

“Power, properly understood, is the ability to achieve purpose.

It is the strength required to bring about social, political, or economic changes.

In this sense power is not only desirable but necessary in order to implement the demands of love and justice.”

-Martin Luther King Jr., 1967



Capacity to Act = Power

Three Arenas of Power

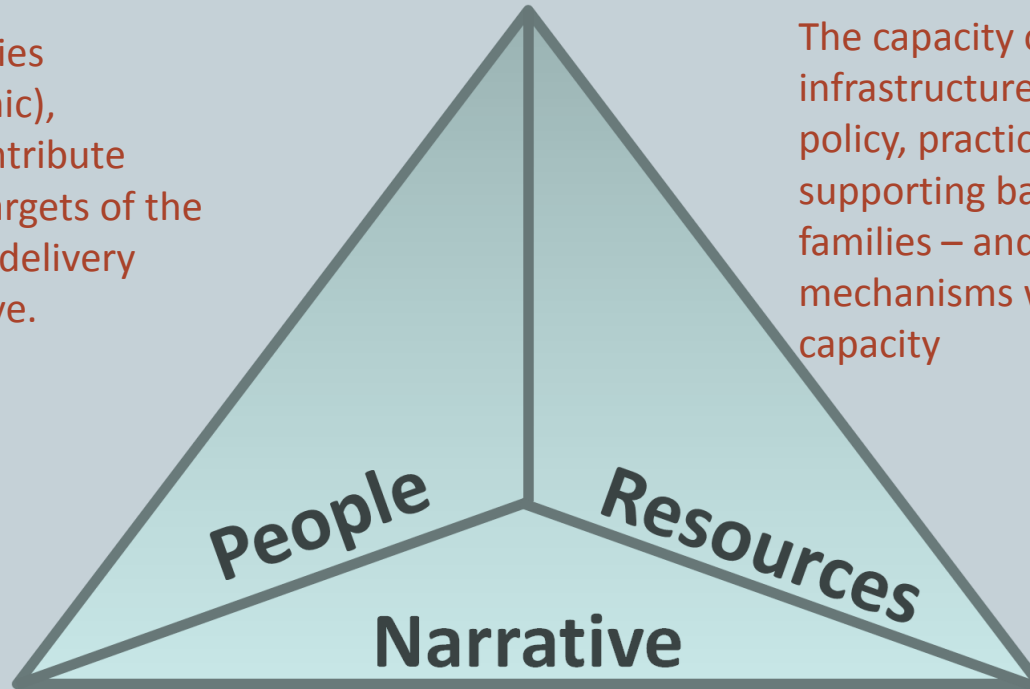
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Definition:

Individuals, communities (cultural and geographic), policy makers who contribute to the narrative, are targets of the narrative, and are the delivery system for the narrative.

Definition:

The capacity of local and state infrastructure to contribute to policy, practice, and processes supporting babies, toddlers, and families – and the funding mechanisms which support this capacity



Definition:

A story that when told in many different ways can shift public consciousness and change what is possible

Intersections

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- Align the narrative-build public understanding and public will.
- Directly impact decision makers, develop relationships, and align interests.
- Identify the resources and infrastructure-the way systems and processes are structured and funded and how they could be linked at the community and state levels.

Tools for building/expanding our narrative

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- Science/Research: healthy development, life-course health, building brains, adverse childhood experiences, social determinants of health, health equity, and more
- Healthy Minnesota 2020 and Adverse Childhood Experiences in Minnesota
- Statewide Community Dialogues
- Prenatal to Three Framework
- First data pull: 9 indicators from the Framework disaggregated by race/ethnicity
- Raising of America and Harvard Center on the Developing Child
- Loud and quiet conversations

A Healthy Start for Minnesota Children:

Supporting opportunities for life-long health

Public Understanding

Build awareness and urgency about the importance and unique opportunity of the prenatal to three time period to positively affect long-term health and well-being.

Health in All Policies

Support cross-sector policies that promote health and well-being for babies, toddlers, and their families where they live, grow, learn, work, and play.

Community Innovation

Build the capacity of communities (cultural and geographic) to take action to create healthy futures for babies, toddlers, and their families.



Safe, Stable, Nurturing Relationships & Environments

Promote healthy child and family development by prioritizing strategies that enhance relationships among parents, caregivers and children.

Social & Economic Security

Assure opportunities for a healthy start for babies, toddlers and their families by eliminating racial, social, and economic barriers to positive growth and development.



Every Minnesota child, prenatal to age 3 years, will thrive in their family and community and achieve their full potential regardless of their race, where they live, or their family's income.