

A Cradle to Career Education Partnership requires the support and commitment from all types of partners, from influential executives to the grass-roots community. Ensuring every child is able to succeed truly takes the whole community and one of the first steps is building a Leadership Table.

The Leadership Table is a formalized group of executive level members of the organizations participating in the Partnership. This group is charged with setting the overall strategy for the Partnership, committing organizational/institutional resources to see that the right work gets done, and breaking down political or organizational barriers that inhibit the system from working effectively. This group must include representation from the K-12, higher education, philanthropic, and business sectors and may include other sectors such as: early learning, non-profit, civic, community and faith-based.

When thinking through the types of representation needed at the Leadership Table, it is helpful to consider what leaders in each sector that have control, influence, expertise and/or action.

<b>Sectors:</b>	<b>Control</b> (over resources/ strategies required to move the work)	<b>Influence</b> (in the community or resources & decision makers)	<b>Expertise</b> (in a certain area of the education continuum)	<b>Action</b> (willing to dedicate time and resources to the Partnership)
<b>Education – K-12</b>				
<b>Education – Higher Ed</b>				
<b>Philanthropy</b>				
<b>Business</b>				
Nonprofit				
Civic				
Education – Early Learning				
Community				
Faith-based				