



RISE PARTNERSHIP: IMPLEMENTATION COMPONENT FAQ

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The RISE program is based on the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation's *PropelNext* program and The Scattergood Foundation's *Building Evaluation Capacity Initiative (BECI)*, which was developed and implemented by The Consultation Center at Yale University. *BECI* is also supported by The Barra Foundation, The Philadelphia Foundation, and The United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

RISE is an effort to build the effectiveness of nonprofit organizations in the Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey region through a range of services and supports. These include: training and support to build **readiness** for measuring and driving program outcomes; **implementation** of an intensive program of internal evaluation capacity building, and support for an alumni learning community to **sustain** and extend gains achieved. The overall objective of these services and supports is increased organizational **effectiveness** and improved **outcomes** for participants.

The implementation component helps promising nonprofit organizations to amplify their impact on young people's lives. Participating organizations will improve their capacity to collect, use, and apply data for ongoing improvement and learning to deliver even stronger results. This component includes consultation, training, technical assistance, coaching, and participation in an online learning community. All organizations that successfully complete this component will be invited into the sustainability component in year 3 and beyond. The implementation component includes services to 15 organizations over two years.

RISE is supported by a collaborative of funders that includes the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, The Scattergood Foundation, the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey, Campbell Soup Foundation, and likely additional local funding partners.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can apply?

Organizations should offer at least one program that serves young people (approximately ages 9-24) who are at significant risk (e.g., in foster care or transitioning out of foster care; involved in the juvenile justice system; risk for dropping out of school; engaging in high-risk behaviors; living in poverty or in neighborhood with high levels of community violence). Priority will be given to organizations who serve youth with one or more risk factors.



Does my organization receive any money to participate?

No, but organizations will receive \$1,000 per year to cover mileage, parking, and other transportation costs.

Is there a cost for my organization to participate?

There is no cost for your organization to participate. The organization does have to commit staff time (~2-3 individuals) for the training and consultations outlined in the description. Staff will also have to complete work in between consultations and trainings.

Where do I apply?

Applications will only be accepted through the Scattergood Foundations [online grant portal](#). To apply, you must create an account, if you do not already have an account. Please contact Alyson Ferguson at aferguson@scattergoodfoundation.org if you have any questions about using the online grant portal.

What is the deadline to apply?

Please complete your application in the [online grant portal](#) by 5:00pm on Friday, March 1, 2019. If you have any questions related to the Implementation component, please email RISEpartnership@scattergoodfoundation.org. Applicants will be notified whether they are invited to the final round, which includes a site visit.

What are the important dates to remember?

- Implementation Application opens: Tuesday, January 15, 2019
- Implementation Application closes: Friday, March 1, 2019 at 5:00pm
- Announcement of Finalists: early March 2019
- Finalists Site Visits: March 2019 (specific dates to be scheduled with organizations)
- Implementation Cohort Kick-off meeting: April 2019

Can current grantees of The Scattergood Foundation, The Barra Foundation, The Philadelphia Foundation and/or United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey? apply for this initiative?

Yes.

Can non-grantees of The Scattergood Foundation, The Barra Foundation, The Philadelphia Foundation and/or United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey? apply?

Yes.

Does applying for this initiative make my organization ineligible for other funding/support from The Scattergood Foundation, The Barra Foundation, The Philadelphia Foundation and/or United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey?

No.

How many youth focused programs can an organization apply with?

Organizations should focus on one program.

What is the time commitment for the Implementation component?

- Organizations are required to commit staff time (~2-3 individuals) for the training and consultations outlined in the description.
- There are approximately eight full day group trainings across two years with additional on-site individual consultations, and phone/video meetings. Staff will also have to complete work in between consultations and trainings.

Which staff members should participate in addition to the organization's executive director/decision maker?

We encourage program staff members as well as staff members from other departments. Program participants may also have opportunities to join during site consultations.

Are board members allowed to participate?

Board members are welcome to participate, but not required.

Can organizations that are not directly serving youth apply?

Yes. As long as the services provided in the program benefit youth.

Does an organization have to serve 150 participants?

Organizations must serve at least 150 youth a year to ensure a sufficient sample size for the evaluation; however, there is some flexibility for organizations that serve close to this number of youth. Program participants are not required to be continuously enrolled in the program in a given year.

Can local organizations within a national network use their national budget instead of their local budget to apply?

Yes. The organization may use the national budget, if the national budget meets the minimum budget requirement of \$750k a year.

Can organizations participate in more than one evaluation capacity program?

Organizations are encouraged to participate in only one evaluation capacity program to fully benefit from the Implementation component and meet the time commitment requirement. We are open to discussing why an organization wants to participate in more than one program.

Should organizations working on new data management systems, or undergoing strategic planning apply?

We recommend that organizations undergoing significant infrastructure changes and transitions postpone their application for future opportunities.

Who are the consultation and training team members from The Consultation Center at Yale?

Dr. **Jacob Tebes**, the team leader and a clinical/community psychologist, is a Professor of Psychiatry, Child Study Center, and Public Health at the Yale University School of Medicine; Director of the Yale Division of Prevention and Community Research; and Director of The Consultation Center. He has more than 30 years of professional experience as an evaluator, researcher, and consultant who has worked with numerous community-based organizations and with federal, state, and municipal agencies. His work has focused on vulnerable populations in under-resourced communities, individuals in recovery from addiction and/or mental illness, and at risk children and families.

Dr. **Cindy Crusto** is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Yale School of Medicine, Director of Program Evaluation and Child Trauma Research at The Consultation Center, and Assistant Chair for Diversity, Department of Psychiatry. A clinical/community psychologist, Dr. Crusto has more than 15 years experience in developing, implementing, and evaluating preventive interventions in schools and community agencies. She also has extensive experience providing training and technical assistance in evaluation to community-based organizations, and in children exposed to violence.

Ms. **Amy Griffin**, is a Senior Evaluation Consultant at The Consultation Center with more than 12 years experience evaluating community-based programs at the local, state, and national levels. She has a Masters degree in Communications and advanced graduate training in Family and Child Ecology. She has extensive experience in providing technical assistance and training to state departments and community-based organizations, and her evaluation-related expertise includes participatory and democratic evaluation methods as well as ecological measurement strategies.

Ms. **Elizabeth Grim** is an Evaluation Consultant at The Consultation Center with more than 6 years of experience evaluating community-based programs and conducting community-based research. She is passionate about using data to strengthen organizations and communities, and has expertise in providing training and technical assistance to community-based organizations, data visualization, and policy analysis. She has Masters degrees in public health and social work, with a focus on the social determinants of health, including housing, homelessness, child welfare, juvenile justice, and education.

Dr. **Samantha Matlin**, a clinical/community psychologist, is the Director of Evaluation and Community Impact at the Scattergood Foundation and an Assistant Clinical Professor at the Yale University School of Medicine and an evaluation consultant at The Consultation Center. In her role, she provides training and consultation to build evaluation capacity in community-based organizations and city and state agencies. She is currently working with the Pottstown School District in their trauma-informed community initiative and is the former Special Advisor to the Commissioner at the City of Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services. She is committed to learning how contextual factors (such as neighborhood support, violence, trauma, and poverty) contribute to health and interventions to improve the health status of communities.

Database Technical Support: Ms. **Maegan Genovese** is a Research Associate at The Consultation Center, Yale University School of Medicine, with more than 12 years of experience managing data-related tasks for evaluation and research initiatives. She has a Master's in Research and Measurement, with expertise in electronic data collection, data management and analysis, and data-related training and technical assistance to staff and volunteers. She has also worked in a variety of systems, including child welfare, behavioral health, juvenile justice, health, education, and social services.

Previous participants in a similar initiative (BECD) include:

- 11th Street Family Health Services of Drexel University
- ACHIEVEability
- After School Activities Partnership
- Art Sanctuary
- Bancroft
- Boys and Girls Club of Chester
- Broad Street Ministry
- Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia
- Center for Families and Relationships
- Children’s Crisis Treatment Center
- COMHAR Children’s Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services
- Diversified Community Services
- Episcopal Community Services
- Free Library of Philadelphia
- Health Federation of Philadelphia
- Hopeworks ‘N Camden
- JEVS Human Services
- La Comunidad Hispana
- Lutheran Settlement House
- Mental Health Association of Southeastern PA
- Mercer Street Friends – West Ward Alliance
- Nationality Services Center
- Need in Deed
- Northeast Community Mental Health Center
- Northern Children’s Services
- Pathway to Housing PA
- Philadelphia Food Access Collaborative
- Philadelphia Horticulture Society
- Project H.O.M.E.
- Public Interest Law Center
- Resources for Human Development
- Scribe Video Center
- Smith Memorial Playground
- St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children
- The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania
- Turning Points for Children
- Welcoming Center

Who reviews the application?

The evaluation team from The Consultation Center at Yale and The Scattergood Foundation reviews all applications.

What criteria are the applications judged against?

- Organization fit based on application criteria;
- Overall quality of the application;
- The expected impact of the initiative on the individual *program’s* evaluation capacity;
- The expected impact of the initiative on the entire *organization’s* evaluation capacity.

Will there be an opportunity to apply for this initiative again?

We are fully funded for the first three years and hope to continue funding beyond year three.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Please contact RISEpartnership@scattergoodfoundation.org.
