

Connecticut Early Childhood Funders Collaborative began as a group of funders who met regularly over more than a decade to share information. After the passage of Public Act 11-181 in 2011, *An Act Concerning Early Childhood Education and the Establishment of a Coordinated System of Early Care and Education and Child Development*, some of the affinity group members created the Funders Collaborative to support the planning process called for in the public act. Working through the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy, the fourteen funders of the Early Childhood Funders Collaborative, including community foundations, United Ways, private and corporate foundations, raised funds to support the State in meeting the requirements of the planning bill.