



**Opportunity
Santa Fe**
Birth to Career

Collaborative Working Groups

2018-2019

Opportunity Santa Fe aspires to improve the lives and key transitions of children and youth across Santa Fe, from birth until they enter their careers. The joint collective impact effort is supported by the **Santa Fe Community Foundation and the City of Santa Fe**. Collaborative Working Groups work to achieve the Opportunity Santa Fe Aspirational Goals found here: <http://www.santafedatahub.org/goals.html>

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Outcome Area: Early Childhood

Early Childhood Steering Committee

Lead Organization:

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The Early Childhood Steering Committee (ECSC) is a collection of organizations focused on providing services to children from birth through age 5. The ECSC plans to increase collaboration and services for prenatal care, home visiting, and expanding access to PreK through community outreach and increased service support. The ECSC is committed to renovating and implementing services at the Early Childhood Center at Kaune. The Infant Care Subgroup is conducting a landscape analysis to assess availability of infant care in Santa Fe County. Community conversations will then contribute to data collected to formulate working strategies to increase the availability and quality of care for infants.

Collaborative Teachers Institute

Leadership Team:

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The Collaborative Teachers Institute (CTI) is a group of early childhood teachers in Santa Fe interested in pursuing advanced, collaborative professional development. The CTI helps teachers achieve their potential so that the youngest children in Santa Fe can achieve theirs. The group helps deepen the preparedness of early childhood teachers in order to enrich the learning opportunities of young children and thereby prepare them for kindergarten. The CTI works to increase the quality of early childhood care, education, and PreK and support a successful transition to kindergarten. Additionally, the group engages in coordinated public awareness efforts about early childhood learning.

¡Santa Fe Convive!

Many Mothers of Santa Fe, Nancy Guthrie

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¡Santa Fe Convive! reaches out to expectant and new parents with information about perinatal, prenatal, and early childhood health, education, and services. Our target audience is families at risk: teen parents, families living in poverty, families for whom English is not their first language, and families with other challenges. We do not turn anyone away.

Outcome Area: K-12 Success and Youth Resiliency

The Reading Group

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The Reading Group focuses on K-12 success by improving third-grade reading proficiency. The group's goal is to align the efforts of public and private educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and funders in support of a community-wide collective impact plan that ensures support for all young struggling readers, and helps create a culture of reading in Santa Fe. Our aspirational goal is to see proficiency levels continue to increase by supporting students, teachers, and parents in creating and fostering a culture of reading in Santa Fe.

The MathAmigos Collaborative Working Group

Leadership Team:

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The MathAmigos CWG unites 6 community partners to engage parents and families in math success for 650 Grade 3-4 children in 5 high challenge Airport Corridor elementary schools in 2018-2019: Cesar Chavez, El Camino Real, Nina Otero, Ramirez Thomas, and Sweeney. Our mission is to empower parents, our children's first, most important, and lifelong teachers, to support math achievement at home and in school. MathAmigos is focusing on Grades 3 and 4 teachers and children given the wide recognition by SFPS leadership, teachers, and tutors that SFPS 8th grade students have marked deficiencies in the math foundational skills so essential to middle school, high school, and college and career success.



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Santa Fe Community Educators Network

Leadership Team:

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Members of the Santa Fe Community Educators Network (CEN) are a group of informal educators committed to: the power of collaboration to successfully impact our community by creating and sharing resources; promoting and providing informal experiential education to address community needs; professional development as a vehicle to strengthen our community; and providing open access to our institutional experiences and content. The CEN collaborates to provide innovative afterschool, in school, and summer programming to benefit youth in Santa Fe.

STEM Scaffold Santa Fe (S³)

Leadership Team:

STEM Santa Fe, Lina Germann

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STEM Scaffold Santa Fe is a commitment among educational and youth development groups to work together to recruit, train and place caring local STEM college students and STEM professionals in sustained high school mentorship programs in accordance with our mission; to see that every Santa Fe high school student has the preparation necessary to succeed in a STEM college/certificate program. We follow established best practices; that STEM role models can best reinforce the family/school scaffold through listening, trust building and working together on meaningful projects.

Truancy Collaborative Working Group

Leadership Team:

Santa Fe Public Schools, Crystal Ybarra and Jeff Gephart

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The Truancy Collaborative Working Group was created in an effort to increase attendance and improve graduation rates in Santa Fe Public Schools. Through this group, annual attendance measures are created and carried out, students and parents are recognized for positive and improved attendance, staff is offered professional development to assist in identifying and supporting the students and behaviors, and students/families are evaluated based on their need and assisted with resources from collaborating community providers. With these efforts in place, the hope is that there is an increase of parental engagement and community support that leads to the aspirational goal of a 95 percent attendance rate and an 80 percent graduation rate by the year 2020.

Outcome Area: Prevention and Re-engagement of Disconnected Youth

Reconnecting Santa Fe Youth *formerly Bridging the Disconnect*

Lead Organization:

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The Reconnecting Santa Fe Youth CWG is focused on the prevention and re-engagement of Disconnected Youth. The CWG mission is to reduce the number and percent of youth between the ages of 16-24 disconnected from school and jobs. Building on the data collected during the 2017 Reconnecting Youth Survey, the CWG will host youth focus groups to discuss the data and prioritize the community needs. Civic Engagement and Advocacy training will be facilitated to youth who are recruited and selected from a wide variety of youth agencies to engage as a Reconnecting Youth Civic Engagement Team. This Reconnecting Youth Civic Engagement Team will gain the leadership skills and voice through these training workshops to empower them to speak out to policy makers, officials, panels and community agencies to promote awareness and the need for solutions and change in areas of high need as revealed through the Reconnecting Youth Survey Results.

Outcome Area: Post-Secondary Success

Campus Connection

Leadership Team:

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The Santa Fe Community College, Santa Fe Public Schools, Santa Fe community Foundation, City of Santa Fe and the Interfaith Coalition for Public Education are partnered together in the Campus Connection Collaborative Working Group. The goal of this project is to increase the percent of SFPS high school graduates who enroll in college by exposing to and engaging high school students with the Santa Fe Community College.



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Outcome Area: Career Pathways and Workforce Development

Skill Up Santa Fe

Formerly Santa Fe Advance

Lead Organizations:

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Santa Fe Advance brings together workforce-oriented nonprofits, businesses and the city to bring about change for the emerging workforce. Advance seeks to increase the percentage of citizens that receive a credential or certificate aligned to industry demand. Advance will also focus on articulating alignment of certificate and training to high demand fields. A major goal is to connect employers with learning and training opportunities to offer their employees, candidates will have access to free training resources aligned to jobs in Santa Fe, and education opportunities will be shared with employers and jobseekers to assure lifelong learning and economic improvement across Santa Fe.

TechHire

Lead Organizations:

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The TechHire Santa Fe CWG was organized to strengthen the local Technology and Emergent Media economy and is committed to expanding Tech and Media education, enterprise, and employment in our region. The CWG is working collectively and across sectors to improve Tech and Media education, training, and certification opportunities, to align educational programs with business needs, to expand Tech and Media camps, after-school programs, workshops, and professional development opportunities, to strengthen Tech and Media apprenticeships, internships, and mentorships opportunities, to develop Tech and Media resources online and offline, and to promote local Tech and Media career awareness, outreach, and community engagement.

Community Engagement and Wrap Around Support

Mentoring and Tutoring Collaborative Working Group

Leadership Team:

Communities in Schools of New Mexico, Julia Bergen

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The Mentoring/Tutoring Collaborative Working Group's mission is to expand access to mentoring and tutoring opportunities for Santa Fe youth. During 2018-2019 the Collaborative seeks to accomplish the following: Launch a strategic marketing campaign to broaden awareness about the Mentoring/Tutoring HUB and to engage more citizens and youth in mentorship and tutoring opportunities; Develop a survey that will gather comprehensive information about existing tutoring and mentoring opportunities and their direct impact on student learning and transformation; Develop a data management system to track program and student outcomes; Develop a sustainability plan for the Mentoring/Tutoring Collaborative. Our work focuses on three specific Opportunity Santa Fe Aspirational Goal areas: K-12th grade education success and resiliency, reengaging disconnected youth and post-secondary success and career pathways.

Creating a Trauma Informed Community

Lead Organizations:

Communities in Schools of New Mexico, Julia Bergen

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The Creating a Trauma Informed Community CWG will be established and will immediately commence to address issues of trauma and child well-being and determine how the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe Public Schools and the non-profit community can collaborate to make ours a trauma informed community.

The Collaboration for Student & Parent Leadership: Poder Familiar

Lead Organizations:

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The mission of the Collaboration for Student & Parent Leadership Working Group is to equip students and parents with the tools, information, and opportunities they need to lead education reform and community development efforts from the ground up in order to improve student success, cultivate community leadership, and advance educational equity. The Collaboration aims to help reach the target of increasing the Santa Fe Public School District's attendance rate to 95% by 2020 by working with parents and students to identify strategies to help their families succeed in school with academic proficiency and connect to in and out of school engagement opportunities in safe environments. In this way, the program will engage youth and parents directly in the development of solutions and build awareness, advocacy, and community support for improving youth attendance and resiliency. The focus of this collaborative is to build the civic capacity and support the leadership of parents and students from low-income and minority backgrounds with a focus on equity.