



ACIMM Partners Meeting

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Meet NICHQ

The National Institute for Children's Health Quality **boldly leads improvements in children's health by addressing inequities and other complex issues facing families.**

NICHQ National Institute
for Children's
Health Quality





What Motivates Us

Mission

Driving change to improve children's health

Vision

Every child achieves their optimal health

2026 Strategic Plan

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Vision: Every child achieves optimal health

Strategic Direction: *The National Institute for Children's Health Quality boldly leads improvements in children's health by addressing inequities and other complex issues facing families*

Program Delivery and Evaluation

Ensure that projects and evaluation drive equity and improvements in systems affecting children's health

Revenue

Secure revenue that supports mission impact, equity foundation and organizational sustainability

Visibility and Engagement

Expand NICHQ's reputation as a catalyst in addressing inequities and leading health improvements for children and families

Organizational Effectiveness

Strengthen infrastructure and build a culture of equity that ensures effectiveness in achieving organizational goals

Equity Foundation: Infuse equity across the organization through who we are, what we say, and what we do.

Department of Health Equity Innovation

NICHQ Creates Department of Health Equity Innovation to Address Systemic Health Inequities

November 1, 2022



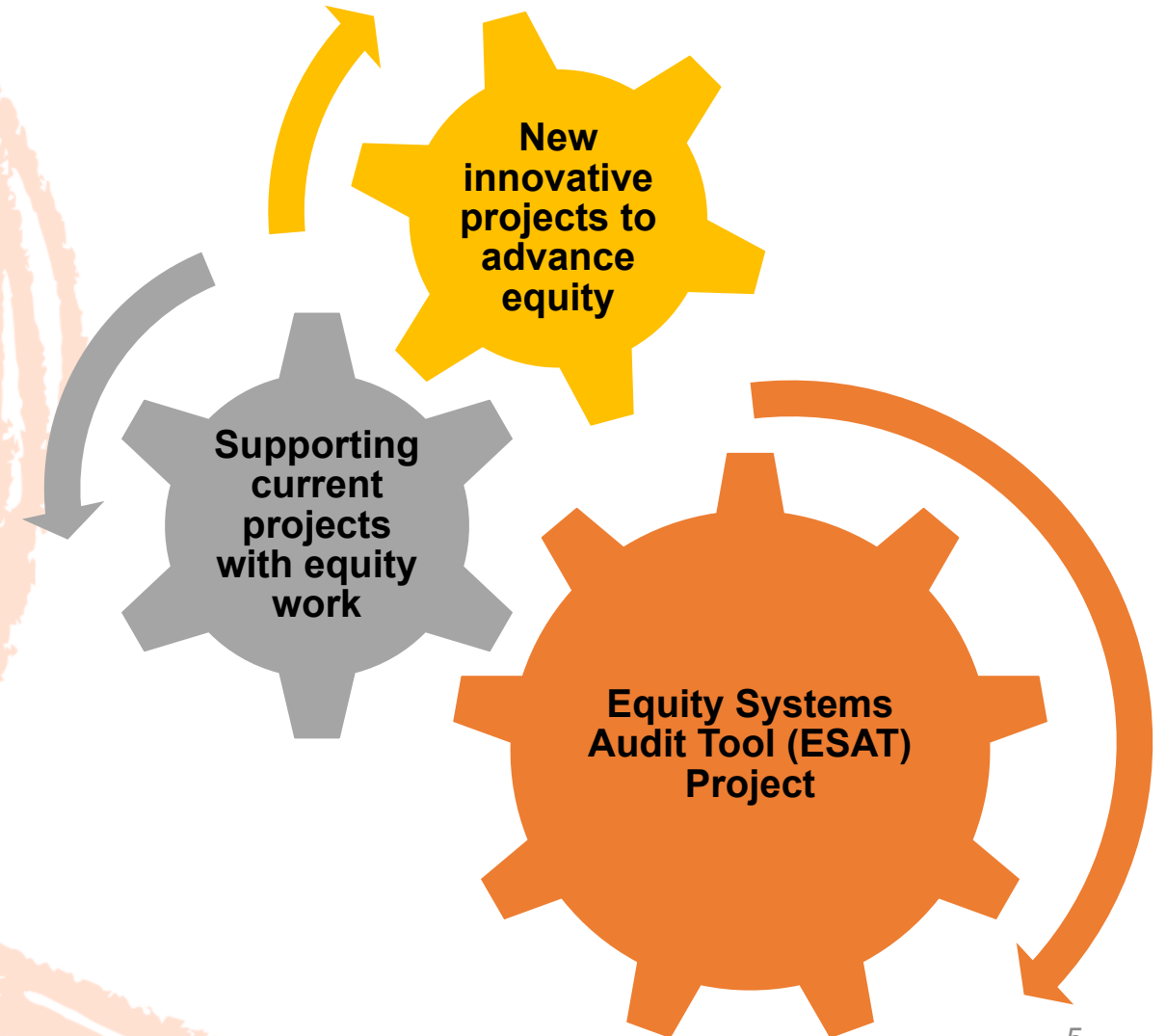
BOSTON – The National Institute for Children’s Health Quality (NICHQ) recently launched a new Health Equity Innovation Department, led by VP of Health Equity Innovation Stacy Scott, PhD, MPA, with the goal of accelerating strategies that address systemic health inequities.

“We’ve worked diligently over the past few years to infuse equity into everything we say and do at NICHQ,” said Dr. Scott. “Yet, like many organizations, we needed more internal infrastructure to ensure we’re centering health equity throughout our projects and formalizing that focus across the organization.”

In May 2021, NICHQ joined three other national maternal and child health organizations in a **public commitment to undoing racism** as a key driver to improve maternal and infant health outcomes. NICHQ’s focus on racial equity, implicit bias, and the impact on maternal and child health outcomes has been interwoven in many projects, including:

- **National Action Partnership to Promote Safe Sleep Improvement and Innovation Network**
- **Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project**
- **National Network of Perinatal Quality Collaboratives**
- **New York State Birth Equity Improvement Project**

Some of the ongoing work the Health Equity Innovation Department will support is the **Equity Systems Audit Tool**, co-created by NICHQ and the **Global Infant Safe Sleep (GISS) Center** to assess implicit and explicit bias in healthcare systems. The department will also support internal equity engagement and support existing projects to ensure they are effectively incorporating equity. New projects related to health equity will be identified and prioritized within the next four months.



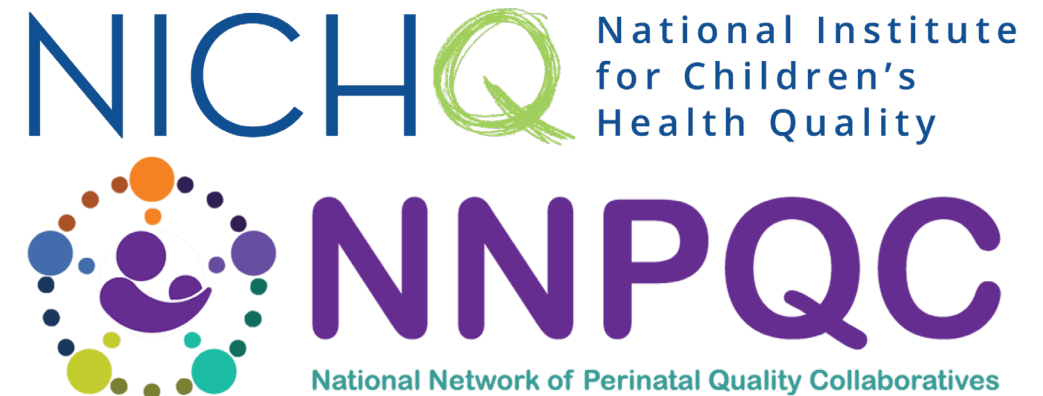


Maternal Infant Health Portfolio

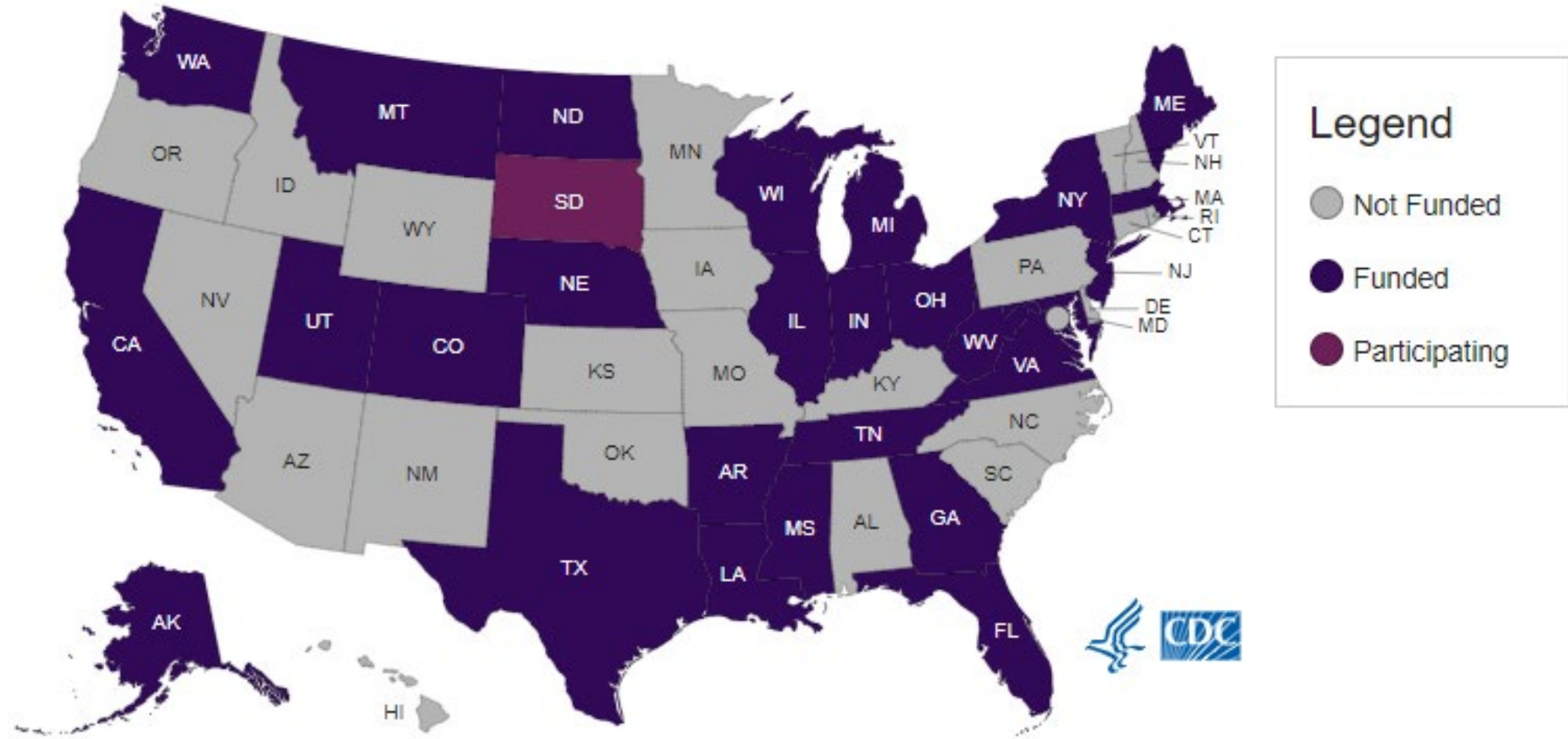
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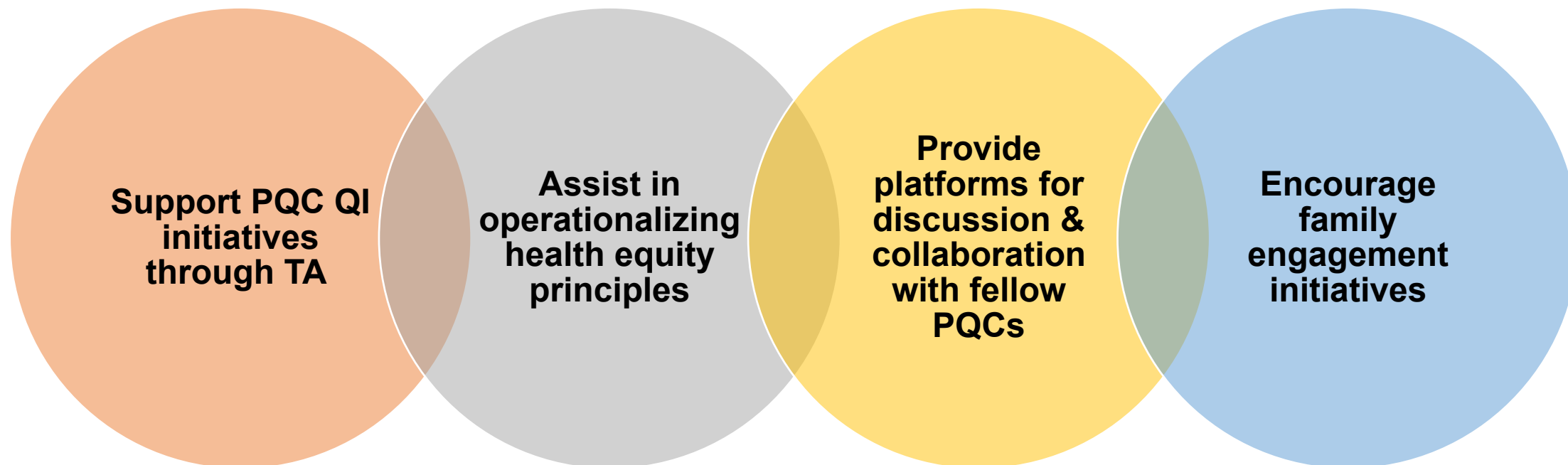
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CDC Funded PQC's 2022-2027



Our Goals in Supporting PQCs





Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project

Healthy Start strengthens the foundations at the community, state, and national levels to help women, infants, and families reach their fullest potential.

Healthy Start TA & Support Center (TASC)

TASC is committed to supporting grantees in enhancing and strengthening Healthy Start projects capacity to serve women, infants, fathers, and families.



Healthy Start Approaches

- Improve women's health,
- Improve family health and wellness
- Promote systems change
- Assure impact and effectiveness through
 - HS workforce development
 - Data collection
 - Quality Improvement
 - Performance monitoring
 - Program evaluation



Our Observations



Clinical Perspectives

- Safe, equitable and respectful care
- Data driven, quality improvement methods
- Engaging patients in hospital QI initiatives
- Lived experience perspective
- Access doulas and midwives
- Patient navigators to support and advocate for patients

Community Perspectives

- Holistic approach to equity
- Focus upstream
- Address racism
- Reproductive justice
- Link social determinants of health to clinical data
- Focus on family health, fathers
- Access to care across the lifespan
- Representation matters



Potential Solutions



- Comprehensive, gender-specific primary care
- Build and diversify the maternity care workforce
- Promotion of midwifery and other models of care
- Improve quality of healthcare
- Support policies to improve access to care and postpartum supports
- Research for better understanding, interventions, and treatments for leading maternal health conditions

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