Plenary 1

Centering racial equity in cross-agency
data collaborations

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At any point, drop questions into the chat.

Agenda

- Welcome
- Toolkit → Goals of Equity in Practice Learning Community (EiPLC)
- Our current thinking, funding and broad timeline
- Panel: 3 out of 4 Equity in Practice Fellows
- Q&A

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A TOOLKIT FOR

Centering Racial Equity
Throughout
Data Integration

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Hawn Nelson, A., Jenkins, D., Zanti, S., Katz, M., Berkowitz, E., et al. (2020). A Toolkit for Centering Racial Equity Throughout Data Integration. Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy, University of Pennsylvania.

As railroads and highways both developed and decimated communities, so too can data infrastructure.

We can co-create data infrastructure to promote racial equity and the public good, or we can invest in data infrastructure that disregards our historical, social, and political context.
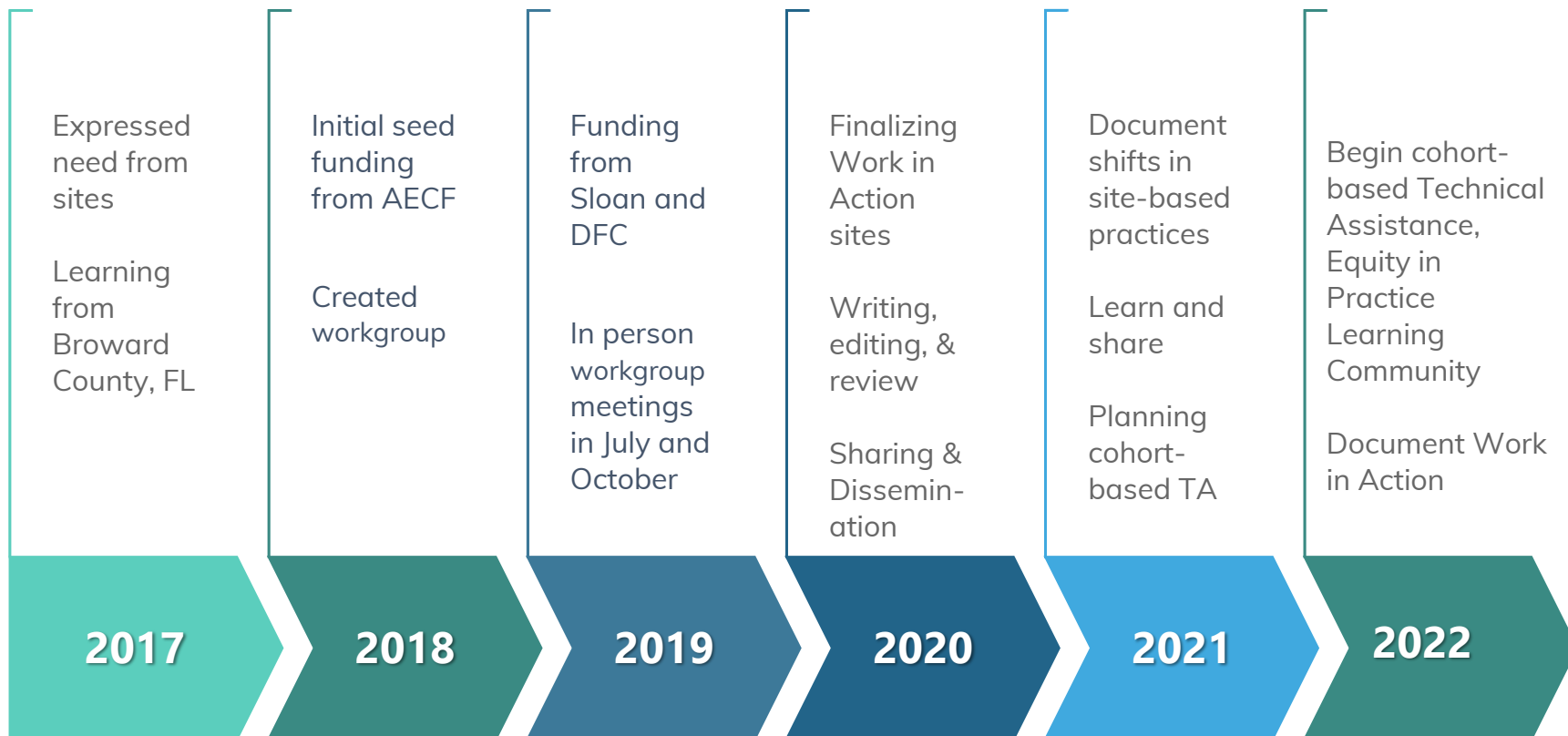
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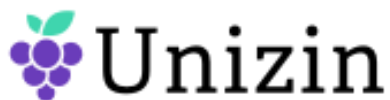
What is the role of White people in working for racial justice?

We are singularly focused on ethical use of public sector data.

And in the US, this means centering racial equity.

Process

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Expressed need from sites Learning from Broward County, FL	Initial seed funding from AECF Created workgroup	Funding from Sloan and DFC In person workgroup meetings in July and October	Finalizing Work in Action sites Writing, editing, & review Sharing & Dissemination	Document shifts in site-based practices Learn and share Planning cohort-based TA	Begin cohort-based Technical Assistance, Equity in Practice Learning Community Document Work in Action

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Data Across Sectors for Health

NEW AMERICA

Government of Canada

APPAM — Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management

NNIP — National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership

ECDataWorks

ALL IN — Data for Community Health

Local and Regional Government Alliance on Race & Equity

SLDS — Statewide Longitudinal Data System

San José State University 1857

NC Early Childhood Foundation

Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago

beeckcenter — social impact + innovation

Children's Funding Project

Teach for America

SAMHSA — Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

APHSA — American Public Human Services Association

CTdata collaborative

Portland Community College

City of Philadelphia

The Data Union — @TheDataUnion

International Population Data Linkage Network

My Brother's Keeper — MBK

SSWR — Society for Social Work and Research

NAHDO

Stavros Niarchos Foundation Paideia Program — University of Pennsylvania

"Health equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible. This requires removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care."

Braveman et. al., 2017, <u>What is Health Equity</u>?, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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To achieve health equity, we must:

- Identify important health disparities
- Change and implement policies, laws, systems, environments, and practices to reduce inequities in the opportunities and resources needed to be as healthy as possible
- Evaluate and monitor efforts using short- and long-term measures
- Reassess strategies in light of process and outcomes to plan next steps

All of these require integrated, longitudinal and high-quality data

The Equity in Practice Learning Community will build on previous work... and stretch us.

We've done cohort-based TTA
- 18 cross-sector teams supported from 2017-2019
- All 18 of them continue to allocate people power to this work
- 13 of them have succeeded at building and sustaining routine data integration and participate actively in our Network
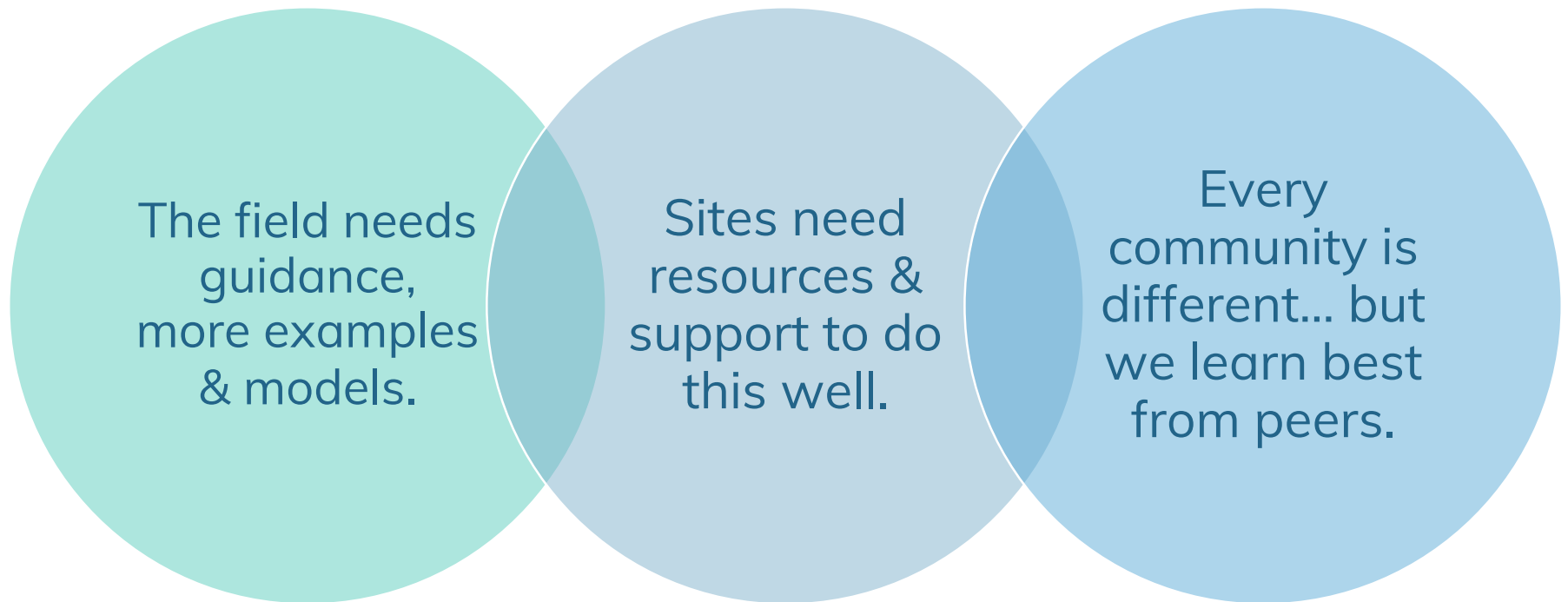
We've co-created guidance on centering racial equity across the data lifecycle
- The requests for presentations and support around the Toolkit just keep coming and we learn so much from every discussion

But we've never done TTA with an explicit race equity lens before. Or TTA that is focused on empowering community voice.
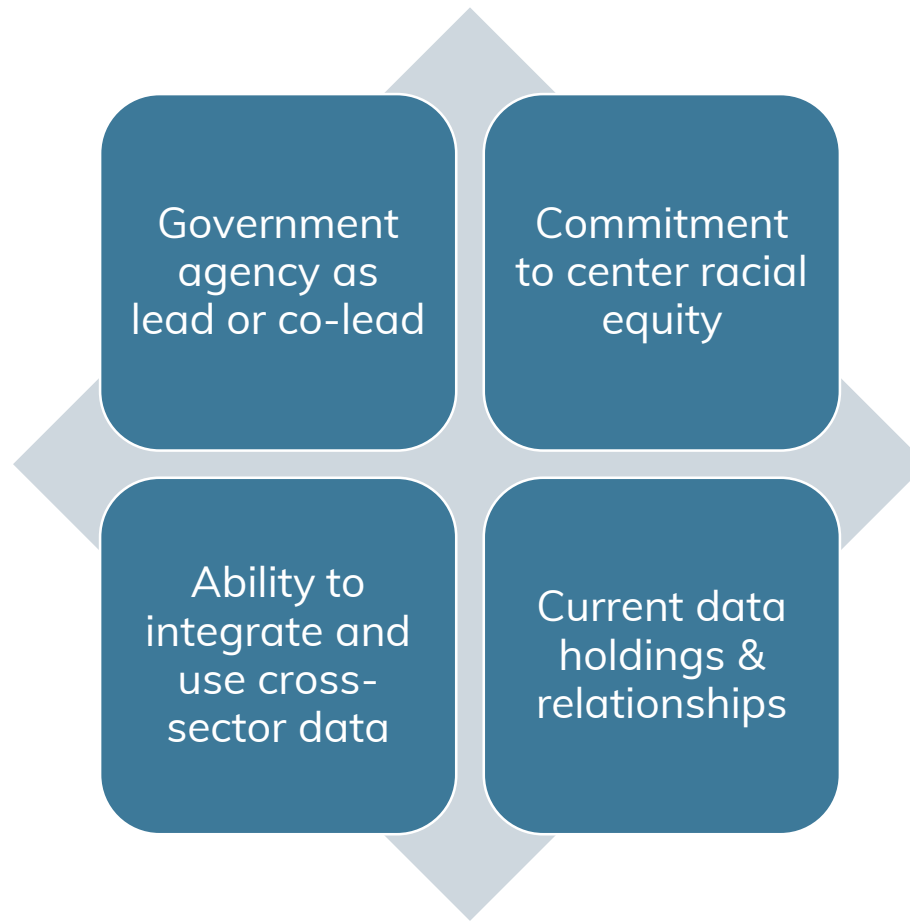
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Theory of change

The field needs guidance, more examples & models.

Sites need resources & support to do this well.

Every community is different... but we learn best from peers.

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The Equity in Practice Learning Community (EiPLC) will:

- Facilitate peer learning of sites across the US that routinely integrate person level data AND are committed to centering racial equity throughout data integration.

- Fund projects to support equity-oriented and community-led inquiry that uses cross-sector, shared data infrastructure.

- Co-create guidance and new models. We will document and share our learnings to create a sense of possibility, inspire others, and shift the field.

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Site selection:

Government agency as lead or co-lead

Commitment to center racial equity

Ability to integrate and use cross-sector data

Current data holdings & relationships

https://aisp.upenn.edu/eiplc/

EiPLC Sites | Cohort 1

The first cohort of the EiPLC is made up of two mentor sites and four mentee sites. Through collaboration with each other and AISP, they build, test, and implement new models for incorporating community voice in key decisions about cross-sector data use, with an emphasis on health equity and racial justice.

Baltimore, MD   >

Broward County, FL   >

Charlotte–Mecklenburg, NC   >

Connecticut   >

King County, WA   >

Oregon   >

EiP Fellows

see: https://aisp.upenn.edu/eiplc/

We (AISP) commit to:

Participatory Learning: there are no experts here. We are learning alongside each other as we know better to do better.

Process Orientation: we will prioritize process over product, shifting as needed to best serve the cohort, rather than timelines.
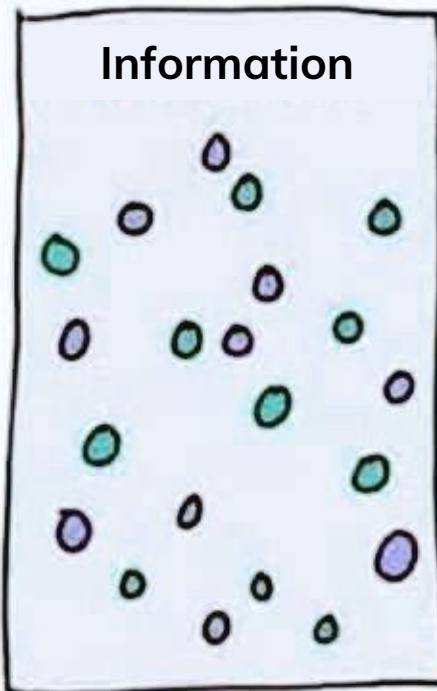
Asset Framing: we will focus on positive practices that can be scaled and visions for data infrastructure used for racial equity that can be actualized.

Interrogate Narratives: we will continue to focus on the relational aspects of data infrastructure, with firm grounding that technology does not solve social problems—people do.
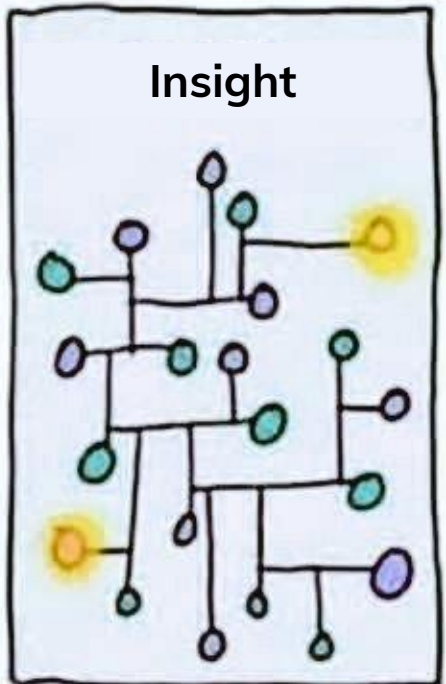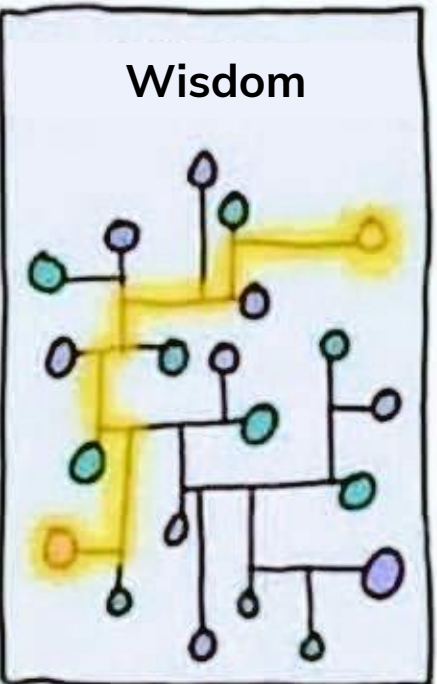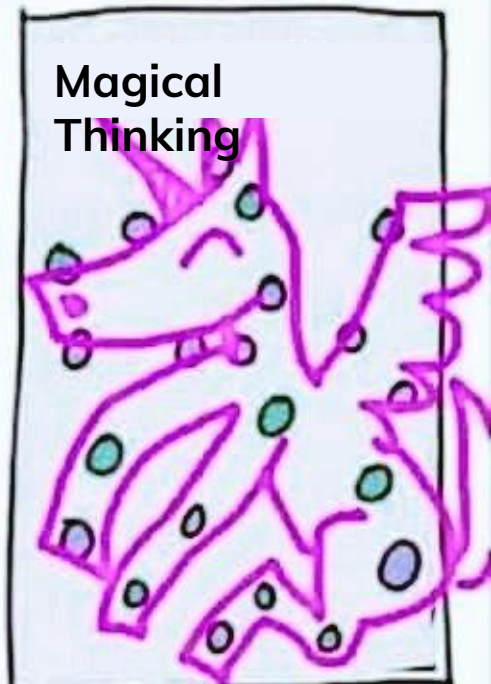
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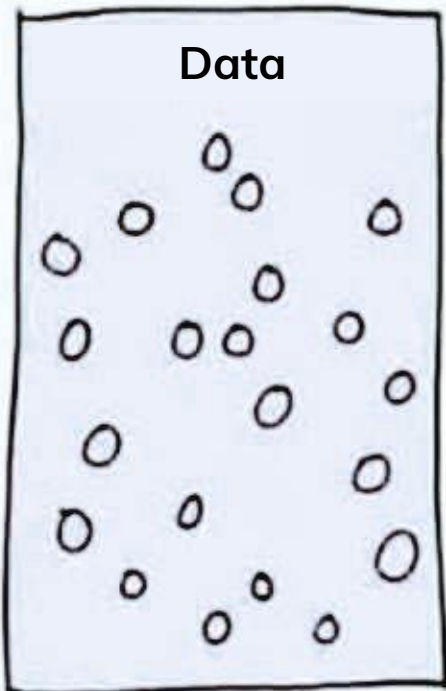
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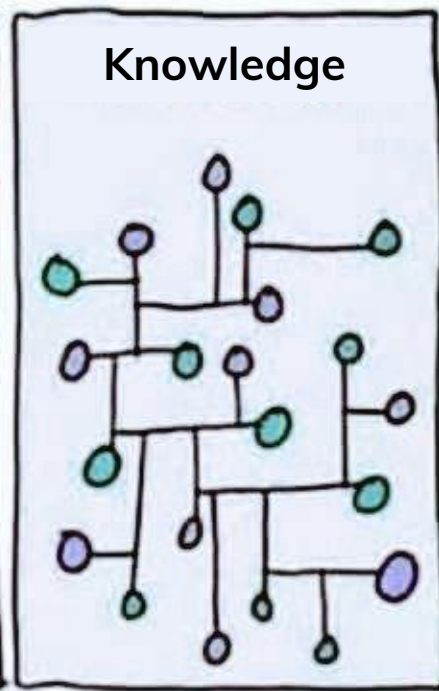
Big Picture Timeline Overview

Finalizing grant logistics

Cohort 1 selection & needs assessments

Curriculum development, TA delivery & cohort convening #1

2022

Refining the process for **Cohort 2 selection**

Cohort 2 needs assessments

TA delivery & convening #2

2023

TA delivery & convening #3

Cohort 1 wrap up

Documenting activities and outcomes

2024

Cohort 2 wrap up

Documenting activities and outcomes

Publishing case studies

2025

Communications work and dissemination of learnings

2026

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Budget: $5 million over 5 years
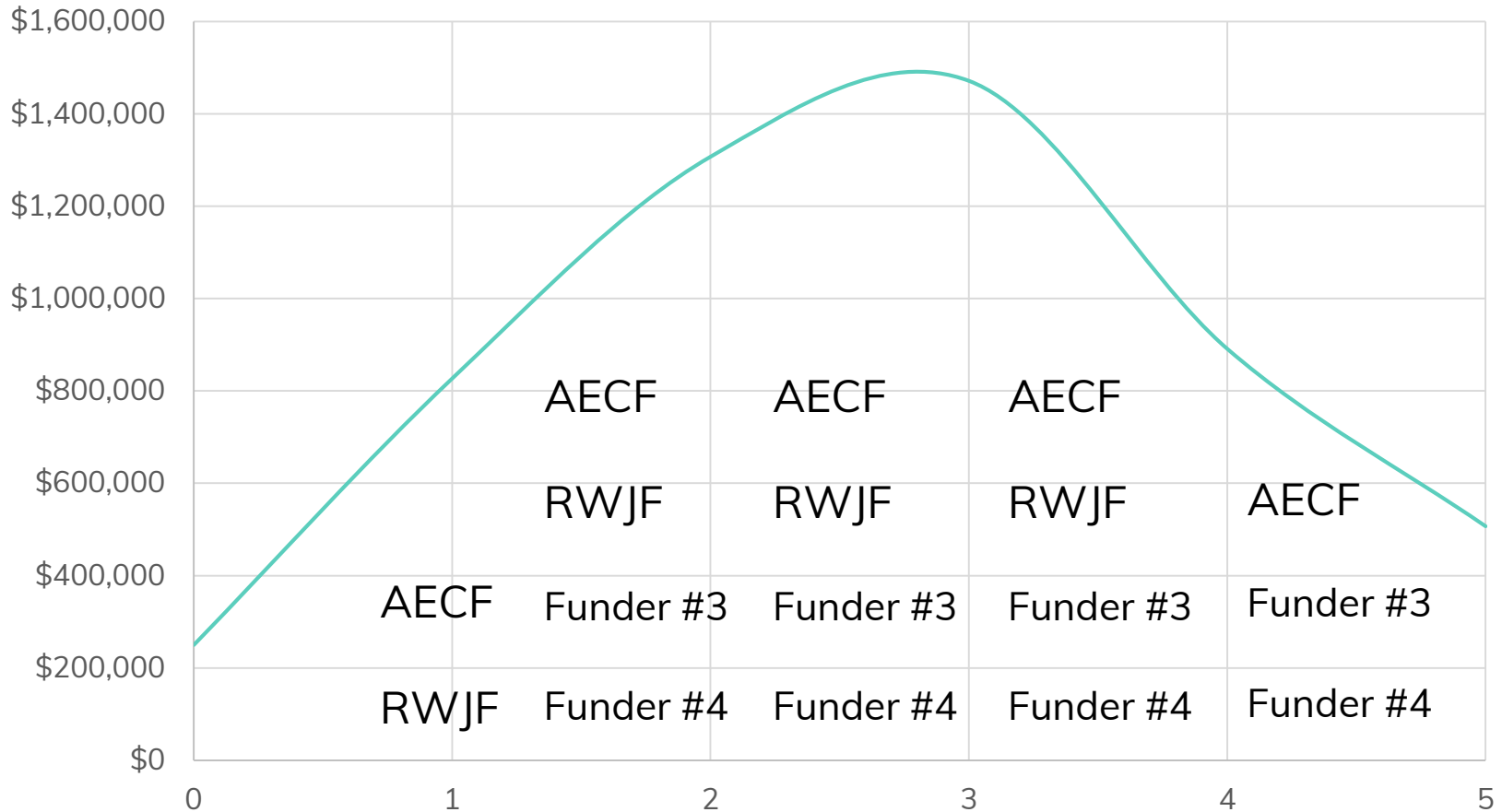
Panel

- Blu Lewis, Our Data Bodies
- Sue Gallagher, Broward Data Collaborative
- Bridget Blount, Baltimore's Promise

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Questions?

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