

# The StriveTogether Cradle to Career Network spans:

64  
communities in

27  
states



The network reaches  
**13 million**

including  
8 million  
children of color

Nearly  
**1 in 5**  
of all youth  
experiencing  
poverty in the U.S.



## Building stronger futures, together

StriveTogether is the nation's largest network of place-based partnerships. Place-based partnerships connect nonprofits, businesses, schools, philanthropy and more, bringing together neighbors to build a stronger future for their community.

Cradle to Career Network members change the way their communities work together by building connections, sharing resources and using data to put more young people on a path to economic mobility. This work strengthens a community's civic infrastructure — the way a community comes together to hold itself collectively accountable for supporting young people.

Together, we help young people meet cradle-to-career milestones so that they have the opportunities they need to reach their goals, and, ultimately, thrive.

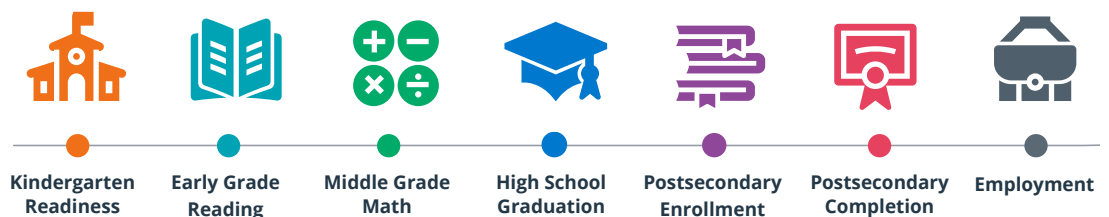
<sup>1</sup>The Annie E. Casey Foundation (2012). <sup>2</sup>U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (2021). <sup>3</sup>Northeastern University (2020)

## A path to economic mobility

Our network members get better results for youth from cradle to career, measuring key milestones to track their progress.

These seven milestones are critical steps on the path to economic mobility. For instance, when students have what they need to be proficient in reading by the end of third grade, they're four times more likely to complete high school.<sup>1</sup> Individuals supported to complete high school earn about 23% more than individuals who don't graduate.<sup>2</sup> And for each level of education reached after high school, earning potential increases.<sup>3</sup>

### The Cradle-to-Career Continuum



Watch our **video**.



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Every child. Cradle to career.

## Our approach: The Theory of Action™

Continually evolving with lessons from the network, the **StriveTogether Theory of Action™** is a proven framework for building civic infrastructure and transforming the systems that shape opportunity.

### Challenge

### StriveTogether Theory of Action™ Solution

Working on symptoms, not root causes



**Shared community vision:** Communities come together around common goals and shift policies, practices, resources and power structures.

Lack of clarity about what's working or how to scale



**Evidence-based decision making:** Data gives communities insights to improve strategies and make smarter investments.

Working in silos



**Collaborative action:** Community leaders work together using data to change practices and policies to support youth.

Searching for silver bullet solutions



**Investment and sustainability:** Communities use data to allocate resources for the greatest impact.

## StriveTogether Cradle to Career Network

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| <p><b>ALABAMA</b><br/>Bold Goals Education Coalition, Birmingham</p>       | <p><b>COLORADO</b><br/>Rocky Mountain Partnership, Thornton</p>            | <p><b>MASSACHUSETTS</b><br/>Opportunity Boston, Boston</p>                | <p><b>MISSISSIPPI</b><br/>Delta Health Alliance, Stoneville</p>               | <p><b>OHIO</b><br/>Learn to Earn Dayton, Dayton</p>                         | <p><b>UTAH</b><br/>Promise Partnership Utah, Salt Lake City</p>                   |
| <p><b>ARIZONA</b><br/>Cradle to Career Partnership, Tucson</p>             | <p><b>CONNECTICUT</b><br/>Bridgeport Prospers, Bridgeport</p>              | <p><b>MARYLAND</b><br/>Baltimore's Promise, Baltimore</p>                 | <p><b>NORTH CAROLINA</b><br/>Forsyth Family Power, Winston-Salem</p>          | <p>Summit Education Initiative, Akron</p>                                   | <p><b>WASHINGTON</b><br/>Eastside Pathways, Bellevue</p>                          |
| <p><b>CALIFORNIA</b><br/>Bright Futures Education Partnership, Salinas</p> | <p>Danbury Collective, Danbury</p>   | <p><b>MICHIGAN</b><br/>Flint Center for Educational Excellence, Flint</p> | <p>shift_ed, Greensboro</p>   | <p><b>OKLAHOMA</b><br/>ImpactTulsa, Tulsa</p>                               | <p>Elevate, Walla Walla</p>   |
| <p>Cradle to Career Fresno County, Fresno</p>                              | <p>Norwalk ACTS, Norwalk</p>   | <p>KConnect, Grand Rapids</p>   | <p>United for Youth, Asheville</p>  | <p><b>OREGON</b><br/>All Hands Raised, Portland</p>                         | <p>Yakima Valley Partners for Education, Toppenish</p>                            |
| <p>Growing Inland Achievement, Redlands</p>                                | <p>Stamford Cradle to Career, Stamford</p>                                 | <p><b>MINNESOTA</b><br/>Austin Aspires, Austin</p>                        | <p><b>NEBRASKA</b><br/>Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, Lincoln</p> | <p>Better Together Central Oregon, Redmond</p>                              | <p><b>WISCONSIN</b><br/>Achieve Brown County, Green Bay</p>                       |
| <p>Hayward Promise Neighborhood, Hayward</p>                               | <p>Waterbury Bridge to Success Partnership, Waterbury</p>                  | <p>Children First/Park Partnership for Success, St. Louis Park</p>        | <p><b>NEW JERSEY</b><br/>Brick Education Network, Newark</p>                  | <p><b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b><br/>Spartanburg Academic Movement, Spartanburg</p> | <p>Building Our Future, Kenosha Higher Expectations for Racine County, Racine</p> |
| <p>Marin Promise Partnership, San Rafael</p>                               | <p><b>GEORGIA</b><br/>Learn4Life, Atlanta</p>                              | <p>Cradle 2 Career, Rochester</p>   | <p><b>NEW YORK</b><br/>Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet, Poughkeepsie</p>      | <p><b>TENNESSEE</b><br/>Chattanooga 2.0, Chattanooga</p>                    | <p>Milwaukee Succeeds, Milwaukee</p>  |
| <p>Mission Promise Neighborhood, San Francisco</p>                         | <p>Generation Next, Minneapolis</p>  | <p>Northfield Promise, Northfield</p>                                     | <p>ROC the Future Alliance, Rochester</p>                                     | <p>Seeding Success, Memphis</p>   |   |
| <p>Oakland Promise, Oakland</p>  | <p><b>IOWA</b><br/>Aligned Impact Muscatine County, Muscatine</p>          | <p>Northside Achievement Zone, Minneapolis</p>                            | <p>Say Yes Buffalo, Buffalo</p>   | <p><b>TEXAS</b><br/>E3 Alliance, Austin</p>                                 |   |
| <p>Stanislaus Cradle to Career Partnership, Modesto</p>                    | <p><b>INDIANA</b><br/>Cradle to Career Muncie, Muncie</p>                  | <p>RiseUp Partnership, Red Wing</p>                                       | <p>United for Brownsville, Brooklyn</p>                                       | <p>Good Reason Houston, Houston</p>   | <p>The Commit Partnership, Dallas</p>   |
|  | <p><b>KENTUCKY</b><br/>Appalachian Cradle to Career Partnership, Berea</p> | <p>St. Paul Promise Neighborhood, Saint Paul</p>                          | <p>Wayne County Community Schools, Sodus</p>                                  | <p>UP Partnership, San Antonio</p>  |   |
|  |  | <p>United Way of Central Minnesota, St. Cloud</p>                         |   |   |   |