

MOD 6.5 Aligning Around SEL Through Community Partnerships



TAKE IT DEEPER: Creating a Network Approach

The Strive Together Cradle to Career Network takes a collective impact approach to improving social, emotional, and academic outcomes for youth. This report, [Stronger Results with Community Based Organizations](#) includes the Cradle to Career Framework for Building Civic Infrastructure.

The four key areas are:

- Shared Community Vision
- Evidence-based Decision Making
- Collaborative Action
- Investment and Sustainability

Thinking about the first three bullets:

Has your school engaged in a process to develop a shared vision with community organizations and nonprofits partners around student social and emotional growth?

How do decisions get made across school-community partnerships? What is the process for tracking progress? Is there an articulated set of shared outcomes each partner is working toward?

The report quotes an executive director of a cradle-to-career-partnership “who noted that, ‘partnerships move at the speed of trust’ indicating that the strength of the partnership is only as strong as the relationships built between partners.” What are the difficulties and benefits of working collaboratively across organizations that serve the same students?