



# CU Cradle2Career

Pathways to Success for Every Student



APRIL 29, 2016

WWW.CUCRADLE2CAREER.ORG

**Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid” –**  
*Albert Einstein*

### **New Members Community Council**

Community Member  
*Gerri Kirchner*

Community Member  
*Lisa Perry*

State Representative  
Carol Ammons Office  
*Michelle Jett*

UI Extension  
*Alvarez Dixon*

UI Office of MSTE  
*George Reese*

### **Support for Academic Success (SAS)**

Anchor Entity:  
CU Schools Foundation  
*Molly Delaney*

Co-Facilitators:  
Champaign Unit 4  
*Judy Wiegand*  
Urbana School District  
*Jennifer Ivory-Tatum*

### **Current Team Members**

Alpha Kappa Alpha  
*Dionne Webster*

Busey Bank  
*Caitlin Drake*

Champaign Federation of  
Teachers  
*Lisa Milkereit*  
*Jen White*



Ever sat at a table with people you didn't even know 4 weeks ago, who look at life very differently, and had to solve a complex problem? A recipe for disaster, right? Yet, we walk out of team meetings walking on air. *Why? True collaboration energizes.* By increasing creativity/learning, building trust, teaching conflict resolution and promoting ownership, our complementary strengths become synergized and the teamwork produces outcomes unanticipated 90 minutes before. *How?* To mix metaphors, we eat the elephant "one bite at a time" while building a force bigger than the shark.

This is what we want our children and our community to experience—the kind of teamwork that gives that taste of accomplishment and motivates us to work even harder. It may be a big ocean, yet we are more confident with you on our team. Thank you. Denise and Lee Ann.

Kids can't wait for the water slides. "Summer Slide", though, refers to summer learning loss. All students tend to forget some math over the summer. However, students who don't read daily or lack access to books backtrack even further – especially low-income students...and all students are impacted when the teacher must spend 3-4 weeks of the new school year in review instead of engaging in new material.



The Good News? If low-income students have educational opportunities, they actually learn more than their higher income peers. Playing a part in the CUC2C's KR Summer Camp or other community programs *really can* make a difference for *all* of our children in the new school year.



**SAS Members (cont.)**

Champaign PTA Council  
*Cathy McArthur*

CU Area Project & NAACP  
*Patricia Avery*

Douglas Library  
*Amanda Raklovits*

Family Advocacy Center  
*Grace Mitchell*

Lead for Life  
*Javae Wright*

Ready School  
*Donna Kaufman*

TAP-In Academy  
*Sally Carter*

Unit 4 ACTIONS  
*Katie Ahsell*

Unit 4 ELL  
*Maria Alanis*

Unit 4-Novak Academy  
*Tony Maltbia*

Unit 4 Principal  
*Nicholas Gaines*

Unit 116 ELL  
*Lucia Maldinado*

University of Illinois  
*Sarah Zehr*

Urbana Education Assn.  
*Tracy Welch*

Urbana Middle School PTA  
*Asia Fuller Hamilton*

Volition & Mindful Teachers  
*Jason Scott*

Wolfram Research  
*Adriana Rose*

Youth & Family Peer Support  
Alliance  
*Regina Crider*



2015 KR Family camp touched 99 kids last summer when you include siblings.

Expanding to 3 sites this summer, means more of everything needed. If you alone, you and friends, or an organization you belong to can help, we need:

- MEALS (to serve 50 and we can advise you as to who to order from)
- Activity Bags—so the learning can continue at home
- Volunteers—come have fun with the siblings



For more info or to volunteer, please contact Patti Hood at [phood@cucradle2career.org](mailto:phood@cucradle2career.org)

**Goal Team: Support for Academic Success (SAS)**

20 cross-sector members have begun meeting. The “working” definition is: “Successful students”: ★ apply themselves towards their vision; ★ set personal and education goals; ★ push through setbacks; and, ★ take pleasure in progress made. It is the community’s responsibility to provide the students, families and schools access to the resources and opportunities necessary for student academic success.”

Next up is designing needs assessment surveys for teachers, parents and students.

**Goal Team: Kindergarten Readiness Team (KR)**



- 25 families with entering kindergartners in need of extra support have been coming to the READY! workshops this spring.



- Baby Talk (newborn families) is still in process and the media campaign is set for early fall.



- KR FAMILY CAMPS returns in JUNE! Preston Williams, B.T. Washington, and Garden Hill will host camp this summer for potentially 100 kindergartners.



**Goal Team: Workforce Readiness (WFR)**

Four subcommittees are moving the work forward: *Engaging Stakeholders, Solidifying Measurements, Gaining Understanding of Providers, and a K-12 Framework of Student Experiences.*

New WFR team members: Kelly Anderson, Lisa Benson, Alvarez Dixon, Jessica Simpson, & Javae Wright, Sr.

**Shout Out!**



- Hanna Park for designing and creating the “Baby Talk” brochure for our newborn encounters.
- Scott Pacey for designing and creating the Champaign County KR Camp Flyer for this year.
- Champaign Early Childhood and Booker T Washington for READY! locations.
- Lynn Bell, Nancy Gaylen, Amy Hayden, Julie Healy, Gwenna Pelz, and Lisa Perry for giving extra time and energy to READY! For Kindergarten.
- Central High School Interact Club and AVID students along with their teacher Elizabeth Dietz, who have spent many hours volunteering for child care at the READY! for Kindergarten pilot program.
- The Kelly Family, Susan Jepsen (and her family & friends), Reynolds Towing Service and CCRS for providing meals for the READY! families.
- Kyra Mitchell, our intern, for her hours of help.
- Brenda Eastham for her work on our website.

INTRIGUED? Learn more about CUC2C!



Wednesday, May 4  
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Community Foundation of ECI  
307 W. University Ave.  
Champaign

**“The strength of the team is each member. The strength of each member is the team.”**

*Phil Jackson*