Indiana's early learning landscape is primed for major change. Many organizations, local coalitions, and individuals have worked diligently to advance quality, align funding to children's needs, and improve teaching where it matters most—in interactions with children. To make the essential next steps, we will have to build on this work through innovative approaches and alongside new partners.

We know that:
- The Partnerships for Early Learners campaign has only $20 million to invest in creating better and more early learning opportunities for young children.
- We only have five years to accomplish the important goals of the campaign.
- A child's early learning is the responsibility of many people and organizations working together, and communities benefit from excellent programs.
- Core challenges facing Indiana's early learning landscape can only be addressed through focused and sustained partnership at the local and state level and among public and private partners.

We believe that:
- Early Learning Indiana must deepen the work of critical partners, holding ourselves and our state accountable for results.
- We must also create new, innovative partnerships that invest in solutions to the biggest challenges and sustain results beyond the life of this campaign.

**INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS STRATEGIES**

**Innovation & Shared Investment:** Create at least five initiatives that coalesce partners around complex, systemic challenges. Innovative Partnerships will leverage resources ($1 for $1). Potential areas of focus: birth to 3rd grade alignment; inadequate financing; affordability; Social Impact Bonds; pathways for business engagement; and friend, family, and neighbor care.

**Leveraging Public and Private Resources:** State, local, and federal actors are investing significantly in early learning. We will align with funding sources including: CCDF vouchers, Early Education Matching Grants, School Improvement Grants, Head Start and Early Head Start, and local philanthropic investments (e.g., United Way’s and community foundations).

**Support Local Efforts:** Community education and economic development coalitions are mobilizing to improve early learning. Support effective community coalitions with planning grants, county-level data, training, and technical assistance, as well as by connecting them to one another.

**Cultivate Leaders:** Organize and grow a statewide early learning leadership network by identifying emerging leaders from different sectors, including families with young children. Provide leadership training and technical assistance to move leaders to advocacy and action.

**Advocacy Partnerships:** With partners such as the United Way of Central Indiana, mobilize stakeholders and emerging leaders to advocate at both the state and local level for the value of early learning.

**EARLY ACTIONS RELY ON INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS**

Supporting Sustainability: The campaign will highlight a range of early learning opportunities for the local funders and stakeholders attending Indiana Philanthropy Alliance’s conference on October 8, 2015.