Engaging Philanthropy in Improving Child Well-Being Outcomes

Options and opportunities for foundations who have an interest in leveraging their investments to improve the lives of vulnerable children and families and strengthen the communities in which they live.

Potential action and funding areas to influence outcomes and strengthen practices:

1. Get to the table
   - Build relationships with local child welfare systems leadership

2. Bring others to the table
   - Leverage your relationships and bring others from the five sectors to the table

3. Champion research that supports the:
   - Practice leader - Research that is driven or evidence informed from practice
   - Research scientist - Research that derives evidence to improve practice

4. Provide direct support for nonprofits or government
   - Strategies for supporting scaling, demonstration or innovation of efforts within the practice area of the funder’s interest

5. Support capacity building of nonprofits or governments
   - Improve organizational long-term sustainability of results

6. Facilitate five-sector collaborations
   - Invest in convenings and other strategies to improve five-sector community-driven collaboration and integrated functioning (philanthropy, nonprofit, government, business, citizens/residents)

7. Support leadership development for government, nonprofits, constituents
   - Invest in leadership, supervisory and frontline human capacity development
Five-sector collaboration for maximizing the return on our social investments

A better tomorrow

Philanthropic sector

Public-sector government

Public-sector citizens and families

Nonprofit sector (including civic and faith-based)

Business sector