



CU Cradle2Career

Pathways to Success for Every Student



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To find out how to become a member of the Leadership Council or get involved in the Cradle 2 Career effort, contact co-director Denise Martin at denise@mhfa.net

"If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go further,
go together."

-African Proverb

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CUC2C: WHAT'S HAPPENING?



After over 15 months of laying groundwork, nearly 60 agencies, organizations, institutions and businesses are Leadership Council members or are participating on one of our goal teams. Numerous community members with expertise and passion are also generously giving their time to further CUC2C.

Our Steering Committee (listed below) felt it better to "do it right" than to expand too quickly. Therefore, they carefully chose the following as CUC2C goals for 2014:

- The Kindergarten Readiness goal team will have an action plan (see goal team update below)
- The Workforce Readiness goal team will have determined our "Measures of Success" (see goal team update below)
- Launch a Parent Advisory Council
- Recruit 100 partners to the Leadership Council
- Public launch to the community

As we've known from the beginning, our kids need the whole community focused on helping them all succeed

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Leadership Council

Thank you, members of the CUC2C Leadership Council:

Access Initiative of Champaign County
Advanced Filtrations Systems, Inc.
Banks Bridgewater Lewis Fine Arts
Academy
Car-X
Center for Education in Small Urban
Communities at Illinois
Champaign County Chamber of Commerce
Champaign County Economic Development
Corporation
Champaign-Urbana YoungLives
Child Care Resource Service
City of Champaign
City of Champaign – Neighborhood
Services
City of Champaign Township
Community Foundation of East Central
Illinois
Community Member – Charlie Osborne
Community Member – Danielle Wilberg
Community Member – Dawn Blackman
Community Member – Heidi Rivers
Community Member – Marcia Nelson
Community Member – Mark Ballard
Community Member – Patti Hood
Community Member – Randy Rodriguez
CUSD #4
CU Schools Foundation
Crisis Nursery
Debbie Hensleigh Initiatives & Beringer
Realty
Developmental Services Center
Eastern Illinois Foodbank
Early Childhood and Parenting
Collaborative
Education for Employment #330
Herff Jones
Human Kinetics
Illinois DCEO East Central Region Office
Illinois Public Media
Junior League of Champaign-Urbana
Kraft Foods
Martin, Hood, Friese, & Associates, LLC
McKinley Foundation
Midland States Bank
Ministerial Alliance of Champaign-Urbana
Parkland College
Robeson Elementary School
Tap in Leadership Academy
The Vineyard Church Hope Center
United Way
University of Illinois: Office of the
Chancellor, Office of Minority Student
Affairs
School of Social Work
USD #116
USD #116 – Urbana Adult Education
Windsor Road Christian Church



GOAL GROUPS: UPDATE

Kindergarten Readiness:

What exactly makes a child “Kindergarten Ready?” Actually, most of the same skills that are listed on the famous poster, a.k.a. socio-emotional skills. As one local teacher said, “give me a child who can get dressed on his own, keep his hands to himself, listens, follows directions, and tells me his needs and I can teach him anything.”

During the summer, CUC2C’s Kindergarten readiness goal team is researching national “best practices” for socio-emotional skill development. In the fall, the team will begin developing a short and long-term community action plan to implement selected best practices.

Workforce Readiness:

Did you know that student high school attendance can determine access to certain local jobs AND is a predictor of college success?

All employers have some pre-requisite expectations – many of which used to be summarized as “work ethic,” even though these skills are also needed for college success. CUC2C’s workforce readiness goal will not only address current needs of our business communities but also better prepare students for the demands of college.

The Champaign County Chamber of Commerce has been secured as the anchor entity for CUC2C Workforce Development Goal Group and Debbie Hensleigh has signed on as the co-facilitator.

The goal team has begun identifying community stakeholders and is currently meeting with those stakeholders who have programming related to K-12 workforce readiness as part of our community assessment step.

Next, we’ll find a consensus definition for “workforce readiness” and measures of success.

Steering Committee Members (Selected from Leadership Council)

Banks Bridgewater Lewis Fine Arts Academy – **Nathaniel Banks**
CUSD#4 – **Judy Wiegand**
USD#116 – **Don Owen**
CUSF – **Molly Delaney**
United Way – **Sue Gray**
Community Foundation – **Joan Dixon**
University of Illinois – **Menah Pratt-Clarke**
Parkland College – **Tawanna Nickens**
Chamber of Commerce – **Laura Weis**
Advanced Filtrations Systems, Inc. – **Tabatha Helm**
Carle Hospital and Carle Physician Group – **Lynne Barnes**
Car-X – **Parham Parastaran**
Herff Jones – **Joyce Goode**
Human Kinetics – **Tara Swearingen**
Illinois DCEO East Central Region Office – **Donna Dalton**
McKinley Foundation – **Keith Harris**
Midland States Bank – **Becky Von Holten**
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