



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Thanks again to everyone who participated in the Cradle to Career Design Institute in May 2013, and for all of the work many of you have contributed within the Design Teams (Historical Review, Name/Vision/Mission, Structure, Outcomes) to help move our community to this point. We are excited to share our progress with you!

Working with our partner, StriveTogether, we have been following the Theory of Action for developing a Cradle to Career Civic Infrastructure. To learn more about the Theory of Action, you can explore an interactive version at <http://www.strivenetwork.org/theory-of-action/exploring>.

With your assistance, we have hit many of the quality benchmarks in the "Exploring Gateway" of the work! A few updates are below.

- Nearly 60 individuals representing approximately 40 organizations served on the Design Institute Work Teams. The teams met throughout the summer and utilizing the feedback offered at the Institute, they drilled down and produced the following:
 - An historical analysis scan of similar local initiatives created over the last 25 years to identify important lessons related to successes and pitfalls to avoid.
 - A partnership structure that reflects a commitment to shared responsibility and engagement from all parts of our community, including youth and parents.
 - A set of outcomes and indicators that will serve as the basis for the Partnership's baseline community report card.
 - A name, tagline, mission, and vision informed by input from the Design Institute, local marketing experts, and informal market testing with diverse community members.

The work teams' recommendations are under review by the Executive Team and will be finalized at its November meeting.

- A team of 11 community leaders attended the national StriveTogether Convening, held September 25-27 in Dallas, Texas, and brought back useful information to help guide the Partnership's work going forward.
- Our new Data Analyst, Adam Hill, came on board October 1st. Learn more about Adam on page 2!

FORSYTH COUNTY CRADLE TO CAREER PARTNERSHIP

WHAT'S AHEAD

The new Executive Team of the Partnership has been established and had its inaugural meeting on October 14, 2013. The Executive Team is charged with providing strategic guidance for the Partnership. Members serve as key public champions. The team members are listed on page 2.

The team, in conjunction with the current Community Education Collaborative Steering Committee, reviewed the proposals from each of the Design Teams and will finalize their decisions, as well as determine next steps, at its November meeting. Immediate next steps include identifying priority outcomes around which the first Collaborative Action Networks will be created.

Over the next few months the Community Leadership Council table will be set. The Council is comprised of various stakeholders including government, businesses, universities, nonprofits, faith-based communities, funders, parents, youth, and advocates. The Council is responsible for driving collaborative action, as well as aligning and brokering resources to implement strategies. It also promotes and reports data to the Partnership and broader public.

Stay tuned for more information about how you can plug in!

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Adam Hill joined our team as the Data Analyst in October 2013 and is located at Forsyth Futures. He comes from a background of scientific and sustainability research and especially is interested in finding ways to turn data into actionable improvements in our community. Adam has a Masters of Neuroscience from Yale University and a Bachelors of Science from Binghamton University.

**Want to learn more about the StriveTogether Framework?
Check out these links!**

<http://www.strivetogether.org/approach>

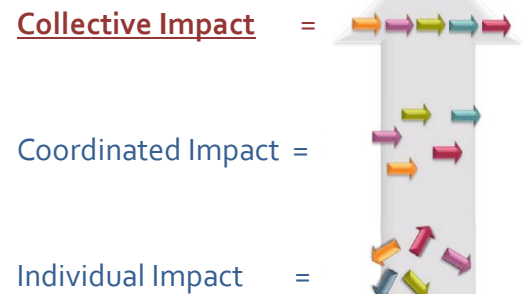
<http://www.strivetogether.org/resources>

<http://www.strivetogether.org/cradle-career-network>

http://www.ssireview.org/blog/entry/channeling_change_making_collective_impact_work

Our Goal:

Move from Individual Action to Collective Impact



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Forsyth County Team at National StriveTogether Convening (September 25-27, 2013)

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Data presentation at the first Executive Team Meeting held on October 14, 2013.