

## **The Children's Equity Project**

### ***Institutional Partnerships***

The Children's Equity Project (CEP) is a first-of-its-kind multi-university initiative focused on designing and carrying out a cohesive and comprehensive national equity agenda across early childhood research, policy, and practice. The CEP will focus on conducting original research, working with the broader scholar community to translate equity-focused research, developing new practice-based tools and interventions where there are gaps, and working with states and communities to implement policies that result in more equitable early childhood systems.

The CEP will be housed at the T. Denny School of Social and Family Dynamics at Arizona State University, but will be led in partnership with other institutions of higher education. Tentative institutional partners include:

- The Zigler Center for Child Development and Social Policy, Yale University
- The Peabody College of Education and Human Development, Vanderbilt University
- The Center for Child and Human Development, Georgetown University
- The Milken Institute School for Public Health, George Washington University
- The College of Education, University of Oregon
- Teacher's College, Columbia University

Partners will be part of the CEP's decision-making team and will have a voice in the direction and priorities pursued by the CEP. Formal partners will:

- Contribute resources toward the CEP, in the form of:
  - Direct funding; or
  - Graduate research assistant time
- Be branded as official partners of the CEP in all CEP materials;
- Co-host CEP convenings and events, including quarterly meetings between scholars, high level policy makers, and practitioners to open and maintain a productive dialogue that will facilitate bridging the divides across fields;
- Work together to design and efficiently execute an equity research agenda by applying to grants together; collecting data at multiple sites; sharing and leveraging data; and publishing research articles, practice tools, and policy reports together;
- Jointly submit official public comment on federal and state proposed regulations, legislation, and other policy initiatives;
- Form a "rapid response team" to respond in a timely manner, on behalf of the CEP, to breaking news via op-eds, blogs, press releases, and social media;
- Co-host and present at Congressional briefings and 1:1 meetings with federal, state, and local policy makers;

- Work together and with outside professionals (e.g. media consultants) to raise awareness and translate equity research to the general public and to targeted audiences, such as policymakers, practitioners, and families;
- Provide tailored, research-based equity policy consulting to states and communities;
- Co-develop, lead, and implement the Graduate Equity Fellows Program.

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