

Standard Bio

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Jennifer Blatz is the CEO of StriveTogether, a national network of community organizations that bring together neighbors, including youth and families, nonprofits, employers, schools and more, to work toward a future where youth can thrive.

Jennifer is a nationally recognized leader and expert in building place-based partnerships to improve outcomes for youth from cradle to career. For more than two decades, she has designed, developed and implemented strategies that drive large-scale community improvement through partnership with local leaders and organizations.

At StriveTogether, Jennifer was instrumental in launching the national Cradle to Career Network and creating the StriveTogether Theory of Action™. She led the development of the organization's current strategic plan with a bold vision of 4 million more futures on a path to economic mobility by 2030. Under Jennifer's leadership, StriveTogether was named a global Social Innovator of the Year by the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship, an honor she accepted at the 2024 World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos.

Before leading StriveTogether, Jennifer was a founding member of StrivePartnership, serving Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Through her contributions, StrivePartnership became one of the most notable collective impact initiatives in the country. Jennifer began her career in the education sector. As executive director of Ohio College Access Network, she led a network of community-based programs focused on improving access to and attainment of postsecondary education.

Jennifer's work has been published in the Stanford Social Innovation Review, Social Innovations Journal, The Hechinger Report and The 74, among others. She serves as on the boards of Partners for Rural Impact and Raising A Reader. Jennifer has been named a YWCA of Greater Cincinnati Rising Star and one of Cincinnati Business Courier's "Forty Under 40" and "Women Who Mean Business."

Jennifer holds a bachelor's in English from University of Kentucky and a Master of Science in college student personnel from Miami University. She lives in Hebron, Kentucky, with her husband and three children.

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