



WHAT IS SUCCESS PLANNING?

Every child has unique needs and abilities, yet a one-size-fits-all experience is common, leaving many students academically behind, feeling disconnected from schools, and lacking important services and opportunities necessary to succeed. By creating new ways to understand each child as an individual with interests and goals as well as needs for tailored supports, all children can thrive. Across the country, education and community leaders are addressing this challenge by collectively harnessing a personalized, relationship-based approach—what [The EdRedesign Lab](#) (EdRedesign) calls [Success Planning](#)—to expand opportunity for all children.

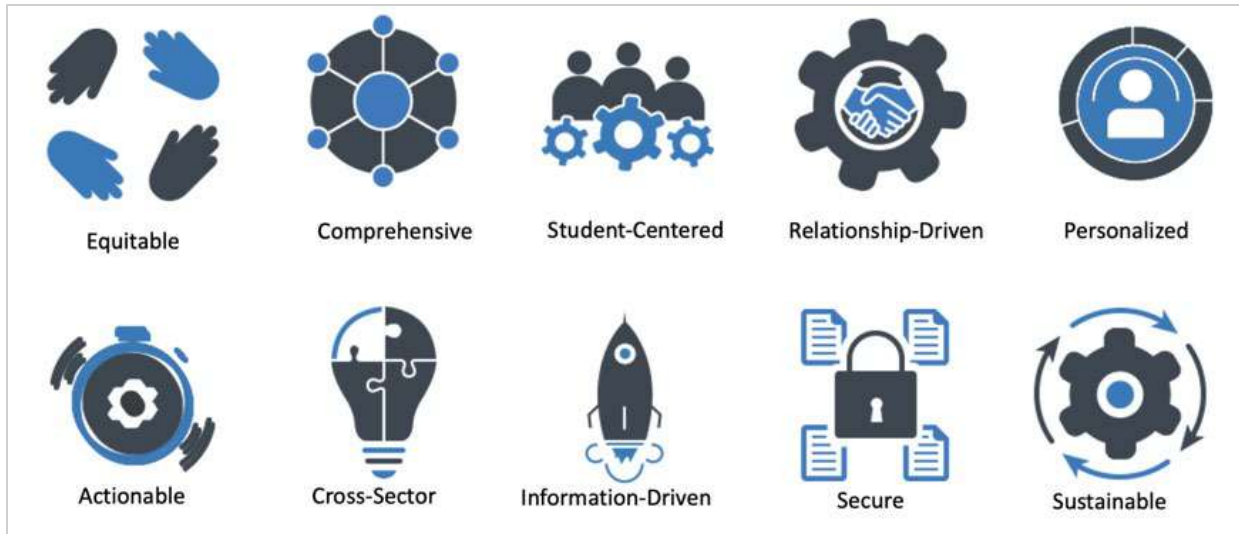
Recognizing that different communities have varying local contexts, needs and capacities, EdRedesign has developed a set of guiding principles and core components for Success Planning rather than a single model. These components are:



- A **Navigator**—an adult who forms an individual relationship with a child and, ideally, their family, and develops an understanding of the child’s needs and interests;
- A **plan** for action and a process for enacting it;
- A coordinated **system** of supports and opportunities;
- A data **platform** to capture information over time.



10 GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Our [Success Planning framework](#) distills key elements of several models for personalizing supports for children, emphasizing both the importance of one-on-one relationships between adults and children and integrated, comprehensive supports. Success Planning should ideally not be a standalone effort, but part of a broader community-wide strategy to support children that is coordinated by a cross-sector Children's Cabinet or other governing body.

HOW CAN COMMUNITIES GET STARTED WITH SUCCESS PLANNING?

While schools are the most common sites for Success Planning, other youth-serving programs can also serve in this role. One option is to partner with an organization, such as Communities in Schools, City Connects, or BARR, that already has a model with elements of Success Planning. Another is to create your own version of Success Planning, identifying an initial starting point and existing building blocks, and adding in additional components over time.

HOW IS EDREDESIGN SUPPORTING SUCCESS PLANNING?

EdRedesign established the [Institute for Success Planning](#) (the Institute) to ensure that all children have clear and accessible pathways to well-being and opportunities to succeed. The Institute is partnering with communities in redesigning their systems of support and opportunity for children and youth. Currently, the Institute is leading an application-based professional community of practice to assist districts, schools, and community-based organizations in creating and implementing a personalized student support effort and/or scale an initiative already underway. In addition, the Institute hosts virtual, free sessions on relevant topics for those who want to explore Success Planning. We also develop practical tools and other resources for the broader field, which can be found on our [website](#). For more information and to stay informed about our work, please contact edredesign@gse.harvard.edu.

