

# BRIDGEPORT PROSPERS DATA CONVENING SUMMARY

NOVEMBER, 2021

## BACKGROUND

Over the past four years, the Bridgeport Prospers' Baby Bundle, an early childhood/family support, two- (or three-) generation collective impact effort, has created a formal theory of change, designed to advance community work on four goals through seven strategies:

- Assuring healthy births, young child development that is on target at three years of age, kindergarten readiness at age five, and grade-level reading in the 3rd grade.
- Strong parent-child relational health and adult social networks
- COVID-informed youth and adult education, workforce, and economic success
- A resilient community with strong social capital.

In March 2021, Bridgeport Prospers engaged CTData to help build a more robust data infrastructure for Bridgeport Prospers. Bridgeport Prospers convened three local data table discussions with partners to discuss existing data systems and identify baseline data on three topics:

- Developmental Screenings
- Home Visiting
- Infant & Toddler Care

Go to [ctdata.org/BridgeportBabyBundle](https://ctdata.org/BridgeportBabyBundle) for detailed notes.



## DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

MAY 5, 2021



### Developmental screening data sources:

- CT 211 collects the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) - includes demographics but not race or ethnicity.
- Sparkler collects individual child results from the ASQ-3 and ASQ-S3, including some demographics for both the parent and child.
- Unite US system, which includes all the major health care partners and some human service agencies in the Greater Bridgeport area.

### Major Findings:

Race & Ethnicity data not collected

FQHCs primary source of developmental screening data

### Actions:

- Bridgeport Prospers and CTData submitted a data request to the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) to gather the population level baseline data related to Medicaid enrolled children's developmental screening.

## HOME VISITING

MAY 26, 2021



### Major Findings:

- Funding source determines the agency that has the data - either DCF or OEC.
- Data reported to the state agencies are outputs, not outcomes.
- Data collected are primarily child-focused - not collected on households or families.

Total participants: 14

### Organizations Represented:

- Child and Family Guidance Center
- Clifford Beers
- CT Office of Early Childhood
- Nurturing Families, Lawrence and Memorial Hospital
- Sparkler
- United Way of Coastal Fairfield County

Total participants: 25

### Organizations Represented:

- Bridgeport Hospital
- Child and Family Guidance Center
- CT Department of Public Health
- CT Department of Social Services
- CT Office of Early Childhood
- Nurturing Families, Lawrence and Memorial Hospital
- Social Venture Partners
- Sparkler
- UCONN
- United Way of Coastal Fairfield County
- University of Hartford Center for Social Research
- Waterbury Bridge to Success
- Yale New Haven Health

## INFANT & TODDLER CARE

JUNE 22, 2021



### Data Sources

Data is # of slots,  
not # served



Reductions in  
capacity due to  
pandemic not  
captured

Data limited due  
to resources



### Actions:

- Respond to community needs for care - more slots doesn't mean more care
- Ensure providers have resources for high-quality care
- Need for non-traditional hours of care

## NEXT STEPS

Through the data convenings and follow-up conversations, an initial set of baseline data was gathered for Baby Bundle indicators. The next phase of work will focus on improving the process and results of data collection, including additional indicator areas, and guiding development of a sustainable data infrastructure. Central to this work is attention to building equitable and inclusive systems that support the overall well-being of the community. Next steps include:

- Re-convene local partners to examine baseline data collected and to re-commit to a shared vision of a system for connected data.
- Create an infrastructure roadmap for building the Bridgeport Data Collaborative that includes community members, program agencies, and other stakeholders.
- Compile Medicaid data focused on developmental screening results for children and identification of maternal mental health challenges.
- Identify data sources and map existing data systems that can support Bridgeport Baby Bundle initiatives.

Total participants: 10

### Organizations Represented:

- All Our Kin
- CT Office of Early Childhood
- CT Voices for Childreh
- PEER
- United Way of Coastal Fairfield County
- Waterbury Bridge to Success