8 million students,
ONE VISION

StriveTogether
Every child. Cradle to career.
Improving the lives of children and families in communities across America

*StriveTogether* believes in helping every child succeed, from cradle to career. We lead a national movement to improve education in 70 communities across America. With partners who share this vision, we work together on building a more equitable and inclusive world for every child.

The *StriveTogether* approach is the single most powerful driver of our work. It frames our strategic planning and budget; it focuses our personnel practices; it stabilizes our structure and funding; it shapes our collective engagements. And the StriveTogether staff is there to coach and encourage through every benchmark along the way.”

*John C. Stockwell*
Spartanburg Academic Movement, Executive Director
Together, we can change a child’s world

StriveTogether works with a national network of communities to create stronger systems of support for major milestones in a child’s life. Pursuing the bold changes needed means doing whatever it takes to identify and close gaps in academic achievement by race, income, gender and zip code.

StriveTogether provides coaching, connections and resources to members in the StriveTogether Cradle to Career Network. We help local partnerships find and solve problems with data; use a rigorous approach to define and measure progress; and push people on changing behavior to create lasting change. Together, we strive to create better systems of opportunity that truly benefit every child, cradle to career.

No single person, program or provider can solve the challenges our children face in achieving their full potential. Since launching nationally in 2010, StriveTogether has learned a great deal about what it takes for communities to achieve educational results at scale.

**Shared accountability**
StriveTogether communities bring together a wide range of groups committed to student success — not just families, teachers and schools, but also businesses, civic organizations, nonprofits and investors — that adopt shared goals and hold each other accountable for getting results.

**An unwavering focus on data and improvement**
Our nationally recognized approach supports communities in collecting and using local data and information to improve practices every day. It also helps partners identify and close gaps by race, gender, income and other factors to support the needs of marginalized and vulnerable learners.

**Practice and policy shifts across systems**
Current efforts to scale and spread effective practices are insufficient. We must combine practice-level work with bolder strategies, including policy change. Working to fix systems — or in some cases, rebuild them — opens the path to economic mobility for children and families.
Creating better systems of opportunity

What is a cradle-to-career partnership?

A cradle-to-career partnership is the local coordinating body that organizes the efforts of everyone who works to support the success of every child, ensuring the initiative has impact and maintains momentum. The people involved include school staff; local nonprofit, business and faith leaders; investors; other professionals in the field; and students and their families.

Better systems for better outcomes has always been at the center of this work, but making explicit our focus on equity has never felt more urgent or important. Starting in the classroom and extending to health care, housing, public safety and transportation, children must be given the support and resources needed to reach their full potential. Our role is dismantling obstacles to opportunity and being smarter in how we partner with every sector to improve outcomes for every child.

Roadmap to success
A rigorous approach to getting results

Communities in the StriveTogether Cradle to Career Network work across different sectors and systems to improve practices through rigorous use of data. With a proven approach, track record of progress and national presence, we help people across the country change how they work every day at every level — as individuals, organizations and systems.

Why partner with StriveTogether?
When you get involved with the StriveTogether Cradle to Career Network, you become part of a national movement that reaches 8 million students, involves 10,000 organizations and has partners in 32 states and Washington, D.C. Communities using our approach have seen measurable gains in kindergarten readiness, early grade reading and postsecondary success, as well as systems change.

Local cradle-to-career partnerships have achieved some extraordinary results:

In **Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio**, community partners mobilized voters to generate nearly $20 million to increase access to quality preschool.

In **Tacoma, Washington**, the local partnership and school district partners changed policies to ensure qualified students automatically were enrolled in advanced placement classes, increasing the number of low-income and minority students in them.

In **Dallas, Texas**, the local partnership, with school districts, colleges and AT&T, launched a text-message reminder and individualized counseling program that helped lead to a 14 percent gain in college enrollment for participating Black and Hispanic males.

In **Albany, New York**, the local partnership worked with the state Medicaid system through a pilot program to reward pediatricians with higher payments if their patients enter kindergarten healthy and ready to learn.
StriveTogether has established a data-driven model of social change that brings together all kinds of local leaders to disrupt long-obsolete systems. It is succeeding where so many other ‘school reform’ efforts have failed — at getting results.”

Ben Hecht
Living Cities, President and CEO

Real change starts with you

Join us in our national movement to measurably improve the lives of children and families.

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