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Boston nonprofit and family foundation partner to expand childhood poverty intervention

Five nonprofits to receive funding for implementation of intergenerational coaching model

BOSTON – Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath) in conjunction with the [Nordblom Family Foundation](#) selected five social service organizations to receive grants that will enable them to implement a second round of pilot testing for the Intergenerational Mobility Project (Intergen).

The family foundation will grant \$92,000 to each of the following five nonprofit organizations: [The Opportunity Alliance](#) (Portland, Maine), [Heading Home](#) (Boston, Mass.), [Coalition on Temporary Shelter](#) (Detroit, Mich.), [The Family Partnership](#) (Minneapolis, Minn.), and [Community Services Consortium](#) (Ore.).

Economic Mobility Pathways created the Intergen Project in 2014 to help whole families exit poverty. After a few years of testing the model internally, EMPath partnered with organizations in Seattle, Wash. and Jackson, Miss. to conduct the first round of external pilots.

Lee Nordblom, managing trustee of the foundation said, “The outcomes of EMPath’s adult programs paired with the promise of the first pilot made funding these grants an easy decision. We look forward to the improvement, and ultimately the expansion, of this coaching method.”

Over the next 20 months, each of the organizations will recruit at least 40 families, use a specialized set of all-ages coaching tools with those families, collect outcomes data, and report it for further development of the model. The grants provided by the foundation will allow the organizations to cover the costs of implementation like training and staffing.

“We know that what happens at home affects life outside the home. If parents aren't thriving, their kids aren't either, and vice versa. We put extra focus on the family members' interactions with each other, not just the task at hand. We always meet with the whole family in one room where they can ask questions and have conversations about the future,” said Stephanie Brueck-Cassoli, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at EMPath.

The organizations invited to apply for this funding are members of EMPath’s global learning network, called the [Economic Mobility Exchange](#)[™].

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About Economic Mobility Pathways

EMPath helps low-income families to exit poverty, and helps other organizations to systematically do the same. They are a global leader in science-based economic mobility coaching. Their coaching model helps families achieve sustainable gains in income, education, and career. EMPath disrupts poverty in three primary ways: direct services in Greater Boston, research and policy, and its global learning network.

About the Nordblom Family Foundation

The mission of the Nordblom Family Foundation is to inspire parents and caregivers to build self-awareness and essential capabilities required to nurture positive family interactions.

Drawing from the science of child development, we know that children and families become stronger when they are in supportive and responsive relationships, when sources of family stress are reduced, and when core life skills are strengthened. Our goal is to positively impact the trajectory of families for generations to come.