

## Who We Are, What We Do

Family League is the city’s designated local management board (LMB) for Baltimore City. Our charge is to bring all the right partners to the table to make strategic, coordinated investments in programs that make a real difference in the lives of Baltimore’s children and families living in poverty. Rather than duplicate the role of other nonprofit organizations, Family League adds value by focusing on:

- Ensuring public dollars invested in programs and services align with community priorities;
- Directing resources towards the needs of the “whole” child, from prenatal and family health care up through college and career;
- Strengthening the capacity of existing service providers across the City; and
- Advocating for meaningful policy changes to improve lives and build equity.

## Our Value Proposition

As the city’s LMB, Family League is uniquely positioned to invest in our communities in ways government cannot do alone, while collaborating with a wide range of public and private partners. For example:

- **By skillfully “braiding” federal, state, and city dollars (Fig. 1)**, we’re able to focus significant resources in priority areas, such as home visiting programs for expectant and new mothers, and community schools delivering wrap-around resources for students and families.
- **We partner with public and private funders** to develop innovative ways to invest in community priorities—from streamlining grant processes to strategies that affect children.
- **We help organizations we fund to reach their potential** by providing professional training to strengthen their data collection, outcomes evaluation, and financial operations.
- **We apply an equity lens to our work (Fig. 2).** For example, we fund small organizations that best know the communities they serve; and we engage city youths in reviewing grant proposals.
- **We use data from our work to inform public policies** and decision makers on priority areas—including meaningful strategies to alleviate poverty and improve the quality of life for children and families.

