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## Chapter 1 : Centre for Community Child Health : Empowering Parents Empowering Communities

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Because I knew how to advocate for him, he learned how to advocate for himself. When we empower parents to partner with us, we can best understand their needs and respond with practical and powerful solutions. Her experience on behalf of her son David uniquely illustrates how parents can be empowered as champions for their children and then go on to empower other families. He regularly experienced life-threatening fevers, gastrointestinal problems and rheumatological and cardiological complications. His early years were defined by hospitals visits and divided between 17 different specialists. For Nicole, those early years were defined by advocacy for her son. And it was up to me to keep track of everything. I wanted to keep working at the call center but I needed to be there for my son. His health became my whole world. Because of his disability, he would miss out on the chance to learn and grow alongside his peers. This was unacceptable and prompted Nicole to act. David and Nicole at his 8th grade graduation. And this made all the difference for David. He did attend school. He made honors and he made friends. Eventually, she joined the ECCS initiative and is now working to improve early childhood systems across her state. And as for David? I remember that everything I did was so he could be successful. Or, read this story about a mother who navigated a complex system to get her son the screening he needed. It also shows why we need to support parents as they try to navigate early childhood systems. A Multi-Pronged Approach New Jersey leverages a multi-pronged approach that starts by providing families with both home- and community-based resources and education. Families referred to home visiting programs have tailored supports brought right into their living rooms, from advice on developmental promotion activities, like reading and singing, to information on accessing programs like Head Start childcare. But recognizing the importance of their role only goes so far. These same recommendations, all of which stem from a set of diverse parent voices, ultimately inform future policy and funding decisions across the state. CCYCs do more than give parents a seat the table though; they also connect parent partners with SPAN, the statewide advocacy network that first empowered Nicole as a parent partner. Through this network, parent partners receive training and technical support so that they feel empowered in their role as champions for their children and champions for other parents.

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This baseline report summarises the initial evaluation findings. Background and policy context The overall vision of the Fund is to: Deliver nationally on improved outcomes for children, families, young people and adult learners through supporting the Third Sector in prevention and early intervention approaches. Strengthen the Third Sector to increase the effectiveness of services and policies that prioritise prevention and early intervention in the areas of children, young people and families and adult learning, at a national level through: Establishing mechanisms that support sharing of information and intelligence between Scottish Government and the third sector to improve policy development and the use of evidence in policy making. Increasing the intrinsic capacity and skills of third sector organisations across a range of features including through experience sharing between organisations. Increase the number of formal and informal partnerships between third sector organisations. The Fund aims to contribute to the following national outcomes: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens. We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk. We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society. We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others. We are better educated, more skilled and more successful. The ALEC element of the Fund is expected to improve outcomes for adult learners and building community capacity through: It is child-focused - it ensures the child or young person, and their family, is at the centre of decision-making and the support available to them. Is based on tackling needs early - it aims to ensure needs are identified as early as possible to avoid bigger concerns or problems developing. This is in line with wider Government policy on shifting service delivery to early intervention and prevention see 1. Key parts of the Act aim to improve the way services work to support children, young people and families by: The Act also increased the entitlement to free early learning and childcare from to hours per year for all three and four year olds, as well as eligible two year olds. The Scottish Government has pledged to increase this entitlement to 1, hours per year by the end of this Parliament, a move informed by the findings of the Commission for Childcare Reform. A Joint Scottish Government and COSLA Policy Statement which emphasised the intent for national and local government to work together to identify children and young people at risk of poor outcomes and address this through building capacity within families and communities. The Early Years Collaborative, launched in , used improvement methodology to develop and implement innovative tests of change to improve outcomes for children and families. Scottish Government policy on education and learning is also relevant to the Fund. The CYPFEI element of the Fund complements formal education policy outlined in Curriculum for Excellence CfE which provides an integrated framework for learning across the curriculum and throughout childhood to build the four key capacities for all children successful learner, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributor. Activity supported by the Fund also complements the Scottish Attainment Challenge launched in that aims to address the attainment gap through funding for initiatives focussed on supporting pupils in deprived areas, initially targeting improvements in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing in primary schools. The Statement, developed by the National Strategic Forum for Adult Learning, sets out how adult learning should contribute to the development of individuals, families, communities and society at large through lifelong, lifewide and learner-centred opportunities. It encompasses both formal and informal learning and makes the links to personal skills and employability, life chances, outcomes for communities and development of a knowledge-based society, as well as the social justice, health and social care policy agendas. Community based learning is key to delivering this and the Requirements for Community Learning and Development Scotland Regulations and related guidance sets out that local authorities must work with partners and communities to secure community learning and development in their area and to publish their plans every

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three years. How Good is the Learning and Development in our Community supports the sector to assess progress. The Community Empowerment Scotland Act is intended to empower community bodies through the ownership of land and buildings and strengthen their voices in decisions and development of services. The Act specifies a range of duties that will apply to Community Planning partners and sets out expectations about the deployment of resources and planning processes. It concluded that radical reform around the design and delivery of services was required to bring about successful change, including closer partnership working, more effective planning and embedding community participation. In response to the Commission, the Scottish Government organised its public service reform agenda on four pillars: The developments have taken place in a landscape of reduced resources. Evaluation The specific questions to be addressed by the evaluation are: How has this fund as a whole contributed at a national level towards improving outcomes for beneficiaries? Has the embedding of early intervention and prevention in the ethos of organisations supported through this fund been sustained or improved. If so, what was the contribution of this fund, and what has the impact been? Has the Fund impacted on internal Scottish Government processes and ways of working, including third sector having opportunities to co-produce and add value to the development of Scottish Government policy? Have the capacity, skills and knowledge of the third sector improved as a result of being part of this funding programme. If so, what has the impact been? Have formal and informal partnerships between third sector organisations arisen as a result of being part of this fund? If so what has the impact of these partnerships been? The evaluation involves a mixed methods approach which, to date, has consisted of: Initial discussions with the Scottish Government team overseeing the Fund and the team at Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland responsible for monitoring and administering the grant and delivering a learning and development programme. A review of Fund documentation such as the application guidance, and form, and minutes of the Board meeting in December that assessed applications. A review of the grants including the amount awarded, the purpose of funding, and outcomes. This online survey gathered views on the strengths, weaknesses and support needs of third sector organisations. As well as providing an assessment of current issues, the findings are designed to be used as a benchmark to identify changes in third sector views over the life of the Fund. In addition, six stakeholders [1] have been interviewed to provide broader perspectives. Report Structure The remainder of this report is structured around the key issues addressed by the self-assessment survey and consultations as follows: Knowledge, skills, capacity and equalities Section 2.

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