



Prenatal-to-Age-Three Initiatives Update

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Mission & Vision

Our **vision** is that all expectant families and those with very young children in Maryland thrive.

The **mission** is to establish, enhance and expand high-quality programs and services for all/low income expectant families and those with young children across Maryland. We will also increase awareness of the critical importance of early life experiences in achieving lifelong health and well-being.

Prenatal-to-Age-Three Initiatives

Pritzker Prenatal-to-Age-Three Planning Grant (\$100,000)

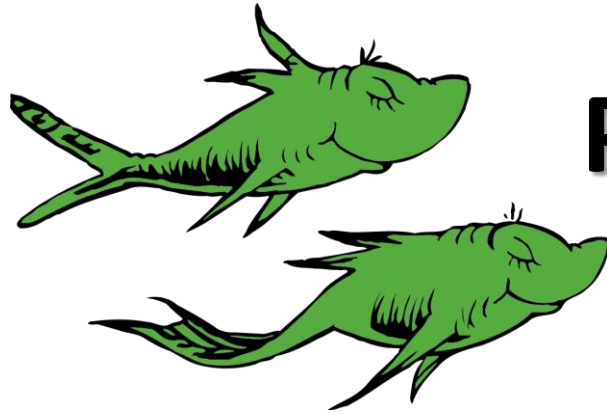
Establish a coalition of diverse stakeholders; develop an action plan and implementation strategy.

Maryland Pritzker Proposal Narrative

NGA Policy Academy (\$25,000)

Coordinate and align programs; structure funding streams to avoid duplication and gaps in services; and achieve greater efficiencies.

Refined Vision for NGA Project



Pritzker Goals 1 & 2

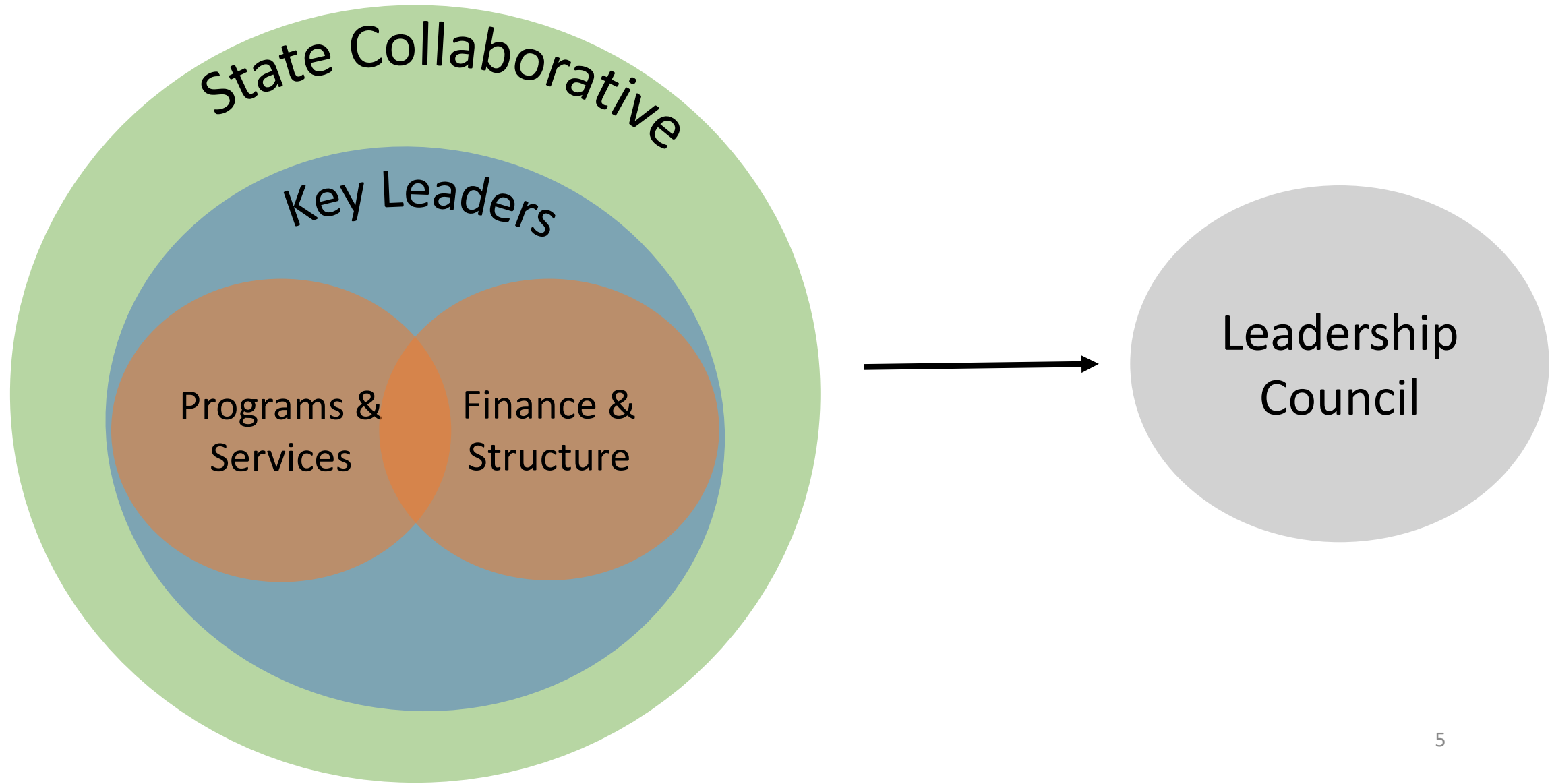
For those at or below 200% FPL, the number of children prenatal-to-age 3 (PN3) accessing high-quality services will:

1. Increase by 25% by 2023
2. Increase by 50% by 2025

The total MD estimate population of PN3 children \leq 200% FPL = 64,250

- Serving 25% by 2023 = 16,063
- Serving 50% by 2025 = 32,125

Organizational Structure



Major Strategy Areas

- Good Health/Healthy Beginnings
- Strong Families/Family Support
- Positive Early Learning Experiences/Early Care and Learning
- Systems and Infrastructure Development

Area 1: Good Health/Healthy Beginnings

Increase the number of expectant families and those with infants and toddlers ***receiving high-quality health and health-related services.***

- 2 year olds receiving **WIC** due to passage of Wise Investment in our Children Act.
- Families served in **HealthySteps** (Medical Home).
- Children 9-36 months receiving **fluoride varnish**.
- Expectant families served in **Centering Pregnancy** Programs.
- Families with young children served in **Centering Parenting** Programs.
- Spanish-Speaking mothers with infants and toddlers participating in **Group Well Child Visits** (Centering Parenting).
- African American/Black women accessing **doula services**.

Area 1: Good Health/Healthy Beginnings (con't)

Increase the number of families with infants and toddlers with developmental delays/disabilities receiving services from the ***Maryland Infant and Toddlers Program***.

Increase the number of families with infants and toddlers with special needs receiving ***high-quality care coordination & family peer navigation services***.

- Families with young children receiving care coordination/peer navigation from **Parent Partners and Maryland Coalition of Family's Peer Navigation Program**
- Expectant families and those with young children served through the **Carroll County Youth Services Bureau** as part of **E-SMART Early Childhood Mental Health Project and Southern Maryland BRIDGE Project**.
- Families participating in **Family Connects**
- Families with high-risk pregnancies receiving high-quality comprehensive care coordination through the **Thrive by Three** fund.

Area 1: Good Health/Healthy Beginnings (con't)

Increase the number of expectant families and those with infants and toddlers receiving *high-quality mental and behavioral health services*.

- Families with infants and toddlers receiving **infant and early childhood mental health consultation services** (IECMHC).
- Women delivering at hospitals fully implementing the **AIM Patient Safety Bundle** related to opioids.
- Pregnant and postpartum women with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) receiving **enhanced clinical services and care coordination**.

Area 2: Strong Families/Family Support

Increase the number of families with infants and toddlers receiving services at ***place-based program sites that offer two-generation programs and services.***

- Families with infants and toddlers utilizing services at **Judy Centers.**
- Families with infants and toddlers utilizing services from **Family Support Centers.**
- Families with infants and toddlers in Baltimore City participating in the **Couples Advancing Together** two-generation model.

Area 2: Strong Families/Family Support (con't)

Increase the number of expectant families and those with young children receiving ***evidence-based home-based services***.

- Expectant families and those with young children served in **Home Visiting** programs as a result of **Families First Prevention and Services Act**.
- Expectant families and those with young children served in the **Attachment and Biobehavioral Catchup (ABC)** model.

Increase the number of expectant families and those with young children participating in ***parenting education and support programs***.

- Expectant families and those with young children served in programs that **support healthy family and child development** (e.g., Circle of Security).

Area 3: Positive Early Learning Experiences/ Early Care and Learning

Increase the number infants and toddlers participating in *high-quality child care settings*.

- More infants and toddlers served in high-quality **child care slots** in center-based and home-based settings. (High quality = EXCELS 3+).
- Expanded number of **Family Child Care Homes** in Montgomery County.
- More families with infants and toddlers receiving **LENA Grow** intervention.

Increase the number of infants and toddlers participating in **Early Head Start (EHS)**.

Increase the number of teen parents with infants and toddlers receiving **school-based child care**.

Area 4: Systems & Infrastructure Development

- Develop **sustainable governance** of the PN-3 initiative.
- Establish a **sustainable PN-3 infrastructure** in Maryland.
- Develop widely **shared vision and promote public awareness**; build public will to support enhanced funding for PN-3 services.
- Improve **data systems** in the state of Maryland to better understand the PN-3 population and program outcomes.
- Increase **parent engagement** and develop a cadre of **parent leaders**.

Area 4: Systems & Infrastructure Development (cont'd)

- Enhance **workforce and professional development** across Maryland for educators and providers who work with children prenatal up to age three.
- Embed principles and practices for **diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI)** across Maryland.
- Embed practicing **strengths-based and trauma-informed** approaches across Maryland.
- **Coordinate advocacy efforts** for the PN-3 population across organizations and sectors.
- Promote **universal screening of pregnant women** through increased utilization of the **Prenatal Risk Assessment (PRA)** across Maryland.

Next Steps

- Pritzker deliverables submitted and site visit 2/13/20
- NGA activities continue through mid April
- Continued commitment and delivering plan for Maryland's families and young children

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