

2019

- Yale Elevate Policy Lab partnered with numerous local Bridgeport organizations to conduct a MOMS Goals and Needs Assessment (GNA) in Bridgeport. The GNA is a tool for MOMS Partnership sites to learn more deeply about – and, importantly, directly from – the mothers in the communities they serve, by asking mothers to share what they want, what they need, and what goals they have for themselves and their families. Data generated from the GNA informs program setup and adaptation of the MOMS Model to meet the specific needs of the community. Each GNA is co-constructed by Elevate and community partners. Findings of the GNA include: 60.7% of mothers screened positive for housing insecurity and 65.3% screened positive for food insecurity. 57% screened positive for diaper need, which has been shown to impact infants’ physical health and mothers’ mental health.

2020

- Yale Elevate Policy Lab launches the MOMS Partnership in Bridgeport, CT. Partners include Alliance for Community Empowerment, The Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program, East End NRZ Market & Café, and Southwest Community Health Center. In Bridgeport, Elevate is also piloting an approach that integrates Triple Bottom Line Justice efforts with the MOMS Partnership for the first time.
- Breaking Bread for B2H in Bridgeport and Beyond is launched. Breaking Bread” is a convening approach to foster shared learning and replication of successful place-based efforts. It brings multiple parties, resources, and information together to manage the B2H process. Collaborators include community leaders (East End NRZ Market & Café), state government (CT DEEP), and academia (Yale Elevate Policy Lab).

2021

- Yale Elevate Policy Lab and East End NRZ Market & Café develop Civic Justice Engagement Training for high school young women, mothers, and the community at large. Elevate Policy Lab is partnering with the East End Neighborhood Market and Café to implement Civic Justice Engagement (CJE) programming in the East End Neighborhood of Bridgeport, CT. Bridgeport’s East End bears many burdens that impact how community members live, learn, work, play, develop, and worship; these burdens affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes.

2022

- Mt Growmore is featured during the *Coming to the Table Conversations on Family Mental Health with Triple Bottom Line Justice*, convened by the Elevate Policy Lab (Hilary Hahn and Suzi Ruhl). Congressman Jim Himes, sponsor of the Mt Growmore Congressional Earmark, is the keynote. Community leader, Deborah Sims, is a featured speaker. CT DEEP collaborators, Mark Lewis and Edith Pestana, are facilitators and subject matter experts.
- Yale Elevate Policy Lab and East End NRZ Market & Café launch Civic Justice Engagement Training for the community at large through a Workshop *Brownfields to Healthfields: A Community Lead Approach to Community Revitalization*.
- Given the demand for evidence-based approaches to support community developed solutions, the Yale Elevate Policy Lab and the East End NRZ Market & Café commence discussions on program evaluation design and implementation. This ongoing collaborative effort prioritizes contextual and cultural relevance with an initial focus on formative and process evaluation to be followed by outcome evaluation.