

THE BABY FUTURES FUND

The LA Partnership's Baby Futures Fund makes systemic changes in the lives of children 0-5 with an emphasis on equity and racial justice

DOING MORE FOR LA COUNTY'S YOUNGEST UNDERSERVED CHILDREN

From the start, the LA Partnership's focus has been to forge large-scale change for families with children 0-5. Aligning investments in a collaborative way, and with an emphasis on equity and racial justice, was essential to ensure the best outcomes for these families. But there was no local clearinghouse of early childhood development investments for funders that did not have dedicated staff to manage such programs, let alone invest in systems change, including better policies, practices and resource allocation. With its focus on creating broader change, the LA Partnership was positioned to be the mechanism for funders interested in making such an impact, scaling their investments and deploying dollars in flexible, strategic ways.

BABY FUTURES FUND IS BORN

In 2011, the LA Partnership created the Baby Futures Fund made up of funders dedicated to equity and racial justice for LA County's youngest children. The goals of the Fund are to increase the value of philanthropic dollars through equity-based investments; leverage and strengthen partnerships among public and private stakeholders willing to coordinate resources; jointly invest in innovative projects that improve outcomes for children and families living in poverty; explore and share information about effective strategies that strengthen families and the systems that support them; and advocate for broader fiscal and programmatic collaboration between sectors and for policies that advance equity and racial justice in early childhood.

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The Baby Futures Fund is little risk with high reward. Any investment the LA Partnership brings forward goes through heavy vetting. They do their due diligence prior to bringing any opportunities to funders.

- JACQUELINE CHUN, THE CARL & ROBERTA DEUTSCH FOUNDATION

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S MOST ROBUST, FLEXIBLE AND RESPONSIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

Since its launch, the LA Partnership has raised and deployed more than \$10 million for the Baby Futures Fund. The Fund is also intentionally flexible. When a foundation prefers to make a grant directly to an organization rather than going through the Baby Futures Fund, the LA Partnership welcomes this kind of aligned giving, with more than \$3 million in grants to date going to Baby Futures Fund projects made through aligned funding. The result is a flexible, nimble mechanism for funders to deploy dollars that build the early childhood field and invest in new ideas and policy/advocacy that advances early childhood systems transformation. The fund is a means by which funders can be confident that they are making smart, strategic and timely investments in early childhood.

FUNDERS

The Baby Futures Fund has more than a dozen supporters – core investors and aligned funders – from small family foundations to community foundations and large institutional philanthropies. To see a list of current funders, go to www.investinkidsla.org/who-we-are.



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THE LA PARTNERSHIP
HAS RAISED AND DEPLOYED
MORE THAN \$10 MILLION FOR
THE BABY FUTURES FUND.**

If you would like to learn more about the LA Partnership and investing in children 0-5 in LA County, visit www.investinkidsla.org or contact us at Partnership@investinkidsla.org.