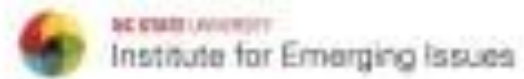


Working Effectively Across Organizations

Making
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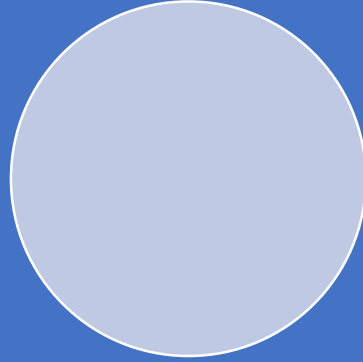


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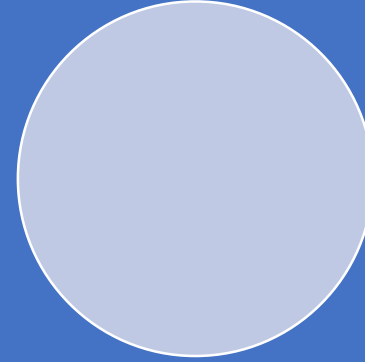




The Bridgeport Story



The Guilford County Story



The Blue Ridge Partnership for Children Story



Moderator and Panelist:
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Senior Fellow, ICS
(Bridgeport, CT and
Charlotte, NC)

Panelist:
Mary Herbenick, Executive
Director of Ready for School,
Ready for Life
(Guilford County, NC)

Panelist:
Jennifer W. Simpson, Director
of the Blue Ridge Partnership
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Making Community Impact Work, Work: The Bridgeport Prospers Early Childhood Story

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What's Inside

- ❑ Balancing time for “relationship-building” and asset mapping with the pressure to leap to “problem solving”
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- ❑ Clarifying our values for policy, practice, programs and systems work
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- ❑ Creating the BHAG
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- ❑ Moving forward: Checking ourselves with the Rule of “P”
- ❑ Celebration and Truth to Power
- ❑ Some final words to work, and live, by

Balancing time for
“relationship-building”
and asset mapping with
the pressure to leap to
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BACKBONE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY

United
Way



United Way
of Coastal Fairfield County



YaleNewHavenHealth
Bridgeport Hospital

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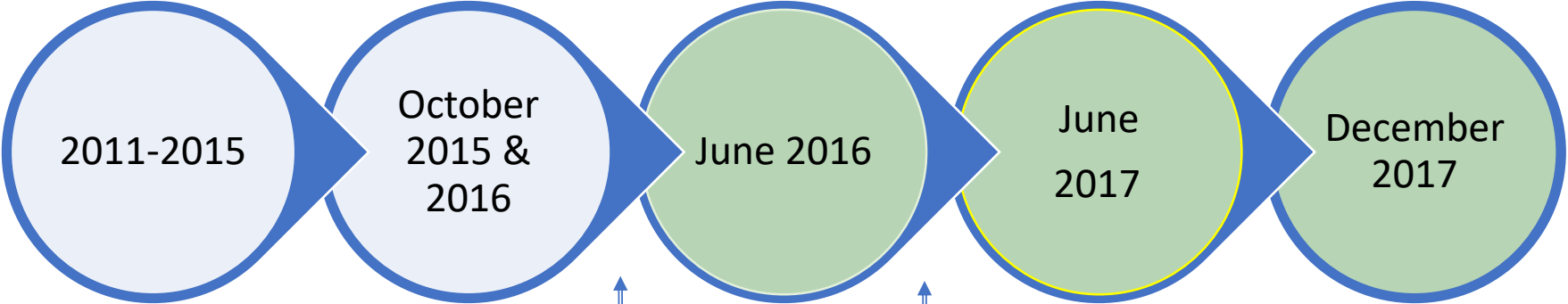
ALL OUR KIN

CONNECTUS



PEER
Partnership for Early Education Research

Bridgeport Prospers: The journey takes time and investment in relationships, partnerships and collaboration.



STRIVE TOGETHER
Member;
B- to post-
secondary goals
established;
**United Way as the
backbone agency**

1st and 2nd
Annual Data
Reports:
[October 2015](#)
[October 2016](#)

Early
Childhood
CAN reports:
B-3 & PK-3rd
[Summary &
Technical](#)
Reports

Mid-Year
[Fact to Act
Research
Report](#)

Launch [The
Bridgeport Basics](#)

[Healthy & Ready at
Three: The
Bridgeport Baby
Investment Bundle](#)

Three age cohorts emerge
Healthy and Ready by Three
Success at Six
Shine by Nine

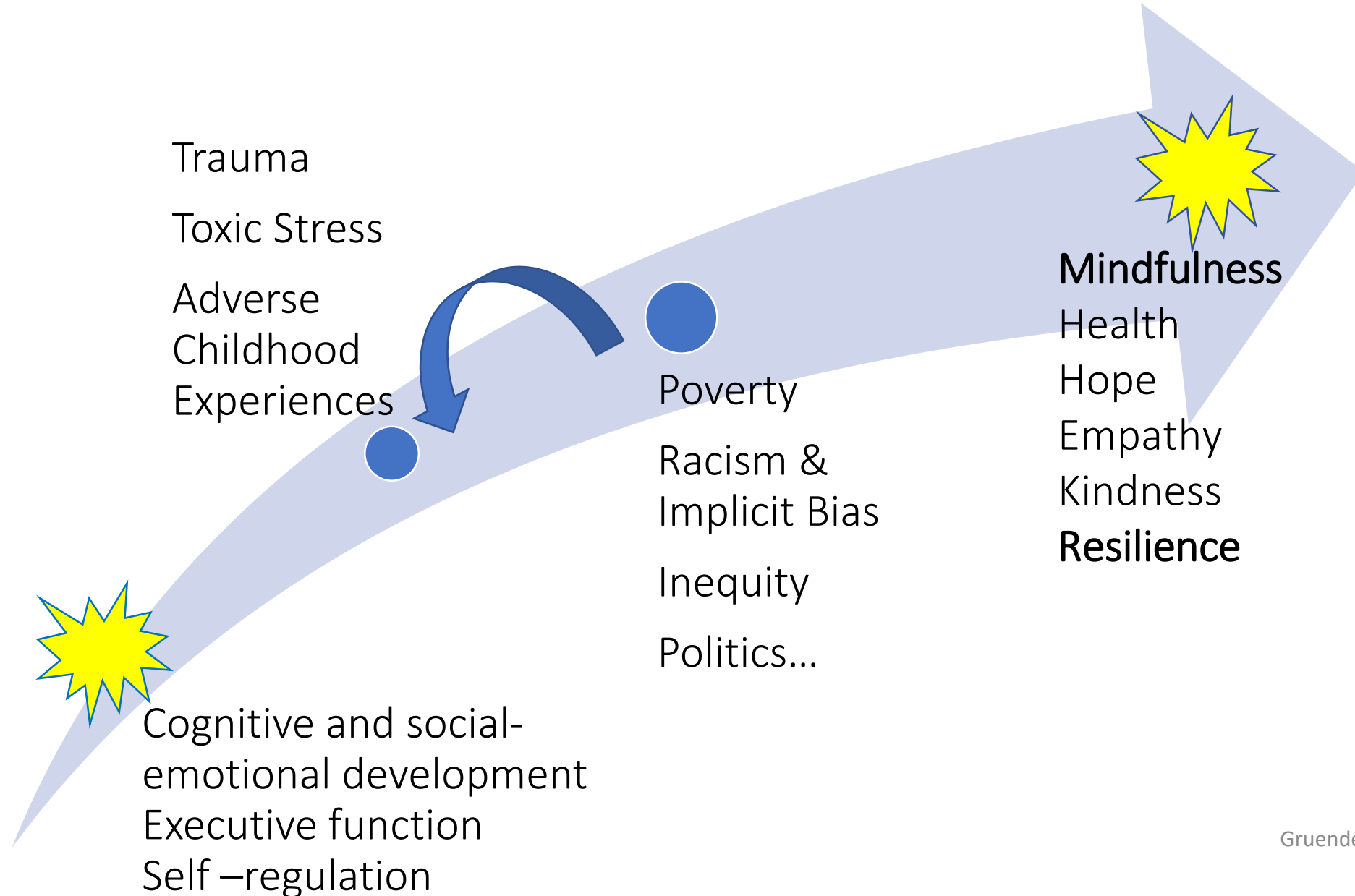
REDESIGNED Core Leadership Team,
Data and Research Table, Funders
Table, Policy and Advocacy Table.,
Project Tables

[Resilience](#) screening to establish
trauma-informed partnerships

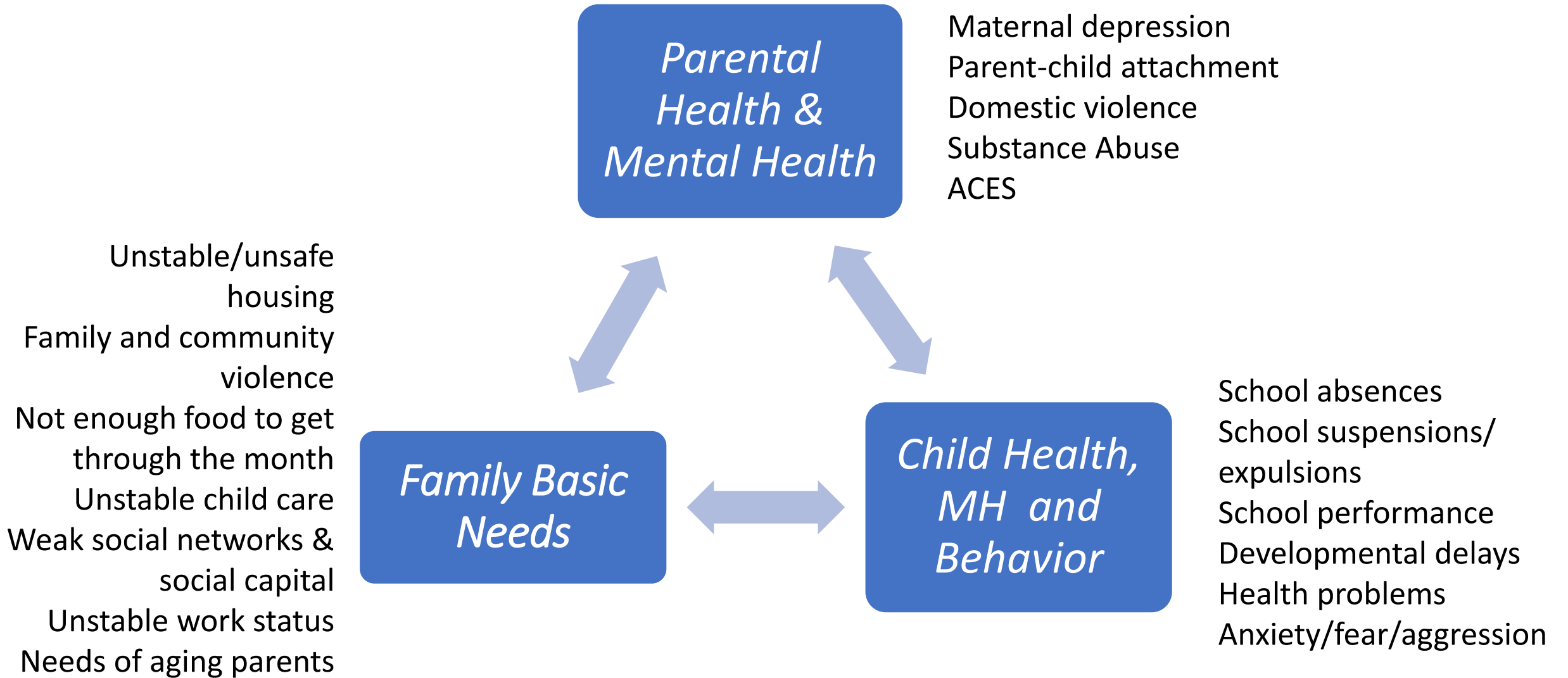
Prospers is a [STRIVE](#)
“cradle to career”
collective impact site

Assuring a science-
informed, cross-
generational knowledge
framework

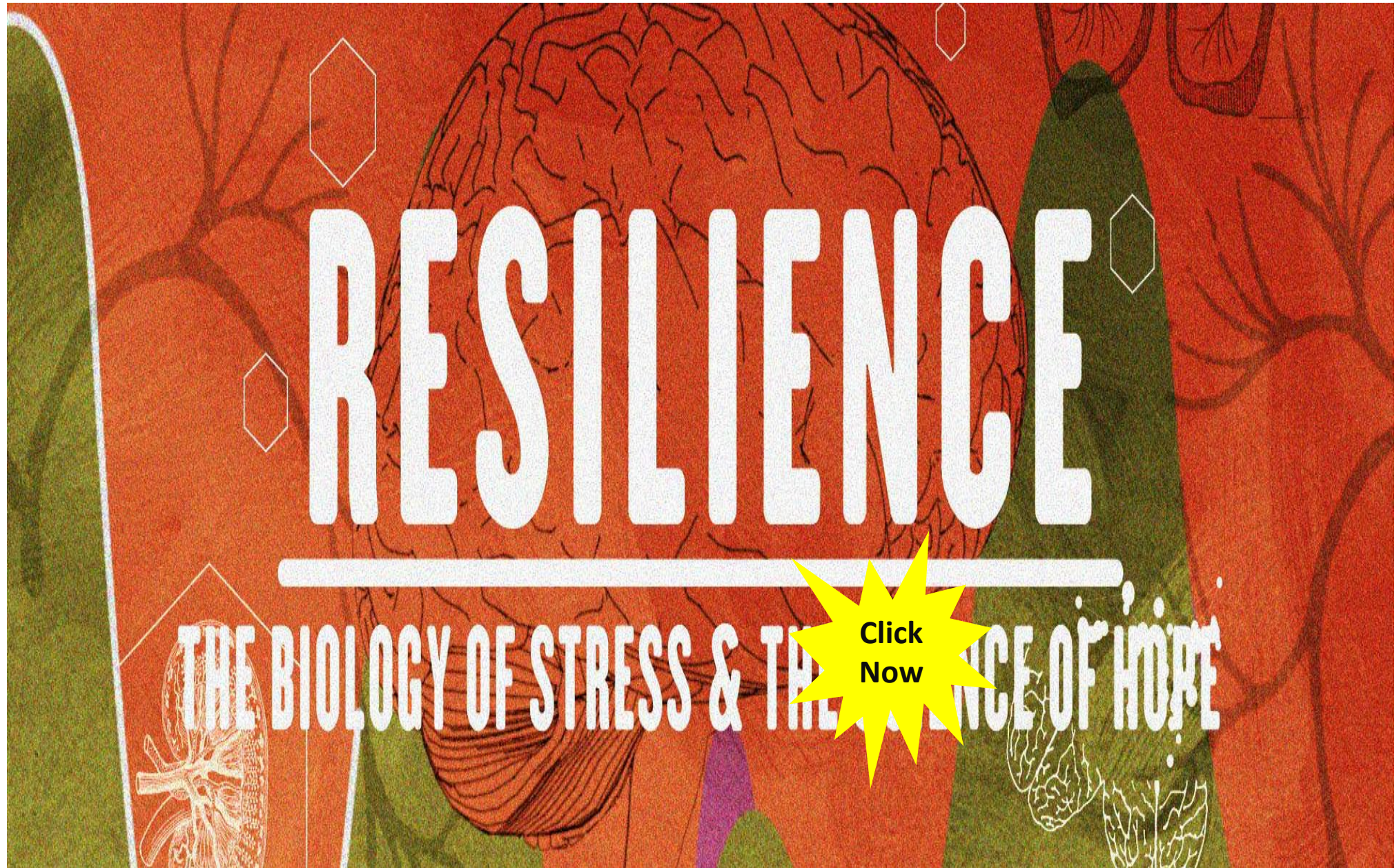
Bridgeport Prospers is anchored in developmental neuroscience



Recognizing universal challenges and extra stress for some

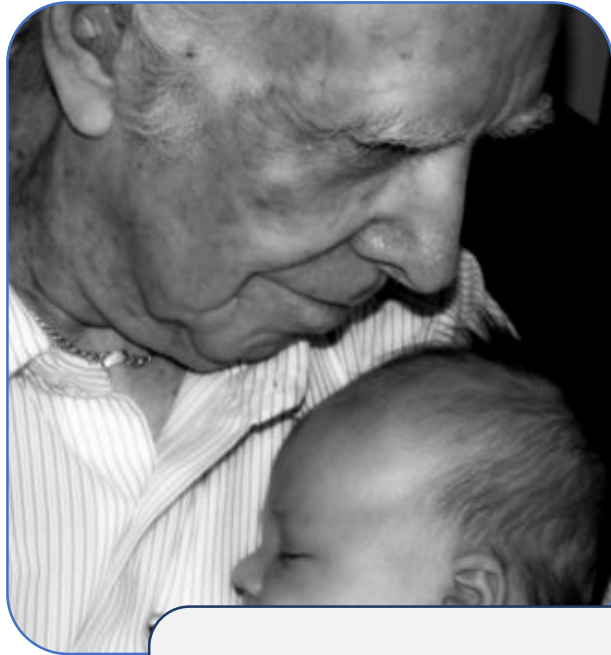


A very powerful resource



Clarifying our values for
policy, practice, programs
and systems work

Values to guide practice, programs and supports



Assess and plan from a person-driven, strength-centered, science-informed, skill building framework

Anchor actions in place-based, protective factors



Employ outcome-focused practice and programs, linked through cross-sector partnerships

Using data with all of its
warts and worries

Back-mapping the facts

- ❑ 5% of 8th graders proficient in math
- ❑ 30% of 3rd graders reading at level
- ❑ 30% of entering K school ready
- ❑ 75% of three-year olds enter Head Start BEHIND






Creating the BHAG

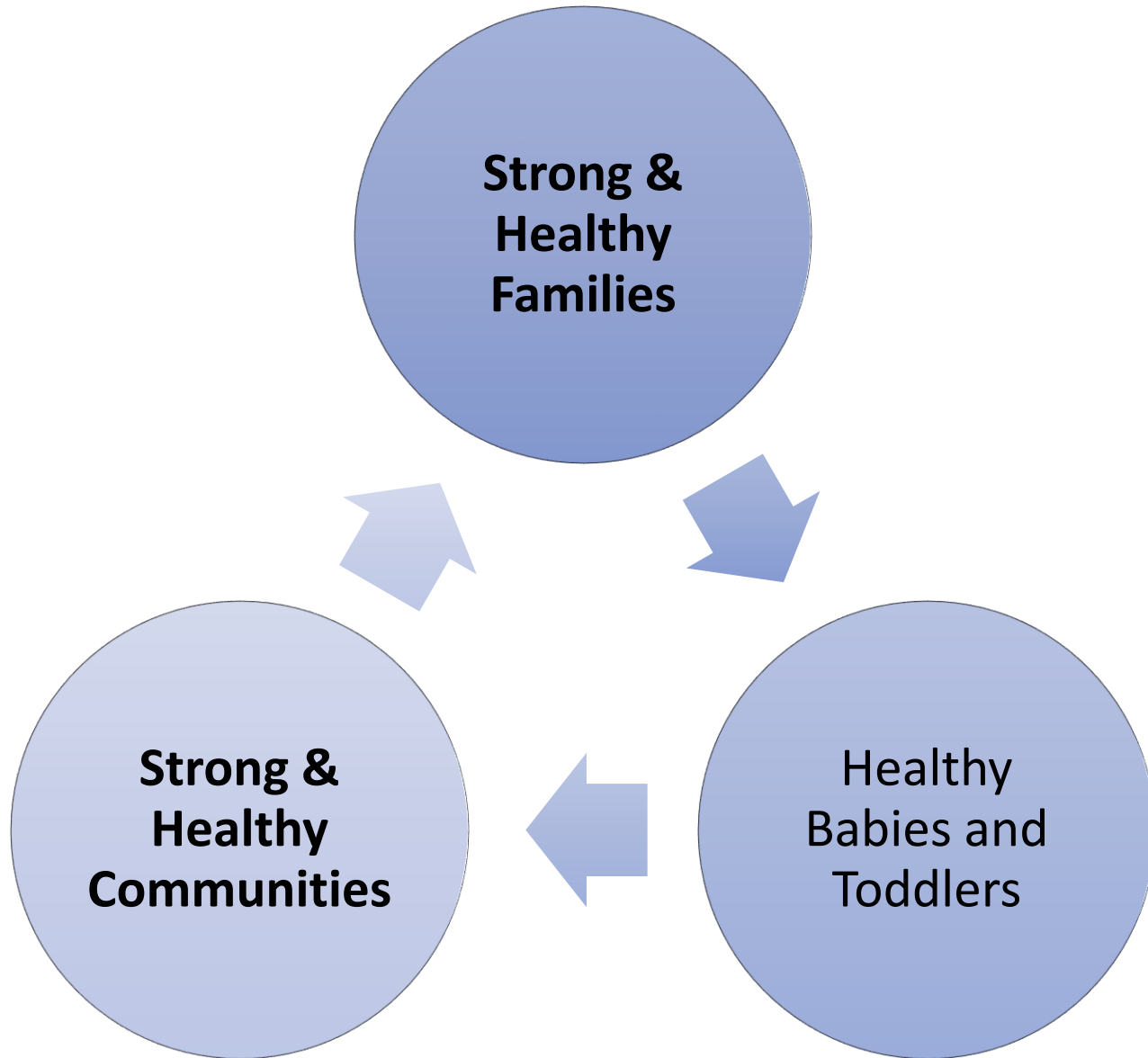
MOST CHILDREN WHO TURN THREE YEARS OF AGE...

- ☐ Show a wide range of emotions -Take turns at games – Can dress themselves – Understand the idea of “mine” and “yours” – Show empathy
- ☐ Follow 2 or 3 step instructions - Can name most familiar things – Speak well enough that strangers can mostly understand them – Talk using 2 or 3 sentences
- ☐ Play make-believe – Can copy shapes – Turn book pages one at a time – Build towers of blocks



The Goal of Healthy and Ready by Three

All Bridgeport babies born beginning in January 2018 will reach expected health and developmental benchmarks by the age of three.



Science says:
To raise kids
who are
healthy and
ready at 3 we
need to invest
in...

The “Bridgeport Baby Bundle”

The Baby Bundle's Five Strategies

Supported
Care and
Parenting

An Army of
Helpers and
Advocates

Bridgeport
Baby
Investment
Bundle

Innovation
and Better
Connections

Track
Change.
Measure
Impact

A Peek at What's Inside Each Strategy

Supported Care and Parenting

The Bridgeport Basics
Healthy births and home visiting: *Family Connects*
Family Child Care
Early Literacy: *Books, Blocks and Babies*

An Army of Helpers and Advocates

“Resilience” screenings
The Bridgeport Baby Brigade
Bridgeport Sings
Leading from the Pulpit

Bridgeport Baby Investment Bundle

Universal HV:
Family Connects
Universal Developmental Screening
Early Literacy: *Reach Out and Read*
Family Child Care: All our Kin

Innovation and Better Connections

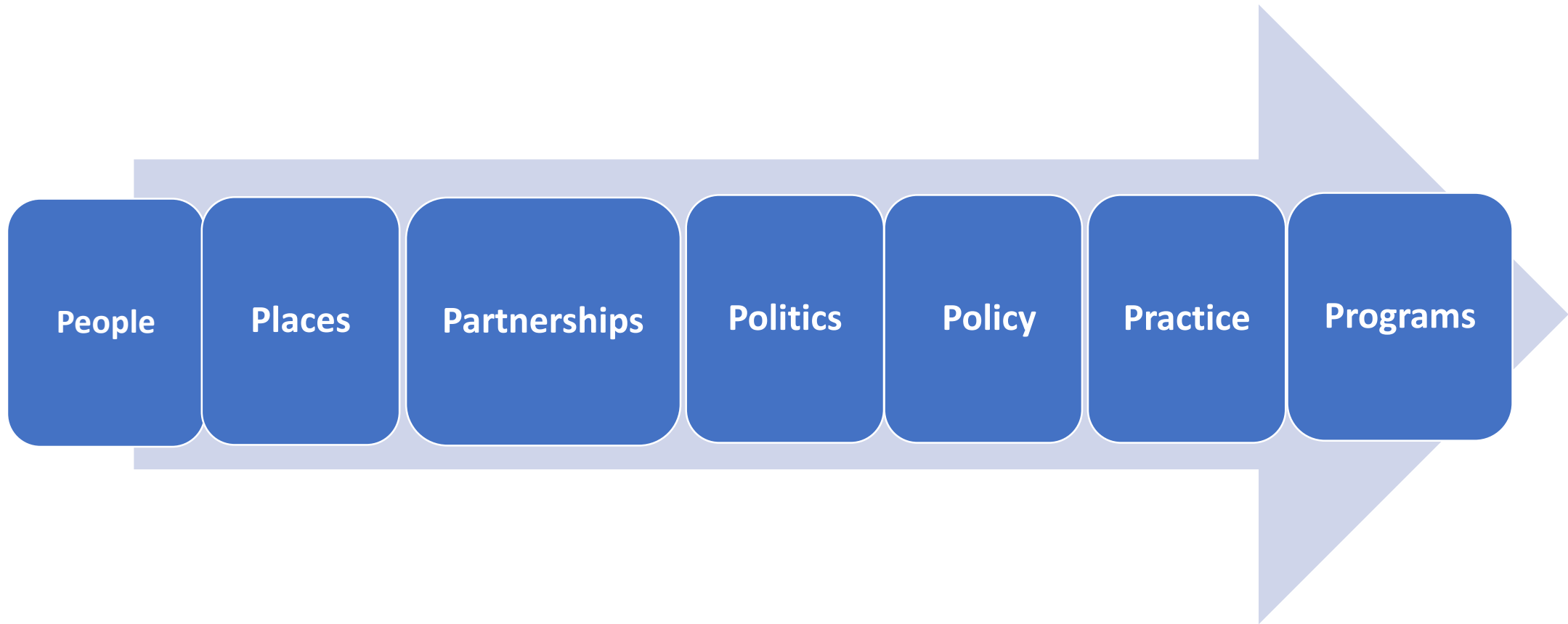
Neighbor to Neighbor (Southend)
Elders Rock the Babies
Top to Bottom (linking food & diapers)
Mindful Parenting

Track Change. Measure Impact

National Interoperability Collaborative
Virtual Baby Data Coalition
2-1-1 Child Development Infoline
Medicaid admin data

Moving forward:
Checking ourselves
with the Rule of “P”

Jannie's Rule of 'P' – We need all of these working parts



Celebration and “truth to
“power

BRIDGEPORT PROSPERS

Chapter 2



Dr. Janice Gruendel
UWCFC Board Update
January 25, 2017



June 2016
Summary Report
Birth - 3 CAN
Pre-K - 3rd CAN

LIVE UNITED

B - 3 CAN
PK - 3rd CAN
Technical Reports

2015
2016
2017



Some final words to work,
and live, by

Share everything.
Play fair.
Don't hit people.
Put things back where you found them.
Clean up your own mess.
Say you're sorry when you hurt
somebody...
When you go out into the world,
Watch out for traffic,
Hold hands and stick together.
Be aware of wonder.

Robert Fulgram, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*

