



## **Early Learning Report – January 2023**

**A** - Overview of the current demand for and supply of early care and learning programs in the project area. It summarizes existing programs and their capacity, describes child care need, and identifies three high-priority populations a locally funded early care and learning subsidy program could focus on as a pilot or the first step of an incrementally phased-in universal program. All data for this section was collected and compiled at the zip code scale. For ease of interpretation, we refer to the associated places for each zip code listed in Table 1 throughout the report rather than the zip code.

**B** - Quantifies the facilities and direct service costs associated with eight scenarios for expanding early learning and care access and affordability. We focus on facilities and direct service costs as the primary and most significant considerations that need to be funded to reach the Elevate Work Group's "Big Goal." For all children to be served, there must be a place for them to go and making high-quality early learning and care affordable for all households will involve expanding the number of subsidized slots beyond existing state subsidies and public programs. Any local subsidy or other strategies must help sustain private childcare providers who serve an important role in the early learning and care ecosystem.

**C** - Expands on grant funding opportunities that are available to school districts and community organizations and nonprofits that support early learning care.

**D** - State-level and other childcare subsidies available.

**E** - Legislative asks and local dedicated funds

**F** – School bonds and employer strategies

**G** - Community Foundations and Private Dedicated Funds/How community foundations have been involved in other places

**H** – Methodology for determining number of children who need subsidized childcare

**I** - Securing a dedicated source of funding for programs and services for kids requires months of preparation. Follow the steps in this checklist to guide your team as you plan your effort, place your initiative on the ballot, and mobilize your supporters for election day. This checklist builds on content featured in A Children's Fund Campaign Manual developed by Funding the Next Generation in collaboration with 50+1 Strategies.