



Goal Team Status Report

Kindergarten Readiness

- Began in 2014 with 15 entities, now 23
- Survey of Pre-K and K teachers found social-emotional skills gap
- Survey of 491 parents identified barriers to readiness
- Current action plan
 - Mass media campaign
 - Increased for moms of newborns
 - Parent-child readiness groups

Academic Success

- Will be next goal team to launch

Workforce Readiness

- Began in late 2014 with 15 entities
- Surveyed local employers to identify gaps in needed skills
- Next steps
 - Research best practices
 - Seek input from parents & students

High School Graduation

- Goal team launch TBD

Post-secondary Success

- Goal team launch TBD

How can you help?

Sit at the table.

Join the **community Leadership Council**.

Bring your organization on board.

Add **weight to the table**.

Pick up *one* piece.

If you are a butcher, a baker, a mover or shaker, there's a job that needs your hand.

We need thinkers and doers, connectors, collectors...

You get it. Get on board.

Talk about it.

...at work, in the neighborhood, where you worship. The success of our children HAS to be a *community-wide* effort. Become informed.

FIND OUT MORE:

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It consists of volunteers, both individuals
and community entities.

CU Cradle2Career

Pathways to Success for Every Student



A MOVEMENT DEDICATED TO OUR CHILDREN.

We have a vision.

Every child is ready to learn upon entering kindergarten.

Every student can succeed to his/her academic potential.

Every graduating student is workforce ready.

Every student graduates from high school.

Every student completes a post-secondary credential.



Did You Know that in C-U?

- 1/3 of children entering kindergarten are not ready to learn.¹
- Less than half of 8th graders meet state standards for reading and math.²



- In 2014, 11% of seniors did not graduate.³
- 57% of C-U high school graduates are not ready to succeed at the next level.⁴

Furthermore...

- Each high school dropout costs taxpayers an average of \$292,000 over a lifetime in lost earnings, assistance, and involvement in the criminal justice system.⁵
- An estimated 67% of all jobs will require some post-high school training by 2018.⁶



Footnotes can be found at www.cucradle2career.org

Imagine the cost to us all ...

when 1/3 of our students entering school not “kindergarten ready” experience frustration...leading some to disrupt learning...and other to poor attendance and risky behaviors.⁷



Ultimately, the same set of students are 60% more likely not to complete post high school training and 70% more likely to commit a crime as an adult.⁸



We can do BETTER than this!

Many people and organizations ARE working hard to make a difference. And they are.



**YET, if we want
OUR EFFORT = OUR IMPACT**

WE NEED TO FOCUS OUR EFFORT



Cities all over the U.S. are creating community-wide collaborations targeting common goals...and the results are showing.⁹

**IN CHAMPAIGN-URBANA,
WE TOO HAVE BEGUN.**



CU Cradle2Career

has to-date harnessed the power of over 90 organizations: businesses, unions, school districts, colleges, universities, nonprofits, faith communities and committed individuals to ensure that C-U students are...

**Ready to Learn,
Ready to Earn...and Succeed.**

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Imagine the difference ...

when support of a child reduces class disruption, increases graduation rates and career readiness & produces an earner adding money to the community over time.¹⁰

