

**ZERO TO FIVE**

A blue silhouette of a person is shown climbing a rope, positioned between the words 'TO' and 'FIVE' in the 'ZERO TO FIVE' text.

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Zero to Five is a multi-year strategic initiative focused on building resiliency for Montana's youngest children. Launched in 2018 with seed funding from the Headwaters Foundation, Zero to Five is a community-led effort made up of local collaboratives and a central program office working together to improve the lives of children and their families.

# Zero to Five Initiative Partners



Center for Children,  
Families and Workforce

- Strengths in Research & Policy
- Data, Resources and Training Expertise



ChildWise / Intermountain

- ACES expertise
- Connections to local coalitions
- Experienced trainers



Healthy Mothers  
Healthy Babies

- Strong coordinator for early childhood coalitions
- Statewide data project
- Stakeholder credibility

# Zero to Five Focus Areas



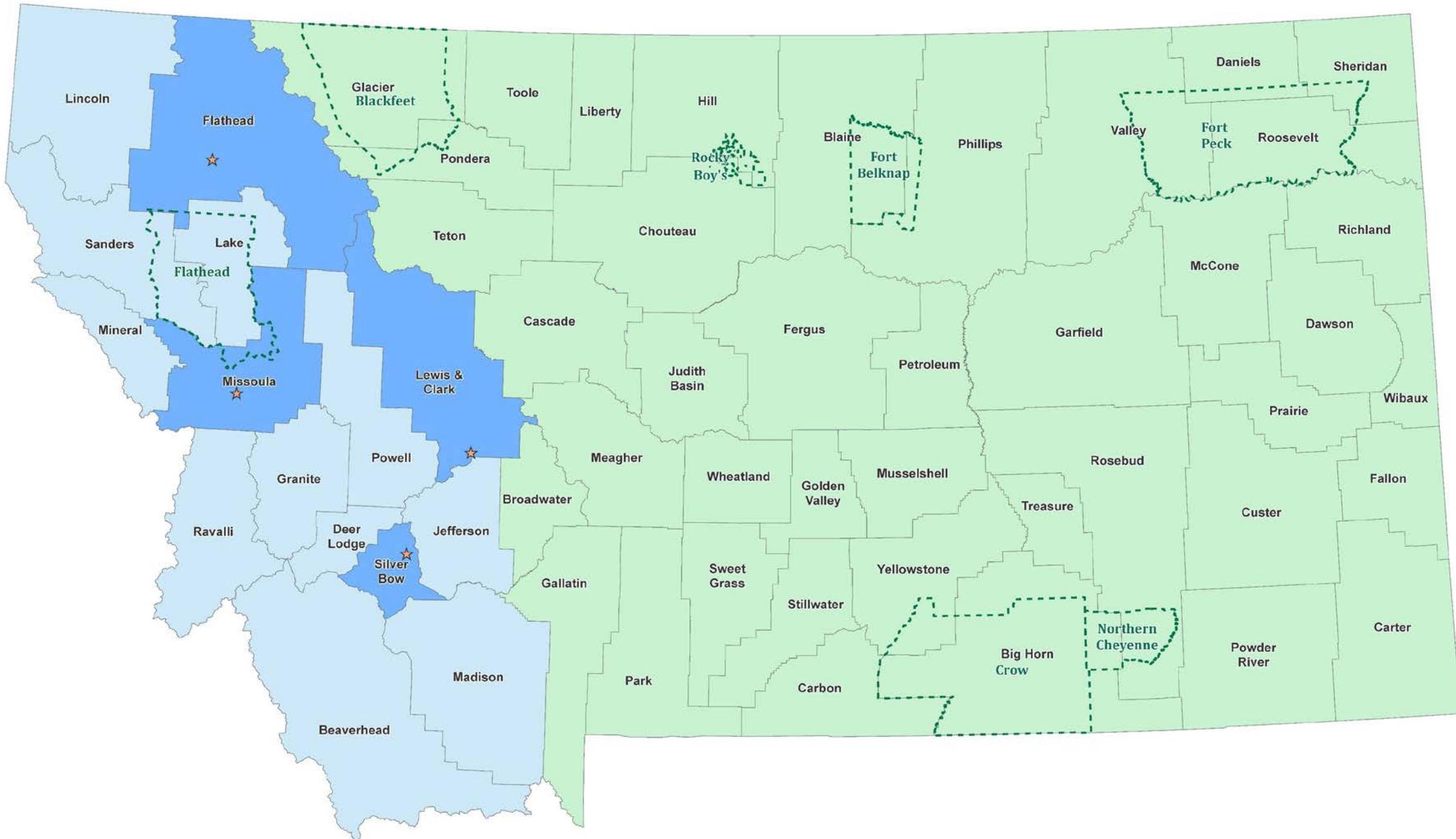
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Readiness



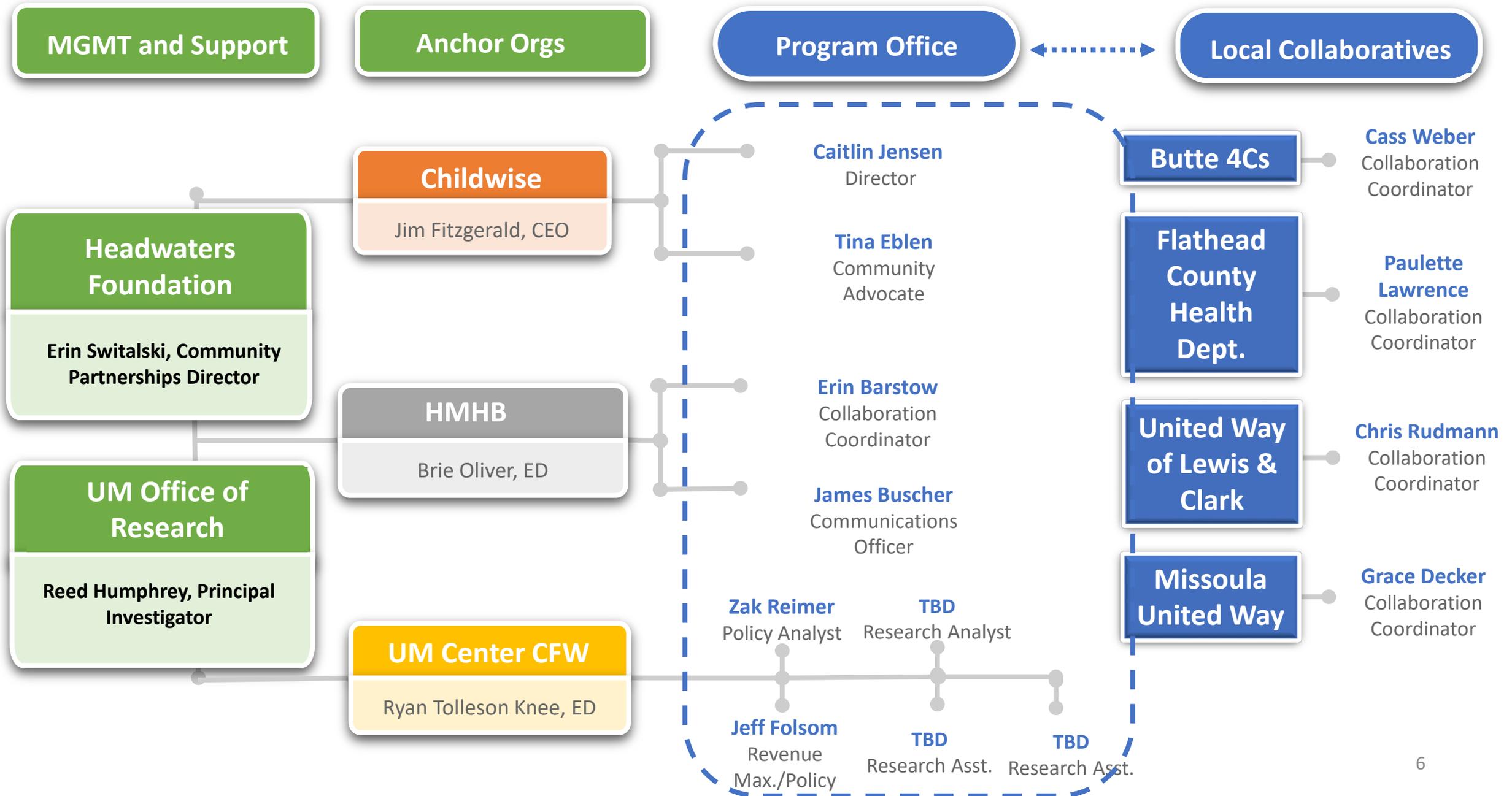
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Parenting



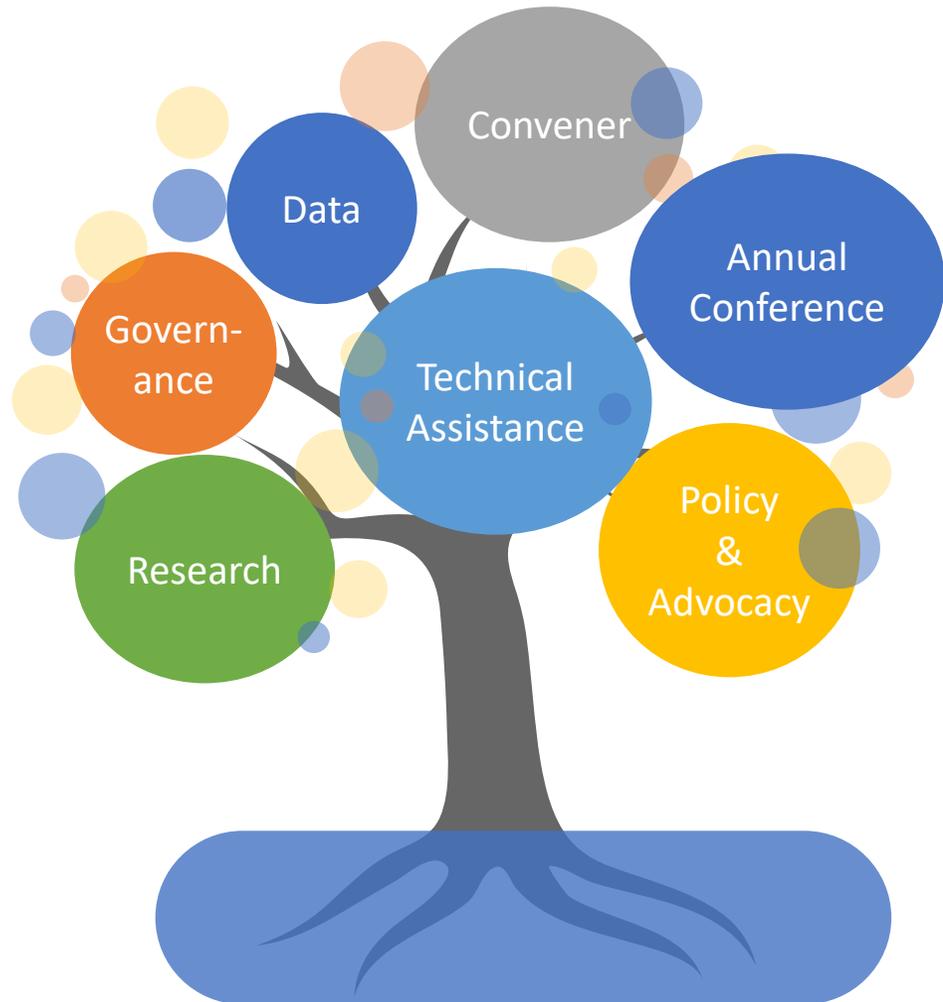
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Pregnancies



# Zero to Five Initiative Organizational Chart



# Zero to Five Program Office Supports (Statewide)



## ● Convener

- Build Collaborative Network
- Support networking

## ● Governance

- Coordination of initiative
- Manage statewide partners

## ● Data Shop

- House MT 0-5 data system
- Technical Assistance

## ● Policy & Advocacy

- Tracking statewide policy
- Policy idea development
- Educate policy makers

## ● TA

- Support needs of partners
- Provide trainings

## ● Research

- Develop resources
- Create knowledge base

## ● Conference

- Organize annual MT statewide conference on children 0-5 issues
- Introduction of speakers & best practices

# Zero to Five Initiative to Support Communities



Invest in locally driven multi-sector collaboratives ; working to address healthy pregnancy, resilient parenting and school readiness.

## Framework

- Anchor organization
- Common Agenda
- Common Data / Success Measures
- Workplan & SMART Objectives
- Governance
- Integrated with existing early childhood coalitions

## Principles

- Multi-sector participation
- Upstream focus
- Vulnerable populations prioritized & engaged
- Addressing policy and systems change
- Systems leaders engaged