



CU Cradle2Career

Pathways to Success for Every Student



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“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant” – Robert Louis Stevenson

New Members Community Council

Ardmore Associates
Jodi Kimball

Center for Community
Adaptation, LLC
Mike Royse

Champaign County Mental
Health Board
Shandra Summerville

Don Moyers Boys & Girls
Club
Sam Banks

Human Assets International
Carol Packard

Rosecrance
Nicole Sikora

“If you want a harvest in one year, grow a crop. If you want a harvest in ten years, grow trees. If you want a harvest that will last a lifetime, grow people.”
-- Chinese Proverb



Many see “harvest” as an outcome, like a jar of applesauce. Yet a Kelly jar of applesauce is the fruit of dad tending the tree all year long, children cranking cooked apples through a sieve; and friends working alongside so they can take a quart of golden brown deliciousness home.

As good as my grandma’s applesauce is, the *fruits* of the process last much longer. So it is with CUC2C. Whether it is a team update, the number of current members or the simple fact that over 340 people are receiving this newsletter means there has been increased education, trust-building, and collaboration both inside and outside of team activities.

A dwarf apple tree takes 2-4 years to bear viable fruit. At three years of age, the CUC2C orchard is on track to maturity. Our first tree, Kindergarten Readiness, is showing viable fruit. Workforce Readiness and Community Engagement have apples forming, Support for Academic Success is in its first flower, and the Community Council team is planted and growing.

However, to become a *mature orchard*, CUC2C must focus on sustainability and increasing its capacity, especially in measurement, before the final two goal team trees are planted. So, get ready to roll up those sleeves because all hands are needed for the 2017 growing season.

With much gratitude to all – Lee Ann and Denise

The Way of the Future?

What does a 21st century education look like? Many education circles believe it is “Competency-Based” education. Competency-based education *measures learning rather than time*. Students progress as they demonstrate their competence--proving that they have mastered the knowledge and skills for that subject. So a student could be “ahead” in English while catching up in Math.

The Dept. of Education believes this type of learning leads to better student engagement and outcomes because the pace of learning is customized to each student as the content is relevant to the student and is tailored to his or her unique needs, and (2) better outcomes because the pace of learning is customized to each student. This is why some call this “personalized learning.”

For more information, check out:
http://www.competencyworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/INCL_CW1IssueBrief_Implementing_v5_web.pdf

<http://www.ed.gov/oii-news/competency-based-learning-or-personalized-learning>

CREDIT-HOUR FOCUS ON TEACHING	COMPETENCY-BASED FOCUS ON LEARNING
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Stayed tuned for the date of our final 2016 meeting where (a) You and a colleague you bring can enjoy a continental breakfast; (b) You can get all “caught-up on CUC2C; and (c) Your friend can choose to “peel-off” for an introductory session. Please RSVP once we send you the date and location email.



If you know Excel, you can help with the over 1000 surveys the SAS team has. Even ONE hour would be great.

Database Developer: Need someone with experience in Excel or Access who can create high-level formulas and tools for the development of a complex data base. Contact:

Volunteer coordinator: work with teams when they need volunteers for events. Approximately 3 hours/month.

To help, please contact:
Lee Ann Kelly at:
Lkelly@cucradle2career.org.

Mark the Date!
Our 1st Annual Meeting and release of our 1st Community Report Card

Thursday, January 12th



4:30pm – 6:00pm
Parkland College
Don't Miss it!

“To the world you may be one person;
but to one person you may be the world.”

dr. Seuss

Team Updates

Kindergarten Readiness Team (KR)

Amanda York, from Developmental Services Center, has begun to bring “Baby Talk Newborn Encounters” to Carle post-partum families. This early contact with families should enable more families to recognize and access intervention services and resources much earlier, hence improving child outcomes.

CUC2C, the Community Coalition, United Way, and both school districts sponsored a “Walk as One” event in September. 400 families with children under age six received Kindergarten Readiness bags; high density poverty areas were selected. Another 100 bags were delivered to Rantoul and Mahomet schools.

53 families have attended the two fall “READY! 4 Kindergarten” workshops. The classes are grouped by the age of the child (0-1, 3-4, 4-5 this year) so parents receive “real time” info and learn how to use the toolkits provided to increase the social-emotional development of their children. Additionally, KR is enhancing the home visitation programs of CU Early and Head Start by training staff and providing READY! for Kindergarten tool kits for each family visited. An estimated 70 families will have additional incentive to “talk, read, play” with their children.

Workforce Readiness (WFR)

WFR is working with the Community Coalitions and both school districts to develop a “community case” for youth employment in general, align all existing summer youth employment programs, aka SYEP (5 identified thus far) and expand opportunities for 2017. Input welcomed; contact:
lauraw@champaigncounty.org

Support for Academic Success (SAS)

The SAS team devised and collected parent surveys during Urbana centralized registration. Unit 4 surveys will be administered at Parent-Teacher Conferences (also available in French and Spanish). Meanwhile, all faculty/staff in both districts will have the opportunity to take a skills/gaps survey the week of Nov. 7th. The team is starting to review national research so they can be ready to determine what strategies will best address the identified gaps and barriers.

Community Engagement

Have set up radio and TV spots over the next two months. The last two informational coffees have been extremely successful in recruiting new members!



Shout Out!

- Reynold’s Towing Company for providing a meal both summers to Kindergarten Family camp, sorry we overlooked you!
- Steve Keepes-England and the Kindergarten Team at Bottenfield Elementary School for putting on their 1st Family Kindergarten Camp in August 2016.
- Bottenfield PTA for putting Kindergarten Camp in their budget for August 2017!
- Kate Ross for designing the READY! for Kindergarten flyer.
- CU Early and Champaign Head Start for signing on to bring READY! for Kindergarten to their home visitation program.
- To all the CUC2C partners who helped distribute the READY! for Kindergarten flyers!
- Mrs. Dietz, Champaign Central High School teacher, and her wonderful AVID and Interact students who volunteered for child care for our READY! for Kindergarten program.
- All the great volunteers who participated in the Walk as One 2016!
- Brittany Black for coordinating and working on our READY! for Kindergarten Facebook Groups for parents.