate increase to property tax generating about $18M/year for children
- Private and community foundations provided financial support for the effort.
- Lost 51.8 to 48.2
Thank you.
Discussion Questions

• How have you or your county made the case for PN-3 as a key issue in your community?

• Do you have similar efforts with private partners who are collaborating on your PN-3 strategic or policy making efforts?

• How are you leveraging private partners or local funders to help fill equity gaps and target the unique needs of families in our community? How have foundations supported your equity work?

• Have you been able to use private funding to help finance your PN-3 systems and services?

• Have you been able to leverage philanthropic dollars to increase local investments for your county’s PN-3 services, collective impact or systems building efforts?

• What role have local foundations played during COVID-19?

• What is your county doing to support young children with the American Rescue Plan funds?
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