



STAMFORD
Cradle to CAREER

VISION All youth succeed in education, career, and life.

MISSION To collectively align community resources to ensure equity and excellence in education, for every child, from cradle to career.

“The rate of educational improvement will accelerate, particularly for students living in poverty, if the numerous service providers in a community delivering programs from “cradle to career” work together and in partnership with the school district to align their activities around a set of agreed-upon goals, use metrics to make decisions and evaluate progress, and identify and implement best practices.”

- Allen Grossman, Harvard Business School



Successful Children, Thriving Community.

Stamford Cradle to Career (SC2C) is a Collective Impact initiative that is implementing the nationally recognized StriveTogether Framework in creating a community-wide partnership. The overarching goal of SC2C is to collectively align resources to ensure that all youth succeed in education, career, and life because successful children lead to a vibrant and thriving community. United Way of Western Connecticut is serving as the Anchor Entity providing backbone support for SC2C, and we are committed to the five conditions for collective success defined by StriveTogether Cradle to Career Network:

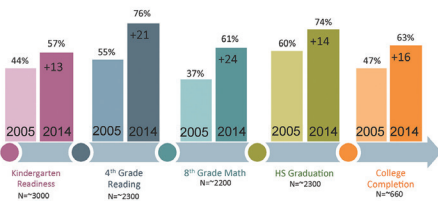
1. Common Agenda
2. Shared Measurement
3. Mutually Reinforcing Activities
4. Continuous Communication
5. Backbone Support Organization

Does it Work?

Percent of Students Improving Outcomes Since Baseline Year



- Prepared for school
- Supported in and out of school
- Succeeds academically
- Enrolls in college
- Graduates and enters career



Note: This chart reflects trends from the baseline year to the current year for the partnership's largest district and postsecondary institution, generally representative of the urban core geographic scope.

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Example: Cincinnati's results in five key education indicators are encouraging and show that with the right level of commitment, success is attainable.

KEY OUTCOME AREAS:

Stamford Cradle to Career will focus on six outcome areas along the cradle to career continuum that are proven to be key factors in determining a child's future success:

CHILDREN ARE BORN HEALTHY AND ENTER SCHOOL READY TO READ AND SUCCEED

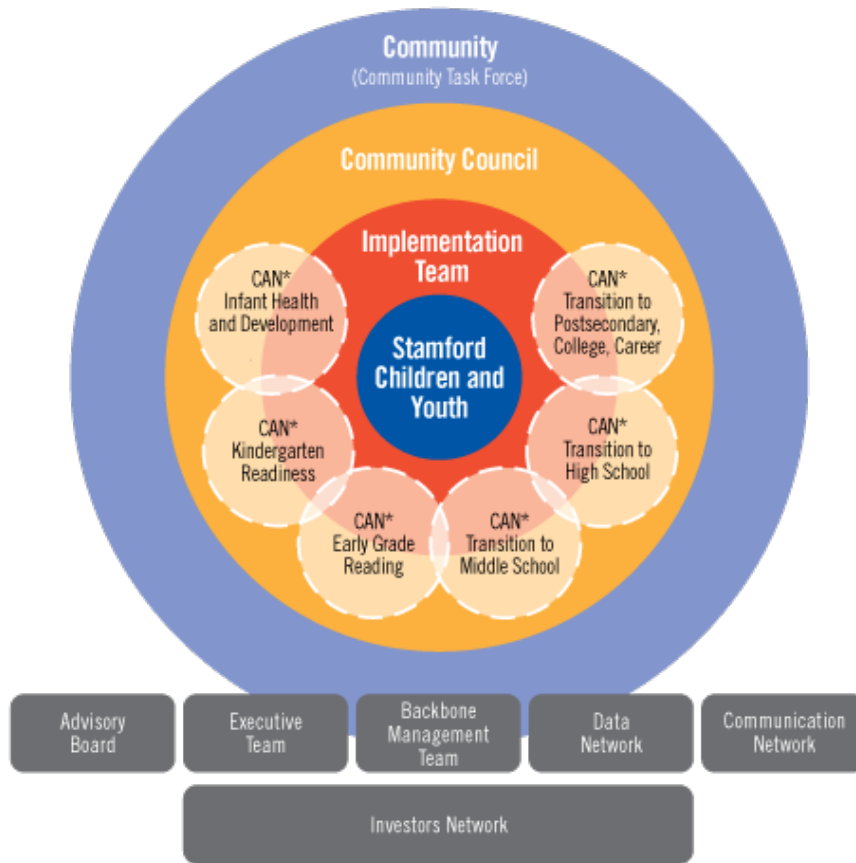
- Outcome #1: Infant Health and Development
- Outcome #2: Kindergarten Readiness
- Outcome #3: Early Grade Reading

YOUTH MAKE SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS FROM SCHOOL TO COLLEGE AND/OR CAREERS

- Outcome #4: Transition to Middle School
- Outcome #5: Transition to High School
- Outcome #6: Transition to Postsecondary college and career



STAMFORD CRADLE TO CAREER ACCOUNTABILITY STRUCTURE



STAMFORD ACHIEVEMENT GAP IS ALIGNED WITH WEALTH GAP

Population: **125,401**
 Public Schools Enrollment: **16,046**
 Poverty Rate: **9.9%**
 Free/Reduced Lunch: **54%**

The achievement gap of over 30% between free or reduced lunch students and those who are on regular priced lunch on reading proficiency measures continues to widen with age.

GET INVOLVED

As a community leader, you are invited to participate in this important initiative and join business leaders, practitioners, policymakers, and funders who recognize the urgency to do things differently with more accountability. Help us become part of the solution for our children’s future. We can make collaboration a reality, promote a culture of continuous improvement and align our resources with what works based on data.

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BACKBONE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY



OUR PARTNERS

- 100 Black Men
- Abilis
- All Our Kin
- Boys & Girls Club of Stamford
- Building One Community
- Business Council of Fairfield County
- Charter Oak Communities
- Child Health and Development Institute of CT
- Child Guidance Center of Southern CT
- Children’s Learning Centers of Fairfield County
- City of Stamford, Office of the Mayor
- Community Health Center, Inc.
- CT General Assembly
- CT Parent Power
- Domus
- East Side Partnership
- Exchange Club Parenting Skills Center
- Fairfield County’s Community Foundation
- Family Centers
- Ferguson Public Library
- First Presbyterian Church Nursery School
- Future 5
- Harvard Business School CT Community Partners
- Horizons at New Canaan Country School
- Inspirica
- Interfaith Council
- Kids In Crisis
- Medical Home Initiative, Southwest CT
- NAACP
- Norwalk Community College
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Office of Economic Development
- Optimus Healthcare
- Parent Teacher Council, Stamford Public Schools
- Person-to-Person
- ROSCCO
- Sacred Heart University
- Saint Joseph Parenting Center
- Stamford Board of Education
- Stamford Board of Representatives
- Stamford Chamber of Commerce
- Stamford Charter School of Excellence
- Stamford Department of Social Services
- Stamford Family YMCA
- Stamford Food Collaborative
- Stamford Health Department
- Stamford Hospital
- Stamford Partnership
- Stamford Police Department
- Stamford Public Education Foundation
- Stamford Public Schools
- Stamford School Readiness Council
- Stamford Youth Bureau
- University of Connecticut
- Women’s Mentoring Network
- Yale University

INVESTORS NETWORK

- Connecticut Department of Labor
- General Electric
- Genworth
- Grossman Family Foundation
- Pitney Bowes
- Purdue Pharma

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