

# Bridgeport Prosperes

Bridgeport, CT

## Background

Bridgeport Prosperes is a cradle to career, collective impact initiative under the national "StriveTogether" model. The network is backbone supported by, and a major initiative of, the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County in Bridgeport. The Bridgeport Prosperes work is guided by a Core Leadership team, including cross-sector representation and community members.

Over the past 36 months, Bridgeport Prosperes has honed its "Bridgeport Baby Bundle Framework," which has been guided by deep community engagement and the co-creation of core community strategies. The Baby Bundle framework represents three conditions that network partners are working toward to support a healthy, thriving Bridgeport:

- All babies and their moms experience a healthy and supported pregnancy and birth.
- All families, caregivers and neighborhoods are safe, supported, thriving and resilient.
- All children are healthy and on-target developmentally at three.

## Network Partners in the Integrator Learning Lab

- Bridgeport Hospital
- Child First
- Health Improvement Alliance (HIA)\*
- Southwest Community Health Center
- United Way of Coastal Fairfield County\*
- Yale New Haven Health\*
- Zigler Center at Yale University\*

\*Network representatives in the 2020 Integrator Learning Lab



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### Near-Term, Lab-Related Goals

- Create a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that formalizes the partnership between Bridgeport Prospers (BP) and the Heath Improvement Alliance (HIA). BP will also work to ensure that its phase 2 efforts are planned with equity at the center of network activities
- Create two data sharing agreements: (a) Client-level data within the Baby Bundle health collaborative (client data sharing) and (b) Population-level data across the BP and HIA networks
- Use the Learning Lab's equity tools in conjunction with community consultants to ensure that the network's plans are being implemented through a community lens

### Achievements Supported by Technical Assistance from the Learning Lab

- Consolidation of BP and the Bridgeport HIA under the umbrella of the Connecticut Health Enhancement Community (HEC); including data-sharing agreements and signed MOUs
- Refinement of Theory of Change for BP's "Baby Bundle" increased ability of partners to see their interdependence in improving infant/adolescent health and addressing social determinants of health for youth and families in Bridgeport
- Incorporated equity impact review assessment into the day-to-day operation of BP/HIA/HEC
- Incorporated tools and concepts from the Lab into applications for grants and awards
- Revised approach to collecting and analyzing Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) data in partnership with community residents



### Integrative Areas of Future Focus

Though the 2020 Integrator Learning Lab has drawn to a close, Bridgeport Prospers will continue to be deliberate and strategic about deploying integrative activities in support of the goals of the network. This will include working on creating an "alliance of alliances" to maximize their impact, with such actions as:

- Implementing a rapid-cycle strategic planning grant that further aligns the work of BP's Baby Bundle and the HIA
- Creating a high-level advisory group that oversees the work of BP and HIA under the HEC
- Breaking down data silos to begin to capture aggregate, population-level data to understand the impact of their work on a range of social determinants of health that affect Bridgeport children and families

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