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Featured Strategy: Cash Assistance, Guaranteed Income Initiatives, and family support organizations with economic intersections		
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Rx for Kids	<p>The nation’s first-ever community-wide prenatal and infant cash prescription program, Rx Kids is providing life-changing financial security that is universal and unconditional. Moms receive \$1,500 during pregnancy, and babies receive \$500 a month for a designated length of time that varies between 6 – 12 months. Launched in Flint, followed by massive expansion statewide, and expanding nationally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michigan Makes Historic Investment in Rx for Kids, October 2025 • Univ of Michigan Poverty Solutions, Rx for Kids profile 	<p>ECFC members supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.K. Kellogg Foundation • Kresge Foundation • Bezos Family Foundation • Ballmer Group • Perigee Fund • Michigan Health Endowment Fund
Philly Joy Bank	<p>Guaranteed income pilot aimed at reducing racial disparities in infant mortality and low birth weights. The program provides expectant parents in targeted neighborhoods with \$1,000 per month during pregnancy and for one year postpartum, with evaluation and research led by the Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health.</p>	<p>ECFC members supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philadelphia Health Partnership • William Penn Foundation • Vanguard
Thriving Providers Program @ Home Grown	<p>Works with regional partners to provide direct cash payments to Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) caregivers and newly licensed Family Child Care (FCC) home providers. Initiatives in 7 sites across the country (some of the site partners are also funded directly by ECFC members)</p>	<p>Many of Home Grown’s funders are ECFC members, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bainum Family Foundation • Buffet Early Childhood Fund • Conrad N. Hilton Foundation • David & Lucille Packard Foundation • Gary Community Investments • Esther A. & Joseph Klingenstein Fund • Heising-Simons Foundation • Imaginable Futures • Pritzker Children’s Initiative • Robert Wood Johnson Foundation • Vanguard • W.K. Kellogg Foundation

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<u>Stanford Basic Income Lab</u>	<p>A project of Stanford <u>Center on Poverty and Equality</u>, includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Global Map of Basic Income Experiments</u> • <u>Guaranteed Income Pilots Dashboard</u> View data, research, and key features of 30+ guaranteed income pilots around the United States. 	<p>ECFC members supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
<u>Guaranteed Income Learning Collaborative</u>	<p>Coordinates research across 12 pilot programs to build a robust evidence base for policy makers.</p>	<p>ECFC members supporting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
<u>The Magnolia Mother’s Trust (MMT)</u>	<p>Longest-running guaranteed income program in the United States and the first to target extremely low-income families led by Black mothers.</p> <p>Alumni study reports: <u>https://springboardto.org/menu-storytelling/reports/</u></p>	<p>ECFC connections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housed at Springboard to Opportunities, a Raising Child Care Fund grantee partner
<u>Economic Security Project</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Helped launch two of the first guaranteed income pilots</u> in Stockton, California, and Jackson, Mississippi. • Host of the Spring 2026 <u>Guaranteed Income Now</u> Summit. • Convenes the <u>Guaranteed Income Community of Practice</u> to coordinate activities, share learning, and deepen our thinking around guaranteed income. 	<p>ECFC members supporting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kresge Foundation • Robert Wood Johnson Foundation • W. K. Kellogg Foundation
<u>Equity Before Birth</u>	<p>Takes an economic justice approach to birth equity and supports women of color who do not have access to paid leave or other supports for the birth of a child.</p>	<p>ECFC members supporting include: Blue Cross & Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation</p> <p>Also, a grantee partner of ECFC’s Racial Justice and Equity Fund</p>

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<p><u>LIFT-LA and ACEs LA Medical-Financial Partnership (MFP)</u></p>	<p>The LIFT-LA and ACEs LA Medical–Financial Partnership (MFP) integrates financial resilience coaching, public benefit navigation, and wrap-around supports directly into pediatric and prenatal care. It is designed to proactively address the economic drivers of health and mitigate Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress in families. Launched with UCLA, LIFT-LA, and the LA County Department of Health Services (DHS), the program embeds financial coaches directly in clinical settings. Coaches help parents achieve financial goals, navigate benefits, and build savings, which has been shown to boost family income and improve preventative healthcare attendance.</p>	<p>The Medical-Financial Partnership is a <u>Proofpoint learning community</u> supported by <u>Pediatrics Supporting Parents</u>, a collaborative of eight funders including ECFC members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Einhorn Collaborative • Conrad N. Hilton Foundation • The David & Lucille Packard Foundation • Perigee Fund • Roots & Wings Foundation • W.K. Kellogg Foundation
<p>Family Resource Centers</p>	<p>Family Resource Centers (FRCs) act as community-based hubs that provide wrap-around services to support family stability.</p>	<p>ECFC members supporting Family Resource Centers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casey Family Programs, <u>Issue Brief: Safe, Strong, Support – What Do We Know About Family Resource Centers</u> • Potts Family Foundation, <u>Family Resource Center focus</u> • Couch Family Foundation <u>Partners with Five Family Resource Centers in the Upper Valley to Improve Child and Family Well-Being</u>



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Annie E. Casey Foundation	BABY BONDS, CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNTS; RESEARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discusses baby bonds and children’s savings accounts as a way to lifting children and families out of poverty (esp. for children of color) and helping families build wealth by opening savings accounts for children. • Worked with Child Trends and the National Family Support Network on a comprehensive nationwide survey of 3000 Family Resource Centers (FRCs) to gain a better understanding of the services FRCs provide across the country—and particularly of how FRCs work with young parents (under age 25), how they help young parent-led families access public benefits (e.g., the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program [SNAP], Temporary Assistance for Needy Families [TANF]), and whether/how they provide services to young parent-led families involved with the child welfare system. Learn more about the findings in this November 2025 Research Brief.
Bainum Family Foundation	PAY EQUITY; HOUSING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported and continues to support at least 80% of the policy organizations that played a leadership role in advocating for increasing early childhood educator compensation and benefits through the DC Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Fund. • The Mary Elizabeth House, Inc. provides housing support for young mothers who are in or exiting from the foster care system. Foundation funding extends the stay of these vulnerable mothers which is often limited given harsh housing policies.
Connecticut Council on Philanthropy	Cash Assistance; Guaranteed Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helped support launch of 4-CT in 2020 in response to the COVID emergency and ran several programs during the pandemic that delivered cash aid to essential workers, undocumented families, small businesses and other households. 4-CT now administers guaranteed income pilots for individuals returning from incarceration and for victims of violence, and partners with community-based organizations and health centers to distribute cash on debit cards to thousands of state residents. • CT Early Childhood Funders Collaborative CT Baby Bonds initiative, the first statewide initiative of its kind, designed to narrow the racial wealth gap and combat generational poverty. The state automatically invests \$3,200 for every baby born into a household covered by HUSKY (Connecticut’s Medicaid program).

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Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	Cash Assistance; Guaranteed Income; Research	Supports the Guaranteed Income Learning Collaborative (See initiative information above) Funding evaluations of GI/cash assistance programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA County’s Breathe pilot, 1,000 participants to receive \$1,000 a month for three years and later added 200 former L.A. County foster youth who will receive \$1,000 per month for two years. • Abundant Birth Project, cash to pregnant women over 12-18 months to make birth healthier and safer for the people facing the greatest risk during their pregnancy journey, • Pomona Household Universal Grants Pilot Program (Pomona HUG), provides 250 people with \$500 each month for 18 months and is intended to support families with young children who are struggling to afford rent, childcare, and other expenses.
Doris Duke Foundation	Economic concrete supports to prevent child welfare involvement	Funds research into the relationship between economic concrete supports and child welfare system involvement. Their primary investment is the Opportunities for Prevention & Transformation Initiative, or “ OPT-In for Families Initiative ,” building on work done across the country to create and test a meaningful alternative to the child welfare system—one that moves from a punitive system focused on assessing whether children should be removed from their homes to a prevention-oriented well-being system that leads to better outcomes across a child's life. Demonstration sites in Oregon, Kentucky, Washington, D.C., and South Carolina are committed to developing new ways of supporting families.
Gary Community Investments	Cash Assistance; Guaranteed Income; Housing Support	Supports Impact Charitable which helps coordinate Home Grown’s Thriving Providers Program Denver site and assisted in pilot of Goldbug Healthy Beginnings pilot - cash assistance to pregnant women. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading an effort to support black wealth building through a housing fund called the Dearfield Fund for Black Wealth, which provides up to \$40,000 in down-payment assistance to first-time homebuyers who have faced systemic barriers to owning a home.
The Kresge Foundation	Cash Assistance; guaranteed income; tax credit; benefits access	Supported guaranteed income (GI) and basic income pilots across the U.S. to mitigate poverty and racial wealth gaps. Through grants and social investments, the foundation supports direct-cash programs that provide unrestricted monthly payments to residents in cities like Los Angeles, Fresno, Saint Paul, and Detroit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detroit Child Tax Credit Campaign evaluation report, co-led by The Kresge Foundation and the United Way to increase access to tax prep and the CTC – focused on implementation of the expanded CTC in partnership with community groups.
The Monarch Foundation	Cash Assistance; Guaranteed Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bridge Project Launched in NYC by The Monarch Foundation, now in 10 sites across the country supported by government and regional/local philanthropies. Their website includes a compilation of research on evidence base of GI/cash assistance programs. • Maternal Infant Cash Coalition, housed at The Monarch Foundation. Coalition members include many cash assistance programs/pilots, and Perigee Fund.

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Perigee Fund	Cash Assistance; Guaranteed Income	<p><u>Cash as Care investment area, supports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baby’s First Years supports 1,000 low-income families, 80 percent of whom are Black or Hispanic, in greater New Orleans, New York City, the Twin Cities, and the Omaha metro area. The findings can be found here. First project of its kind, designed to assess whether an additional \$4,000 of family income during early childhood would cause the improvements in child development we know are correlated with child poverty reduction. • The Abundant Birth Project (ABP), pregnancy guaranteed income program that started in San Francisco for communities at the highest risk of preterm birth. Pilot provided \$1000 per month during pregnancy and six months postpartum to buffer against racialized economic insecurity and prevent adverse birth outcomes, which have long-lasting health and developmental impacts for babies. Expanding across five CA counties. • The Nest, a guaranteed income program operated by Hummingbird Indigenous Family Services (HIFS) in Washington State provides \$1,250 per month in unconditional cash to 150 American Indian/Alaska Native and Pacific Islander families from pregnancy through a child’s third birthday, plus \$5,000 to seed an educational savings account.
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Cash Assistance; Guaranteed Income; Research	<p>RWJF Policies for Action research initiative, includes an income and wealth focus area (direct cash, ETIC, paid leave). Evidence-based research published as part of this project includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating the Chicago Future Fund & Guaranteed Income Policy Work (targeted GI initiatives for justice system-impacted people) (2023) • Does guaranteed income facilitate wealth and credit building among Black Households in Georgia? (2023) • Impact of Cash Transfer, Guaranteed Income, and State Economic Relief programs on Women’s Well-being (2022) • Economic Pathways to Better Health: Evidence from a Guaranteed Income Experiment in Compton (2021) <p>Also supports (See initiative information above):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thriving Providers Program @ Home Grown • Economic Security Project • Stanford’s Center on Poverty and Equality which houses Stanford Basic Income Lab

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Silicon Valley Community Foundation	Cash Assistance; Guaranteed Income; Housing Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In late 2022, SVCF and several philanthropic partners worked with Governor Gavin Newsom’s office to launch the nation’s first state-funded guaranteed income pilot. In 2022, SVCF invested in GBI pilot programs benefitting the following groups of people: Foster youth ages 18 to 24 in Santa Clara County, extremely low-income families experiencing or at risk of homelessness in east San José, and extremely low-income Mountain View residents. Destination: Home is leading the GBI pilot program for families experiencing homelessness in east San José. The program enrolled 150 families who are now receiving \$1,000 per month for two years. (Also supported by The David & Lucille Packard Foundation)
Vanguard	Cash Assistance; Guaranteed Income; Baby bonds; research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philly Joy Bank (See initiative information above) Thriving Providers Program @ Home Grown (See initiative information above) Baby Bonds: Design principles for inclusive wealth building
William Penn Foundation	Cash Assistance; Guaranteed Income; Housing; Benefits Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philly Joy Bank (See initiative information above) Clarifi—pairs cash interventions with emergency funds, trainee stipends, and housing counseling. PHL Housing+ A direct-to-tenant cash assistance program providing unconditional monthly payments to low-income renter households on the Philadelphia Housing Authority waitlists. The funds, supported by the Housing Initiative at Penn and backed by the William Penn Foundation, are sized to eliminate severe housing cost burdens so that renters pay no more than 30% of their income on housing. Campaign for Working Families, builds and champions the financial well-being and economic mobility of individuals and families by leading programming and advocating for policies, initiatives, and support systems that ensure equitable opportunities and financial stability. Provides benefits access and tax credit assistance. The Foundation’s Children and Families program area includes a Public Benefits objective. In 2024, they launched their first public benefits RFP: RFP Connecting Families with Public Benefits and Tax Credit
The Zanvyl and Isabelle Krieger Fund	Multi-issue organizations supporting families, economic supports	The foundation is focused on increasing access to quality, affordable housing and expanding attachment models for families with young children birth to 3. Two examples of a grantee partner working in multiple areas of family economic issues/supports include: CASH Campaign of Maryland , and the Maryland Family Network .