



**2Gen Learning Community  
Grantee Partners & Projects  
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**Mission:** To partner with nonprofits to improve the quality of life for families and communities, in places where O'Neill family members live.

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**PLANNING/DEMONSTRATION GRANTS**

**BROC Community Action** – Rutland, Vermont

**2020 Planning/Demonstration Grant**

**Project Title:** Families at the Center in Southwestern Vermont

**Project Summary:** BROC Community Action, in partnership with the Rutland County Parent Child Center and the Sunrise Family Resource Center in Bennington, will develop and pilot a family centered navigation approach to improve service coordination and family economic stability using a two-generation approach. This project will be undertaken in collaboration with the State of Vermont's Reach-Up (TANF) Program and the Administration for Children and Families Region 1 (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services). The planning and demonstration process will simultaneously engage both parents and children to design a two-generation service model. A primary goal of the project is to create a mechanism that facilitates policy change at multiple levels and addresses the barriers identified at a local level in Rutland and Bennington counties to benefit all Vermont families.

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## IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

[The Centers for Families and Children](#) – Cleveland, OH

**2020 Implementation Grant**

**2018 Planning/Demonstration Grant**

**Project Title:** Eradicating Poverty with 2Gen

**Project Summary:** To better support the whole family on a path to economic security and family prosperity, The Centers will align Health, Workforce, and Early Learning systems to provide training and educational opportunities to multiple generations across all Centers' services. This cross-generational strategy will be accomplished by approaching child-focused services in ways that identify and address the needs of parents, and using a family-focused lens with parent and adult programming to include the whole family. Success will be establishing a "no wrong door" system of intake and whole family service integration by aligning and coordinating services and effectively working across departments, service lines, management roles, and staff responsibilities.

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[Community of Hope](#) – Washington, D.C.

**2021 Implementation Grant**

**Project Title:** 2Gen Approach to Maternal and Child Health

**Project Summary:** Community of Hope (COH) will enhance its maternal and child health services by integrating two services and strengths: 1) the provision of emotional wellness services and 2) parenting supports for perinatal patients and families with young children at risk of toxic stressors. Using a 2Gen approach that considers how depression, anxiety and other emotional wellness issues can impair a caregivers' ability to parent, COH will enhance the emotional wellness supports for families participating in COH's home visiting programs with the addition of two new staff positions: Lead Behavioral Health Specialist and a Lead Home Visiting Family Case

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**Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C)** – Cleveland, OH

**2021 Implementation Grant**

**2019 Planning/Demonstration Grant**

**Project Title:** Uniting Families with Education

**Project Summary:** Founded in 1963, Tri-C is Ohio's oldest and largest public community college. Building on the success of Tri-C's Adult Diploma program, Tri-C's 2GEN approach will help adults lacking a high school diploma and their young adult/teenaged children at risk of dropping out to persist, together, in earning a high school diploma and a workforce credential, thereby creating a pathway out of poverty. Tri-C will provide intensive and coordinated education and individualized supports to 50 families (100+ parents, teens and other family members) with significant barriers to employment, such as literacy, work readiness and mental and physical health challenges. Activities will include recruitment, assessment, classes, counseling, case management, and evaluation.

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**Educational Alliance** – New York, NY

**2018 Implementation Grant**

**Project Title:** 2G: Generations Learning Together

**Project Summary:** Educational Alliance will strengthen its existing 2Gen program that supplements a strong early childhood education program by providing families with customized coaching, classes, and community supports in the areas of parenting, literacy, college/career readiness, and well-being. Funds would support an ESOL coach onsite for lower levels 0-3; Parent education classes in Chinese; Family Arts Workshops to encourage parent-child engagement and literacy.

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**Enterprise Community Partners** – New York, NY

**2020 Implementation Grant**

**2018 Planning/Demonstration Grant**

**Project:** Enterprise Communities Plus 2Gen Initiative

**Project Summary:**

EC Plus 2Gen addresses the need to proactively reach families living in affordable housing who are at risk of housing instability, and to connect them to services early to avoid crisis. With a 2Gen housing-based services approach, EC Plus aims to maximize the housing stability, economic mobility, and well-being of families with low incomes through place-based outreach, partnerships with families, collaboration between service providers and property managers, multigenerational service coordination, and family coaching. The approach is centered around identifying factors that undermine a family's overall well-being, and working with the family to solve problems, access new resources, and sharpen existing skills. During the planning period, Enterprise Community Partners established and piloted the partnership between Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, Inc. HCCI, an affordable housing provider, Goddard Riverside Community Center, a neighborhood-based services hub, and families living in Central Harlem.

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**Friends of the Future** – Big Island, HI

**2021 Implementation Grant**

**2019 Planning/Demonstration Grant**

**Project Title:** Learning to Thrive

**Project Summary:** Friends of the Future, in partnership with Hawai'i Community College - Kō Education Center (KōEC), will implement Learning to Thrive, a multigenerational approach to provide a welcoming environment for student-parents and their 'ohana (family) to thrive and reach their educational and long-term goals. Primary activities are: 1) creation of an 'ohana-centered learning environment on the KōEC campus; 2) creation of a one-stop career, education and resource center; and 3) establishment of a Student-Parent Advisory Council to co-create programs, inform continuous improvement and provide peer mentoring.

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**Literacy Partners** – New York, NY

**2020 Implementation Grant**

**2019 Planning/Demonstration Grant**

**Project Title:** English for Parents Classes embedded in a Social Determinants of Health network, NYC

**Project Summary:** To advance educational success and health and well-being of immigrant families with low incomes, Literacy Partners will embed its intensive English for Parents (EFP) classes in a social determinants of health (SDH) network. Health providers using SDH screeners will refer parents of young children to Literacy Partners' language and literacy program; community partners will coordinate services and resources for families; and early childhood centers will provide child development and early learning outcomes data. The overall purpose is to build the capacity of immigrant parents to use literacy and language skills to improve their children's healthy development and school readiness.

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**Mercy Center** – New York, NY

**2019 Implementation Grant**

**Project Title:** Familia Adelante/Family Forward

**Project Summary:** Familia Adelante/Family Forward is a group of agencies and individuals who work collaboratively in the Bronx, NY with one common goal – to strengthen New York City families. Mercy Center is the lead agency, collaborating with Fiver Children's Foundation, Qualitas of Life Foundation, and Certified Mindfulness Practitioner Tanya Valle. Familia Adelante will strengthen its "Whole Family Approach," which provides integrated services and supports for families seeking to improve their economic stability, educational achievement, family functioning, and adult and child well-being. To assess impact, Familia Adelante is currently participating in a University of Pennsylvania evaluation of The Whole Family Approach.

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**MetroHealth Foundation** – Cleveland, OH

**2020 Implementation Grant**

**Project Title:** MetroHealth Nurse-Family Partnership Program

**Project Summary:** Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is a nationally-recognized, evidence-based community health program serving low-income women pregnant with their first child. MetroHealth’s NFP program goals are to improve pregnancy outcomes, improve child health and development, and improve economic self-sufficiency of the family. The program will address Cuyahoga County’s racially disproportionate and high pre-term and infant mortality rates and leverage community services for NFP families through direct referrals to those services, United Way 2-1-1 and MetroHealth’s newly-established Institute for H.O.P.E.™

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**Sisters of Charity Foundation/Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood** – Cleveland, OH

**2019 Implementation Grant**

**Project Title:** Family Partners

**Project Summary:** Family Partners builds on the success of the SPARK (early literacy) program in the Promise Neighborhood with additional 2Gen elements. Family Partners strengthens protective factors for young families in Central by integrating the SPARK home visiting program (operated by Family Connections) with 1) mental health coaching (through OhioGuidestone); 2) enhanced access to family supports and resources (Promise team); and 3) group activities and connections. Families with 3- and 4-year-olds (including siblings) will be enrolled in the Family Partners program; some events and resources will be offered community wide.

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**Towards Employment** – Cleveland, OH

**2021 Implementation Grant**

**2019 Planning/Demonstration Grant**

**Project Title:** 2Gen Family Bridge to Workforce Services

**Project Summary:** To improve parents' earnings, family stability and well-being, Towards Employment (TE) will implement a Whole Family Approach to Workforce Services (WFWS) that bundles intensive career services and financial coaching with family supports. WFWS will be offered to caregivers in TE Career Pathways programming who have children ages 12 and under, as well as TE alumni. Services will be delivered through a cohort model, supported by a new 2Gen coordinator position, and leveraged through a collaboration of community partners for enhanced family supports.

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United Hospital Fund – New York, NY

**2018 Implementation Grant**

**Project Title:** 2Gen Pediatric Primary Care

**Project Summary:** The United Hospital Fund will strengthen the Partnerships for Early Childhood Development (PECD) 2Gen approach. PECD is helping to develop formalized systems of care between health care providers and social services organizations to address social determinants of health. Eight participating PECD pediatric primary care practices screen young families during the child's well visits for social and environmental risks that interfere with healthy development and connect families, through partnerships with community-based organizations, with services that can address those risks. The clinical partners are BronxCare Health System; Cohen Children's Medical Center (part of Northwell Health); The Mount Sinai Hospital; New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center; New York-Presbyterian Queens; NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham, Gouverneur Health; NYU School of Medicine/Family Health Centers at NYU Langone; and St. John's Episcopal Hospital.

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United Way of Central Maryland – Anne Arundel County, Maryland

**2019 Implementation Grant**

**Project Title:** North County 2Gen Initiative

**Project Summary:** United Way of Central Maryland and the Anne Arundel County Partnership for Children Youth & Families will expand their Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) that addresses the cycle of multigenerational family poverty in North Anne Arundel County by strengthening adult-focused services and expanding case management support to the children within the families. HPP is based on the Siemer Institute for Family Stability model, which aims to help families maintain housing, stabilize children in school, and boost self-sufficiency.

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## PREVIOUS DEEP IMPACT GRANTS

[Hawai'i Alliance for Community Based Economic Development](#) – Honolulu, HI

### **2018 Planning/Demonstration Grant – Completed**

**Project Title:** Ho'owaiwai Network Kohala Collaboration

**Project Summary:** During the planning period, the Ho'owaiwai Network Kohala Collaboration expanded an existing coalition of County government, nonprofit agencies, businesses and residents on Hawai'i Island to explore a 2Gen approach to holistically serve families in the Northern region of Hawai'i Island. HACBED facilitated a structured planning process to create an action plan for a school-based pilot that has been put on pause because of the public health crisis.

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