



Highlights from the Field

Did you know...

The Pediatrics Supporting Parents (PSP) backbone and support team (staff from ZERO TO THREE and Family Voices, and the PSP Project Manager, India Alarcon) and every Proof Point Community (PPC) have been working intensively with the video production organization Motion Source over the past several months to create explainer videos highlighting the innovative work being done. It was quite a process that included creating draft scripts which were turned into storyboards, editing the storyboards, and choosing background music and voiceover artists. These two-minute "trailers" do an incredible job telling the collective PSP story. [Check out the overarching PSP explainer](#), as well as each PPC's amazing video below!

Bay Area, CA

[Oakland](#) focused on their PPC's efforts to elevate parent voice and expand their resident training program, including Family Advisory Board review, critique, and co-design of training materials through a family centered lens.



[San Francisco](#) used their video to share about their Toxic Stress Network Improvement Collaborative (TONIC) and a pilot program integrating behavioral health specialists into a busy public health clinic—a dyadic care model that offers physical and mental health support for children and their caregivers.



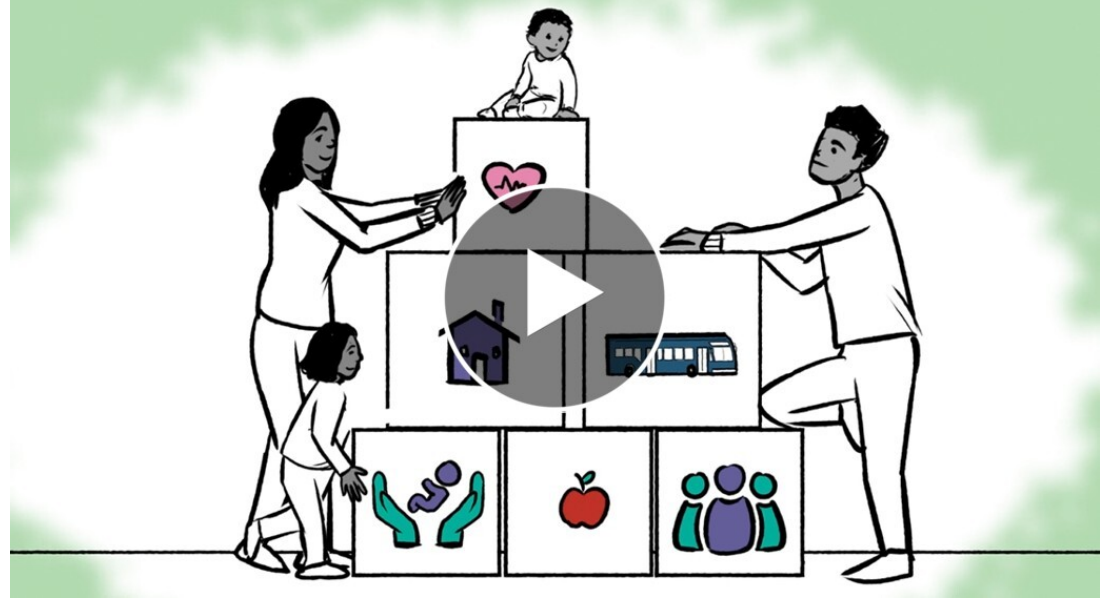
Durham, NC

[Durham](#) focused on the ways their PPC shifted the care model from one delivered to families to one created with them. This included the co-design of the parent education suite, a culturally grounded workshop series on early relational health, as well as clinic beautification.



Los Angeles, CA

[Los Angeles](#) focused on their Medical-Financial Partnership (MFP) and its five key aspects: one-to-one social work support, universally accessible support through the Benefits Explorer Tool (BET), a tailored family support toolkit to connect families with resources, a closed-loop referral network, and continuous workforce development and care team education.



Onondaga, NY

[Onondaga](#) focused on several key steps taken at their PPC including creating and expanding their two parent/family advisory groups, improving pediatric resident training, and expanding maternal mental health support.



Pierce County, WA

[Pierce County](#) focused on integrating and sustaining a relational health team of community health workers (CHWs) to support families from the start as an effective way to address health-related social needs and serve as an antidote to factory medicine, burnout, and fatigue.



Spotlight: Funder Collaborative Reflection

As we approach the end of the year and the final chapter of Pediatrics Supporting Parents (PSP), it feels almost impossible to capture everything that has been built together. But one of the clearest bright spots has been witnessing family leaders, particularly those who serve on the Governance Body, rise into their own voices, confidence, and power. From the outset, PSP was framed as a "Big Bet" that embraced trying to do things differently, and that deliberate risk-taking has defined this initiative. PSP was built on the belief that pediatrics can and should become more supportive of families, and that transformation would require not just new practices, but directly reimagining power as well. Family leaders were not positioned simply as peers but as leaders influencing systems and clinical practice itself.

As we all know, the co-design process has not always been tidy or easy. It required time, discomfort, strong facilitation, shared practice agreements, and trusted partners like Family Voices and ZERO TO THREE to prepare and support everyone entering the space—family leaders, clinicians, and funders alike. It also required all of us to show up not with our titles or credentials, but as humans shaped by our lived experiences. As funders, we leaned into collaboration in ways that felt fundamentally new and different. What emerged from that process was not just better ideas, but deeper trust.

Over time, the trust we've earned has become one of the initiative's greatest benefits. Across all five Proof Point Communities (PPCs), your work has proved something essential: when parents are treated as partners, pediatrics becomes as family centered as possible. Even amid daunting systems pressures, it's more effective, and more accountable. This transformation didn't follow a single blueprint. Instead, each community found its own path that was rooted in shared purpose, shaped by local wisdom, and strengthened through our collective learning. The transformation we've experienced as individuals and witnessed in practice feels undeniable.

Perhaps the greatest bright spot is this: no one is doing this alone anymore. Even as resources shift and uncertainty grows, PSP has shown that relationships endure beyond funding cycles. Each PPC is carrying its own vision and context, yet together you are modeling what it can look like when a shared agenda is allowed to emerge rather than be prescribed. This work has taught us that clarity of purpose matters deeply, that family leadership must always be central, and that culture change requires both patience and discipline. These core principles, coupled with the trust we've built across parents, clinicians, and funders, have created something bigger than any one initiative. We have a foundation for what comes next. And these may be the enduring gifts of PSP—the relationships, the shared learning and design, and the belief that families belong at the center of the way forward. These are lasting bright spots that will continue to light the way forward.

Upcoming Connection Opportunities

- **Bimonthly Connection Calls:** ZERO TO THREE will host a bi-monthly call that will serve as an opportunity to connect, share, brainstorm, and catch-up with your PSP colleagues. These calls will take place on the second Tuesday from 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET/10:00 - 11:00 AM PT in February, April, and June. Please reach out to [Kelly Wardle](#) if you didn't receive the recurring invite.
- **Monthly Communication Emails:** Starting in January, we will be sending out a Monthly Communication email instead of a Weekly Communication (look for these to start mid-January). If your team has announcements or anything to share with the broader Learning Community, please email the information to [Kelly Wardle](#).

Farewell from *To the Point*

It has been an honor and a delight lifting up each PPC's work here in the *To the Point* newsletter over the past eighteen months. We're looking forward to this next dissemination phase where we will be sharing PPC stories, innovations, and resources on the ZERO TO THREE website in the very near future. We hope you are as excited as we are about what comes next!



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