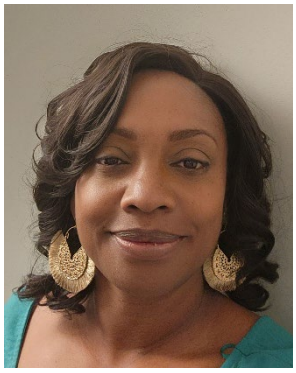
Governance Body Biographies

Bay Area



Hope Williams-Burt
Family Leader

Hope, Community Relationship Development Consultant, leads the FAB for Ready, Resilient and Rising! and the Benioff Oakland Children's Hospital BLOOM initiative. She has served in leadership roles focused on pre-term birth, maternal health, and ERH. Grounded in community-driven practice, Hope advances efforts that elevate family expertise. She founded Residents Supporting Community and has supported strategic planning for Community Advisory Boards nationwide. Hope is also a proud wife, mother, LaLa to her grandson, and the party planner who knows how to throw a memorable celebration.

Barbara Ivins
Frontline Provider

Dr. Ivins' work as the Program Manager and Clinical Director of Early Intervention Services (EIS), provides multidisciplinary early intervention and early childhood mental health services for young children with medical, developmental, and socio-emotional risks, including trauma. As a psychologist and early childhood mental health practitioner, Barbara emphasizes parents as partners and views early relationships as foundational to healthy development. For over 30 years, she has provided direct services, program development, training, supervision, and consultation in Northern California. Outside of work, Barbara enjoys science fiction, musical theater, and diverse music genres.

Durham

Zulma Galdamez
Family Leader

Zulma is engaged in work that supports family-centered care and strengthens connections between parents, caregivers, and the systems that serve them. Her involvement in this work is driven by a commitment to learning, collaboration, and uplifting family voices. Zulma approaches this work with intention, care, and a belief in the power of early support to promote healthier outcomes for children and families. Zulma enjoys learning new things and applying them in meaningful ways.

Ellie Erickson
Pediatrician

Dr. Erickson is a pediatrician at Duke Children's Primary Care. She is advancing ERH in clinical settings, with a focus on how early literacy and shared reading strengthen attachment and child development. In her clinical practice, she partners with families to ensure that they have the support they need to achieve their parenting goals. Her work centers holistic development and nurturing home environments. She serves as Medical Director of Duke's Reach Out and Read program and was their inaugural Early Relational Health Fellow. Outside work, Ellie is a mom of three young kids, an avid reader, and life-long camper, returning each summer as a camp doctor where she gets to pretend she is a kid again.

Los Angeles

Sekani Timothy Wayne Harris
Family Leader

Sekani, an MFP Family Engagement Leader, is a proud father and grandfather. He is also a Human Rights Advocate, Community Organizer and served as the Los Angeles PPC Family Leader on the Governance Body. He has worked with labor unions, standing for workers and their rights, now advocating for community and speaking for helping organizations.

Monique Holguin
Frontline Provider

In addition to her MFP Co-Director role, Monique is a Health Services Researcher and Health Sciences Assistant Professor in Pediatrics at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Her work focuses on advancing innovative, equity-centered care models addressing social and economic determinants of health. She has strong insight into systems designed to support the health of families in economically marginalized, racially minoritized communities. She earned her degrees from UCLA and University of Southern California. Drs. Monique Holguin and Stuart Schroff are parents to their 5-year-old daughter, Mya.

Onondaga

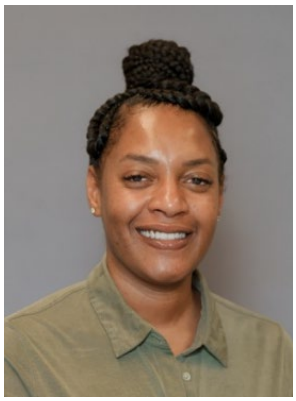
Heather Bushnoe
Family Leader

Heather began as a Parent Leader on the Early Childhood Alliance Parent Advisory Council and later served three years on the Governance Body for PSP. She now facilitates the council and works to advance policy and systems change that supports children and families. Guided by her belief that families deserve to be lifted up, not limited, Heather draws strength from her daughters, EveLynne and Madison, and from the memory of her angel baby, Grace Lynne.

Jenica O'Malley
Frontline Provider

Dr. O'Malley attended medical school at University of New England in Maine and completed her pediatric training at SUNY Upstate. She has spent her career working in early childhood development, early relational health, and building both parent voice in the medical home and strategies to help buffer the effects of poverty and chronic stress. Dr. O'Malley is a General Pediatrician and also serves as an Associate Program Director for the pediatric residency program at SUNY Upstate, educating residents about the importance of hearing, supporting, and uplifting parent perspectives.

Pierce County



Shayla Collins
Family Leader

Shayla is a parent leader, advocate, and nationally recognized voice in family partnership and relational pediatrics. At Pierce County First Year Families, she serves as a trusted co-designer and connector, embedded in care transformation, governance, and statewide learning efforts. Drawing on lived experience, Shayla advances models that center family leadership, trust, and early relational health, and she works across communities, systems, and policy spaces to strengthen pediatric care for children and families.

Rachel Lettieri
Administrator

Rachel is the Director of Care Transformation at Pediatrics Northwest. She is passionate about improving child and family health through systems change and strong partnerships among families, communities, and pediatric care teams. Her work centers on early relational health, integrating community health workers, and building equitable, human-centered systems. Guided by the belief that families are experts in their own lives, she brings thoughtful, strategic leadership to her work. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling, exploring local bakeries, and spending time with her husband and two children, Adam and Marcella.

Funder Collaborative Representatives

Monica Beltran
Funder Collaborative Representative

Monica is a program officer for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Michigan. In this role, she supports the foundation's systems change efforts to promote thriving children, working families and equitable communities. She focuses on systems impact and health equity. She brings maternal and child health expertise, professional experience working directly with public health agencies to address inequities in birth outcomes, experience in philanthropy and a passion for social justice. Monica loves trying new roller coasters with her son and tries to build their vacations around that.

Ira Hillman
Funder Collaborative Representative

Ira leads Einhorn Collaborative's Bonding strategy, supporting collectives of funders and programs that help parents and their babies establish and maintain emotional connection from birth. He spent more than two decades in the nonprofit sector, working with organizations in health care, the arts, higher education, and advocacy to transform their operations, develop new strategies, and build stronger collaborations among stakeholder groups. Ira has visited all 50 states – a project completed soon after his 50th birthday. Next up, seven continents by his 70th birthday!