EPC of MN @ MN P20 Organizational and Project Overview

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EPC VISION

Our children succeed in school and in life.

Our communities thrive.

Our state is equitable and prosperous for ALL.

EPC MEMBER ORGS

Austin	Austin Aspires
North Minneapolis	Northside Achievement Zone
Northfield/Faribault/Rice County	Healthy Community Initiative
Red Wing/Goodhue County	RiseUp Red Wing
Rochester	Cradle 2 Career
Saint Paul	Saint Paul Promise
St. Cloud	United Way of Central MN/Partner for Student Success
St. Louis Park	Children First/Park Partnership for Success
Twin Cities Metro	Generation Next

EPC LOCAL PARTNERS

600+ across the state, including schools and school districts, diverse post-secondary institutions, local government agencies, non-profit and for-profit organizations, and more!

NATIONAL NETWORK

StriveTogether®

Every child. Cradle to career.

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EPC VISION FOR STRATEGIC USE OF DATA

To better equip our communities with accurate, accessible, and highly actionable data for their locally led discussions, decision-making, and action steps to make systems work better for all young people and families, especially those whom the system is currently not serving effectively.



COLAB EVIDENCE TO ACTION FORUM

EPC facilitated a a workshop for community-based organizations and statewide intermediaries with a focus on integrated data that leads to better education and employment outcomes for young people.

We explored how collaboration and data innovation can strengthen outcomes for Minnesotans.

We produced a list of actionable next steps for policy, innovative ideas, and must haves that advance the culture of strategic data use in MN



DATA CONVENINGS WITH DCYF

We are co-hosting five regional convenings to deepen awareness of existing data resources, highlight and validate what's already working well, and identify new opportunities to use data more effectively for continuous, data-driven improvement.

We will review available and requestable state data, gather feedback on the utility and limitations of current data assets, and identify opportunities for improvement in data accessibility and use.



PLACE-BASED PARTNERSHIP WORK WITH MDE

We are expanding the scope of current reporting to MDE and the MN Legislature to be both broader and more specific, building additional evidence for place-based partnership work.

We are seeking opportunities to collaborate across the four placebased partnership grant programs at MDE: EPCs, Full Service Community Schools, 21st Century community Learning Centers, and out-of-school-time grants.

Anyone know an evaluative researcher looking for a project???;)



CCLP WITH MN P20 and CA @ GTCUW; SLEDS, too!

In alliance (EPC, MN P20, and Career Academies at the Greater Twin Cities United Way), we are working statewide to expand the ecosystem and augment the infrastructure to support and drive **career-connected learning pathways** work in MN.

There is SO MUCH great work happening in many places, generally aligned with and informed by each other – but still very "loose."

Improvements to SLEDS is both part of this work and can also be separate from it (2024 Data Leader Conversations, 2025 Data Roundtable at the Capitol).



IN A VERY GENERAL SENSE, ACROSS PROJECTS



We see it as one of our key contributions to bring financial (and other) resources to bear upon these projects, whether we hold the grants or not, and "not" is AOK with us!



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