Our Shared Roadmap

Time with the ECFC Steering Committee

October 2026

ECFC Strategic Priorities

Learn: Trusted, credible and brave space for philanthropy to learn about topics and innovations in early childhood, racial equity and justice, and intersecting issues

Connect: An engaged, active, and invested membership that values relationships with each other and across the field

Catalyze: Power of the network for members to learn and adapt at ECFC to take bold action at their home organizations and with each other





Embolden EC Philanthropy to Advance Racial Equity & Justice

Strengthen Infrastructure to Link Field Needs, Member Interest & ECFC Programs

Foster the Conditions for Policy & Narrative Change

Bolster Relationships within EC Philanthropy & Across Sectors

ECFC Steering Committee



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Thank You

Fall Member Meeting Planning Team

EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE

- **Jenna Barnes**, Blue Cross NC Foundation
- **Elizabeth Bruno**, Brady Education Foundation
- **Gerry Cobb,** Pritzker Children's Initiative
- **Cyndi Soter O'Neil**, ChildTrust Foundation
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Coming Soon!
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Learning & Field Building

EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE

Learning

Revenue Workgroup

in conjunction with
Tax Equity Funders Network

Field Building

Cross-sector reach:

Joined the Steering Committee of 1 in 4 Immigrant children project

Virtual programming with 11 cross-sector partners

Building the EC Funder Field

New resources and support for state or local early childhood funder collaboratives. A playbook is coming in early 2027; support offered to 3 states.

2025 Virtual Program Reach

EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE

452	43	140	11	76
People Participated	Virtual Events	Non-Member Funders	Cross-Sector Cosponsors	Member Organizations

Who We Reached

- National, state, and local
- 39 foundations via collaboratives
- 21 philanthropy orgs.

How We Engaged

- Huddles (member connection)
- Webinars & policy briefings
- Skills-building + expert sessions

When Head Start was threatened, funders were already connected





Over 50 funders signed ECFC's public comment!

EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE



- Convened funder briefings with broad reach
- Built a comment drafting team with in-kind support from Fdn. for Child Development
- Coordinated our response with the field coalition
- Shared rapid-response grant opportunities

PROGRESS TO DATE

RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY FUND

FUNDRAISING

MORE THAN

$10 MILLION

has been committed to date toward our $25 million goal.



GRANTMAKING

GRANTS OF

$125,000 / YEAR

We are funding 20 organizations that cover 22 states and prioritize prenatal-to-age-five direct service and advocacy efforts across early care and education, maternal and child health, nutrition, family economic support, and birth equity.

These organizations are in historically disinvested communities and have budgets under $1 million.

CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORTS

A portion of each funder's grant to RJEF will go towards supporting capacity building and a peer learning network for grant partners.



2025 Collective Impact

THE RAISING CHILD CARE FUND
Early Childhood Funders Collaborative

By the Numbers

617,000
people reached
EVEN IN A NON-ELECTION YEAR

25,000+
people joined actions
DESPITE A FEARFUL CLIMATE



80+
FTEs organizing
FOR CHILD CARE JUSTICE

100% **lead** STATEWIDE STRATEGY

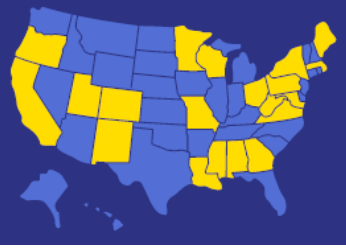
All grantee partners are **members of their state's leadership** of organizing and advocacy strategy; **14 are leads or co-leads**

100% **organize** ON INTERDEPENDENT ISSUES including **paid leave, economic and tax justice, racial equity,** and **voting rights**

RAISING CHILD CARE ACROSS THE COUNTRY

One-third of RCCF grantee partners are in the South, where investment in child care is particularly low

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states and DC



Ways You Can Contribute

In addition to our membership, you can support our work through:

1. Grants
2. Event support (sponsorship, travel and stipends, site visits, hosted meals)
3. In-kind support (consultants, space)



Ways to Get Involved

EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE

- Racial Equity Workgroup
- Revenue Workgroup
- Nominate someone for BOLD Action storytelling
- Consider future Steering Committee or Member Meeting planning service

