

Appendix A: Pediatrics Supporting Parents Background Information

In 2017, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation launched Pediatrics Supporting Parents, a 3-year initiative supported by five early childhood funders (Einhorn Family Charitable Trust, J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Overdeck Family Foundation, and an anonymous individual contributor). The initiative seeks to learn what strategies can be implemented in the pediatric primary care setting to improve social emotional development (SED) of children with a focus on nurturing the primary caregiver-child relationship.

To accomplish this, the Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) is conducting an analysis of leading programs and interventions in and adjacent to the pediatric primary care channel that promote positive outcomes around SED and the primary caregiver-child relationship. During site visits to primary care practices where these leading programs and interventions are occurring, CSSP will learn more about which successful program characteristics may be effectively integrated into the primary care setting. The results of CSSP's program analysis will be tested and refined through a learning community, led by the National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ) with guidance from experts in the field, including CSSP, Family Voices, and a pediatric primary care expert advisory group.

The sites participating in the learning community will test strategies that can be implemented in the pediatric medical home setting that promote the SED of young children and strengthen the primary caregiver-child relationship. The strategies include opportunities along the full continuum of preventive care for every member of the pediatric care team to provide families with anticipatory guidance, link families to early learning resources, and connect families with community-based systems that help them promote their child's SED. The learning community will be organized using the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Breakthrough Series (BTS) Learning Collaborative model. Sites will be selected in December 2018 and the 18-month learning community will launch in January 2019.

While the learning community is underway, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation is also funding CSSP, along with their partners at Manatt Health, to demonstrate how Medicaid can help finance effective strategies to foster SED, making it more likely that such strategies become routine, expected components of pediatric primary care. The results of the different components of this initiative will build confidence in effective and scalable implementation strategies and identify the community characteristics that strengthen families to improve the SED of children and ultimately, make progress towards changing the standard of care.

Our combined work acknowledges that well-child visits offer the opportunity to enhance a family's ability to promote their child's SED and that a child's SED is determined by contexts beyond the pediatric medical home, including their home environment, medical system, community network, access to specialty medical care and early educational opportunities. Keeping the pediatric medical home and the larger community context in mind presents the greatest chance to impact kindergarten readiness.