FLATTENING THE NEXT CURVE: ELEVATING FAMILY ASSETS IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19

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PROJECT SUMMARY



This project will examine how cross-sector alignment impacts the experiences of 120 diverse families with young children in two different states during the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis, including where systems struggle and succeed to respond to families' needs. The study will examine differences

in economic scarcity, isolation, social service use, and caregiving experiences during COVID-19 based on alignment characteristics and prepandemic family profiles. By examining how pre-existing disparities persist, worsen, or improve, researchers hope to gain a better understanding of the cross-sector elements that are facilitating systems' responses, including organizational capacity; coordination of priorities across sectors; and adaptations to existing agreements, roles, and relationships to respond to the crisis. This can inform ways to promote success and resilience during the pandemic and beyond.

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Areas of the Theory of Change





Purpose

Governance



Internal factors affecting capacity



Community role and engagement

Stakeholders Involved

Community system stakeholders

Families