

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR **YOUNG FAMILIES**

Young people are key to America's future prosperity and deserve our support on the path to opportunity. Yet those who become parents by their mid-20s often face unique challenges that make it hard to earn, learn and raise a family.

Expanding Opportunities for Young Families (EOYF), a new effort by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, seeks to build on young parents' motivation and strengths, remove systemic barriers that stand in their way and, ultimately, improve their educational and economic success. Launched in 2019, this multisite effort connects national organizations with local partners in Austin, Charlotte, Miami and Santa Fe to identify and expand approaches to support young parents, especially youth and young adults of color, and their children.

GOALS



Tap into young parents' desire to succeed and help them engage in leadership roles within their communities



Support youth-serving programs to improve engagement with young parents and account for their unique needs



Strengthen pathways to opportunity, including workforce training and postsecondary education



Improve access to benefits that meet basic needs, including early child care and other parenting support



Expand coaching, peer support and other strategies that help young parents successfully navigate life's challenges

SNAPSHOT OF YOUNG FAMILIES

About
4.5
million youth and
young adult parents live
in the United States

Average age:
22

Disproportionately
BLACK
or
LATINO

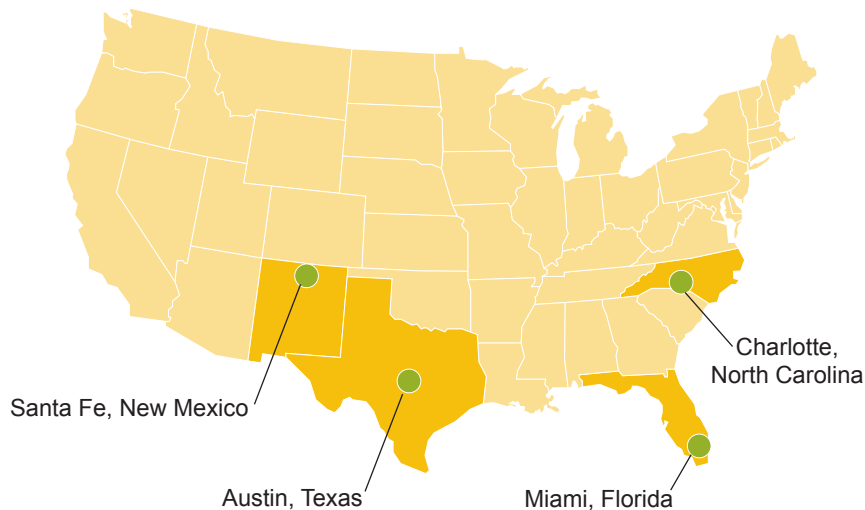
Young children raised by young parents:

5 MILLION

25% of infants and
toddlers are raised
by low-income
young parents

EOYF PARTNERS

The following organizations are helping to strengthen the leadership and organizing efforts of young parents and their allies; identify systemic barriers and advance policy solutions; and improve access to educational and skill-building opportunities for parents to help them build careers and earn family-sustaining wages. This is a collaborative network that receives technical assistance and shares best practices and promising approaches on an ongoing basis. The Foundation plans to adapt and apply these lessons to future investments in young parents and their children.



AUSTIN

- American Youthworks
- Austin/Travis County 2-Gen Coalition
- Central Texas Allied Health Institute
- Goodwill Central Texas
- Skillpoint Alliance
- United Way for Greater Austin
- Workforce Solutions Capital Area

CHARLOTTE

- B.Y.E., LLC
- Charlotte Area Fund
- Leading on Opportunity
- Smart Start

MIAMI

- Early Learning Coalition
- Educate Tomorrow
- EnFamilia, Inc.
- Single Stop at Miami Dade College
- The Children's Trust

SANTA FE

- Earth Care
- Fathers New Mexico
- Gerard's House
- Presbyterian Medical Services Childhood Education
- Santa Fe Community College
- Santa Fe Community Foundation
- Santa Fe YouthWorks

NATIONAL

- Advocates for Youth
- American Public Human Services Association
- Center for Law and Social Policy
- Child Trends
- National Crittenton

For more information, contact Rosa Maria Castañeda
at rcastaneda@aecf.org.

