

Early Childhood Health Equity Landscape



Background

In recent years, communities and states have increased their efforts to address disparities in early experiences and outcomes for young children. With the development of such initiatives across the nation, there is a need among ground-level, research, and funding communities for information about individual approaches and methodologies to implement early childhood systems that promote health equity. The Early Childhood Health Equity (ECHE) Landscape Project aims to analyze initiatives that serve children from birth to age 8 by exploring innovative practices at the intersection of early childhood development and health equity. This information will be used to create resources for administrators, programs, and families to learn more about these initiatives.

Key project objectives



Assess the landscape of national, state, and local trends and challenges related to the promotion of early childhood health equity.



Support understanding and analysis of the critical incentives, policy strategies, and program approaches that encourage investment and improvements in the health and well-being of young children and families.



Elevate promising practices and insights from communities and states working in this area.



Continue to support the identification and establishment of common measures and measurement frameworks within and across states and communities.



Identify gaps in the field that may require more attention (from funders, policymakers, and the advocacy community) to advance early childhood health equity.



Increase connectivity among and between early childhood leaders through communications activities.

Brief project description

Child Trends and the National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ), with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson foundation (RWJF), have partnered to conduct a scan and analysis of initiatives operating across states and communities to better understand how they are addressing health equity through early childhood systems. The data collection will inform a series of data stories, briefs, convenings, and a map of initiatives that will be shared with the field.

