The rate of educational improvement will accelerate, particularly for students living in poverty, if the numerous service providers in a community delivering programs from “cradle to career” work together and in partnership with the school district to align their activities around a set of agreed-upon goals, use metrics to make decisions and evaluate progress, and identify and implement best practices.”

- Allen Grossman, Harvard Business School

Stamford Cradle to Career (SC2C) is a Collective Impact initiative that is implementing the nationally recognized StriveTogether Framework in creating a community-wide partnership. The overarching goal of SC2C is to collectively align resources to ensure that all youth succeed in education, career, and life because successful children lead to a vibrant and thriving community. United Way of Western Connecticut is serving as the Anchor Entity providing backbone support for SC2C, and we are committed to the five conditions for collective success defined by StriveTogether Cradle to Career Network:

1. Common Agenda
2. Shared Measurement
3. Mutually Reinforcing Activities
4. Continuous Communication
5. Backbone Support Organization

Key Outcome Areas:
Stamford Cradle to Career will focus on six outcome areas along the cradle to career continuum that are proven to be key factors in determining a child’s future success:

Children are born healthy and enter school ready to read and succeed
Outcome #1: Infant Health and Development
Outcome #2: Kindergarten Readiness
Outcome #3: Early Grade Reading

Youth make successful transitions from school to college and/or careers
Outcome #4: Transition to Middle School
Outcome #5: Transition to High School
Outcome #6: Transition to Postsecondary college and career
As a community leader, you are invited to participate in this important initiative and join business leaders, practitioners, policymakers, and funders who recognize the urgency to do things differently with more accountability. Help us become part of the solution for our children's future. We can make collaboration a reality, promote a culture of continuous improvement and align our resources with what works based on data.

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