

By All Means Community Snapshots Spring 2021

COMMUNITY	SNAPSHOT
<p>Chattanooga-Hamilton County, TN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Released updated strategic plan with five measurable goals and concrete targets based on an equity scorecard for Chattanooga 2.0, a cradle-to-career partnership that serves as the backbone for the Children’s Cabinet, in January 2021 Working to refine governance structure and produce a long-term funding and sustainability plan Selected to join Tennesseans for Quality Early Education inaugural cohort to identify best practices and scalable policy solutions to align early childhood education and K-12 systems; awarded funding to hire a staff position to serve as state liaison Collaborating with school district and Out-of-School Time Alliance to create framework for afterschool and summer programming; district aims to serve 7,000 students this summer Launched new data platform to support Success Planning, which is being implemented in 14 schools, serving over 8,000 students; platform will facilitate automatic referrals to supports and services
<p>Louisville, KY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By investing time in understanding the needs of students and families and the capacity of local OST providers, Evolve502, a community-focused nonprofit organization that provides backbone capacity for Louisville’s cradle-to-career efforts, was able to leverage over \$1.5 million from the county and philanthropy to support Learning Hubs, which are held at 69 community-based sites that have been providing academic support and supervision to approximately 2,400 students during the pandemic and remote learning. Using federal relief funding to offer a joint district-communitywide summer learning initiative to 5,000 students at over 100 sites in the county, which will provide academic recovery, social-emotional, and enrichment options; will also implement youth jobs program Completed \$10 million challenge to fund the Promise Scholarship, guaranteeing two years of free college at any Kentucky community or technical college to all eligible Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) (Classes 2021-2024) and will seek to award this scholarship to over 900 JCPS students in the inaugural class of 2021 Planning to implement the Unite US data platform, jointly developed with the Metro United Way, in the Jefferson County Public Schools in Fall 2021 to link students to necessary services and supports Evolve502 recently streamlined its governance structure in order to better serve the community

<p>Oakland, CA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hired permanent CEO and other key staff for the Oakland Thrives Leadership Council (Oakland Thrives), a public-private partnership that serves as the Children’s Cabinet • Officially launched Oakland Thrives in January 2021 with five impact tables focusing on systems change across education, health, wealth, safety, and housing • Impact tables will engage youth and adults who live in Oakland to shape their work; community members will receive a monthly stipend for their participation • Current efforts include partnering with Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) to boost students’ literacy skills, collaborating with Oakland Resilient Families to implement a guaranteed income pilot project with 600 families, and seeking to scale an adolescent behavioral health peer-to-peer mentoring model • The Coordination of Services Team (COST) tool, developed with support from Salesforce, has been rolled out to all the OUSD schools with Community Schools Coordinators (approximately 50% of schools) to facilitate the delivery of comprehensive student supports
<p>Poughkeepsie, NY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poughkeepsie Children’s Cabinet launched citywide Working Groups focused on Early Childhood and Out-of-School Enrichment & Learning, which are co-chaired by community-based practitioners and experts; developing cradle-to-career community dashboard with the support of Finding Common Purpose • Supporting the development of a broad, community-centric programmatic vision for a \$25 million new youth center to be developed in downtown Poughkeepsie and funded by Dutchess County, in partnership with the City of Poughkeepsie and a broad coalition of community partners, including the YMCA and DAY ONE Early Learning Community (an innovative early learning nonprofit co-founded by Geraldine Laybourne, former president of Nickelodeon) • Implementing a citywide youth engagement campaign in partnership with the Marist College Center for Social Justice Research and Center for Civic Engagement and Leadership focused on recruiting and training local youth to: i) conduct qualitative research on pressing social issues impacting young people in the City of Poughkeepsie and, ii) engage their peers in crafting policy recommendations for what a permanent citywide youth engagement infrastructure should look like. • Planning underway to launch City Connects in Poughkeepsie Middle School in Fall 2021 • Launching Lead for Poughkeepsie in summer 2021, a new citywide public service and talent development program with Lead for America to attract and retain young professionals with ties to Poughkeepsie through full-time fellowship placements with local social impact

	<p>organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging with out-of-school time providers as part of a small-scale providers alliance pilot for summer programming and beginning to explore technology solutions to streamline out-of-school access and improve service delivery
<p>Providence, RI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City and school district are investing \$1.2 million in summer learning and enrichment for children and youth, which will include hiring 1,200 youth for summer jobs and collaboration with the Providence After School Alliance and the Roger Williams Park Zoo to offer summer enrichment to 150 children, in addition to other programming • Focusing on building a strong teacher pipeline, including increasing the number of teachers of color to reflect the student population and improving workforce conditions for early childhood educators • Planning to review school district health curriculum and adapt based on identified areas for improvement from comprehensive health assessment • Planning underway to leverage existing partnership to provide backbone support for the Children’s Cabinet • Prioritizing the expansion of universal pre-k to ensure full access to early childhood education and investing in building the infrastructure of home daycare providers
<p>Salem, MA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently implementing City Connects, which is serving nearly 3,000 children; 100% of pre-K-8 students receiving a review of individual strengths and needs and a student support plan • Recently partnered with BARR to implement a student support model in a high school serving 900 students • Educators and school staff are connecting monthly with 100% of families to monitor student engagement and identify basic needs, which is an example of providing navigators for every child • District and community-based partners created Childcare Hubs to provide approximately 200 children with access to safe, supervised care during distance learning

<p>Somerville, MA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SomerPromise</u>, a community-wide, cradle-to-career initiative based in the city's Health and Human Services Department, provides backbone support to the Children's Cabinet and is currently developing strategies to ensure long-term funding and institutionalize the Cabinet • Engaging in strategic planning to create a cohesive birth to 5th grade pathway with goal of ensuring continuity of care across childcare and afterschool programming • Established the Childcare Access and Affordability group to increase access to high quality, affordable childcare for Somerville families; this work is based on three interwoven pillars: Ease of Access, Affordability Fund, and Braided Funding Systems • Launching a community-wide online resource and referral platform to provide a "single point of entry" for families to an array of supports and services and implementing an interdepartmental database that will improve data sharing across city agencies • Planning underway for a comprehensive summer program and wraparound full day care for at least 1,000 children and youth
<p>Partnership for Resilience, Illinois <i>(includes the Chicago Southland and southern Illinois)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hired the <u>Partnership's</u> first executive director, Kristine Argue-Mason, who will officially helm the organization in July 2021 • Identifying and recruiting influential leaders to serve on Children's Councils in the Chicago Southland and rural southern Illinois • Awarded \$20,000 grant from BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois to deploy current parent mentors to share accurate information about Covid vaccine options with residents in the Southland; raising awareness about mental health and behavioral supports through community-based events, including a recent Easter Egg Hunt that brought together over 100 kids and their families • Partnered with FuelEd to provide support to districts across Illinois, including Unity Point School District teachers and staff, regarding strategies to foster supportive relationships with students, which are essential for individual Success Planning, as well as address issues related to secondary trauma • Hired part-time early childhood consultant to work with three communities in southern Illinois to align trauma-responsive efforts in K-8 schools with early education sites