



Ready by 21[®] all youth ready for college, work & life

Best Practices for Children's Cabinets

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The Forum for Youth Investment is a nonprofit, nonpartisan “action tank” dedicated to helping communities and the nation make sure all young people are **Ready by 21 – ready for college, work and life.**

Working in partnership with government, business, education and nonprofits, we provide a framework, coaching and tools for leaders who care about youth and care about change.



Child and youth well being trends in the U.S.

Economic well being:

- **Teens not in school and not working**
 - 32 states got worse
- **Children living in high poverty areas**
 - 40 states got worse
- **Young Adults 18-24 poverty rate**
 - 18 states got worse

Education:

- **Youth not graduating on time**
 - 19 states got worse or stayed the same

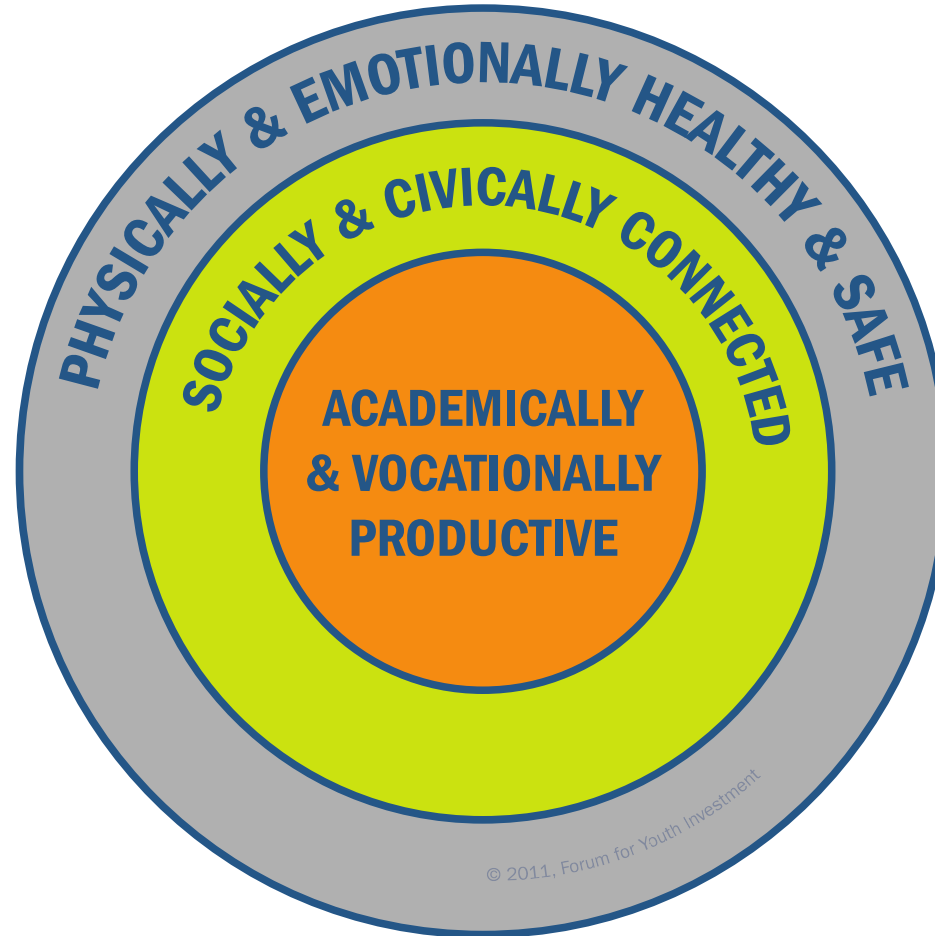
Health:

- **Low birth weight babies**
 - 25 states got worse
- **Young Adult Male Obesity Rate**
 - 28 states got worse
- **Teen births**
 - 23 states got worse

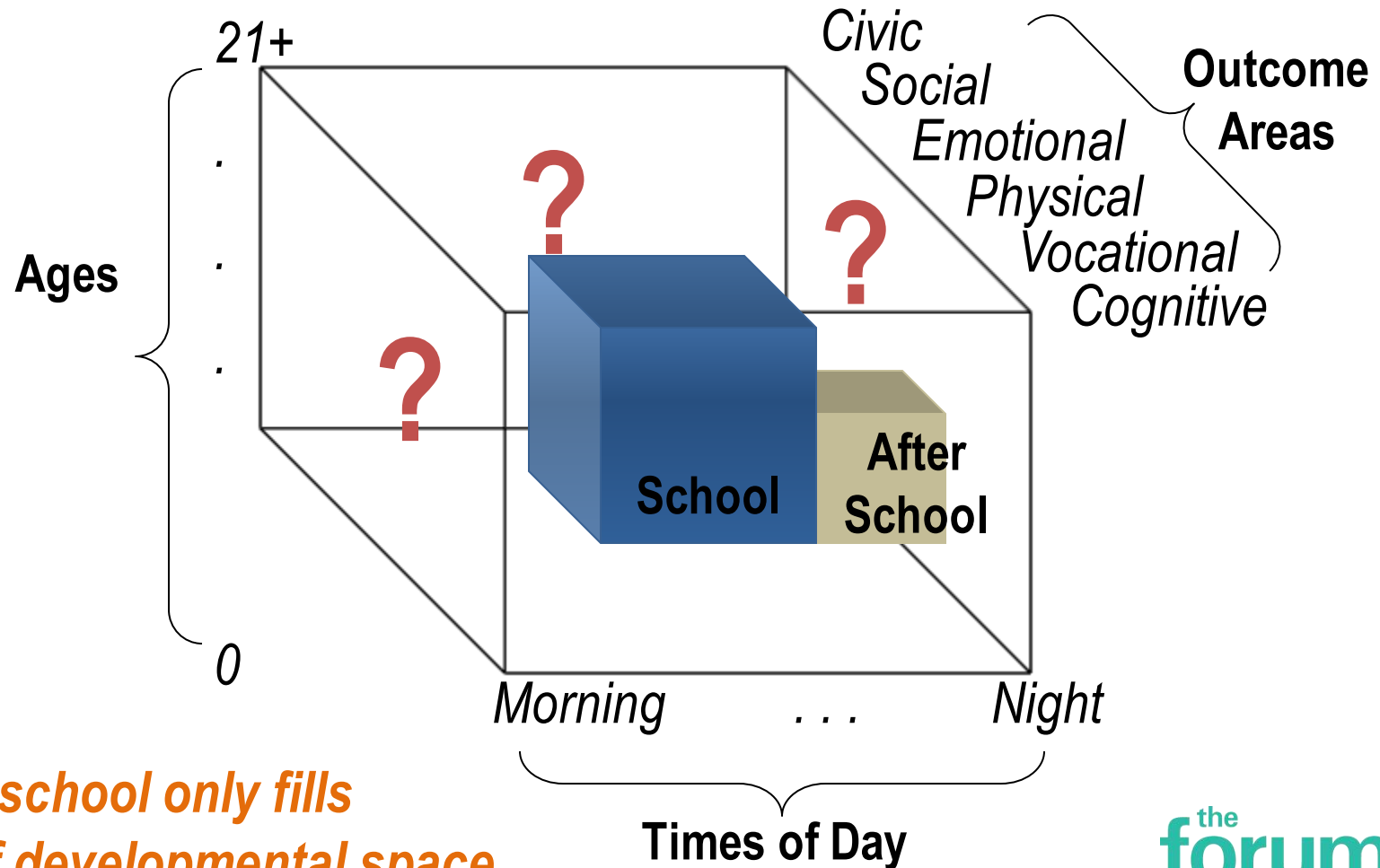
National Kids Count
2013 data



The Child and Youth Readiness Target



Thinking Outside of the Box



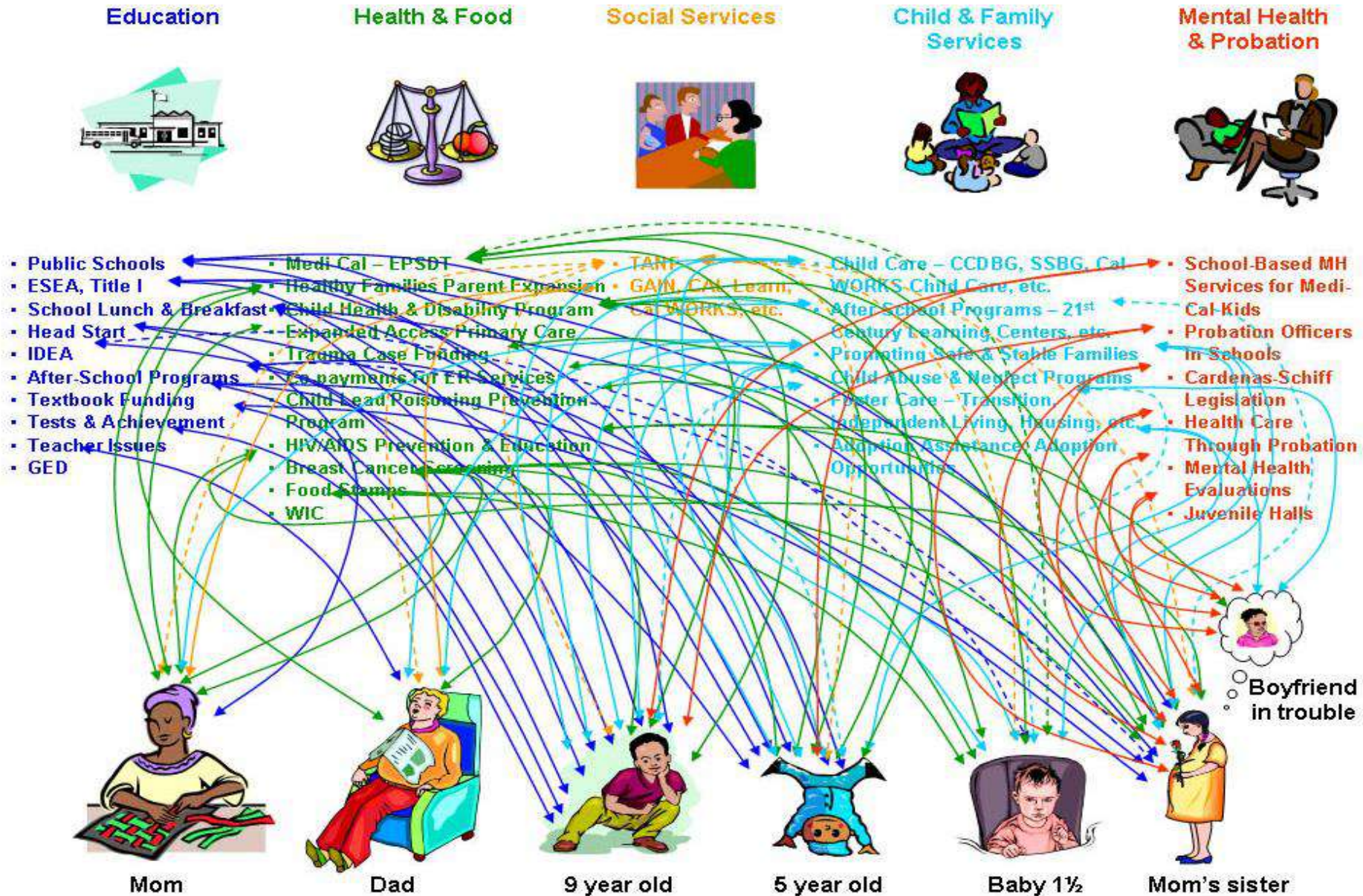
*At its best, school only fills
a portion of developmental space*

Who is Responsible for the Rest?

- Families
- Youth/Peer Groups
- Schools and Training Organizations
- Higher Education
- Youth-Serving Organizations
- CBOs (Non-Profit Service Providers and Associations)
- Businesses (Jobs, Internships and Apprenticeships)
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Libraries, Parks, and Recreation Departments
- Community-Based Health and Social Service Agencies
- Policymakers

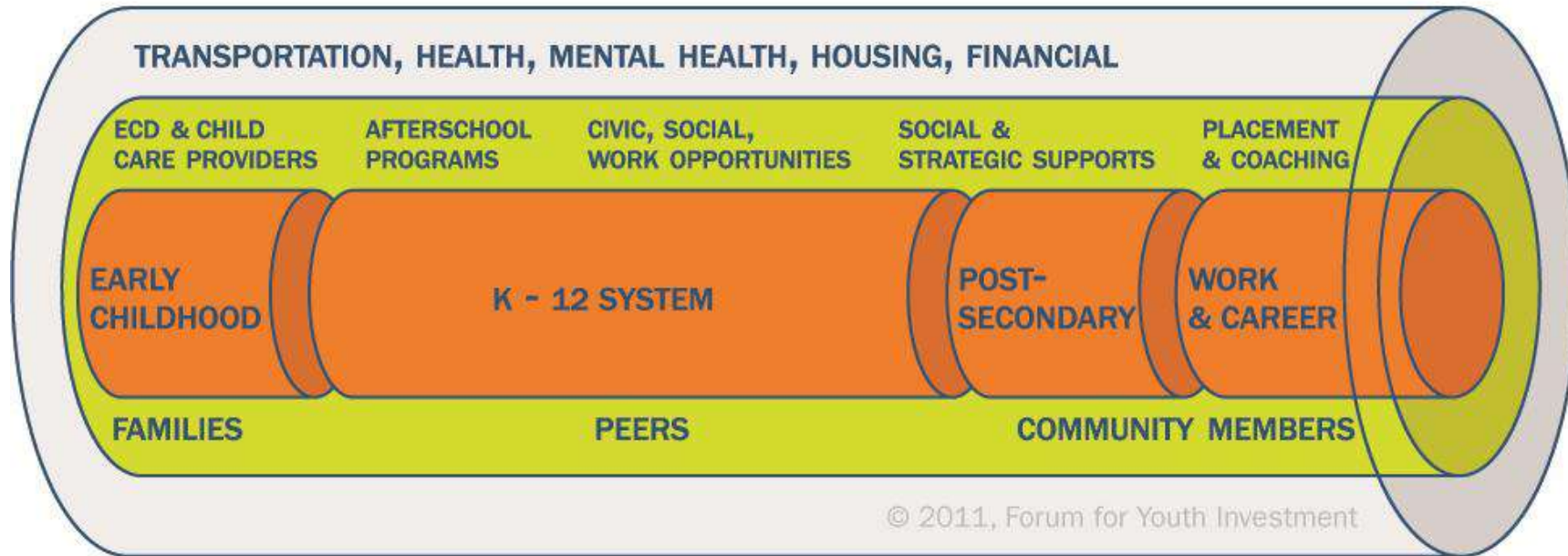


A fragmented set of supports:



Children's Services in Los Angeles County

The Insulated Pipeline: Cradle to Career Investments

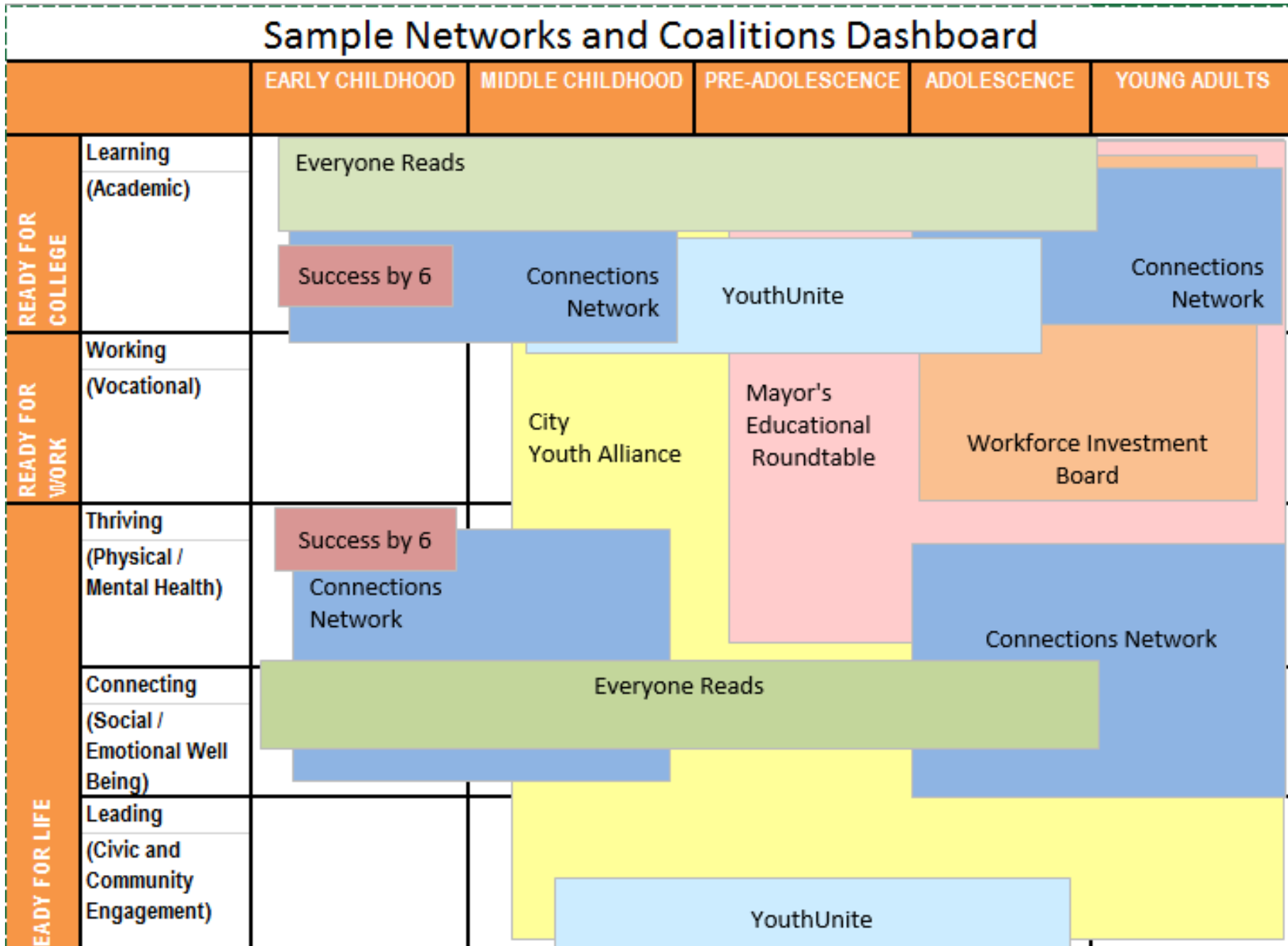


“Cradle to career” insulation (0-24)

National Initiatives

City	Opportunity Youth Incentive Fund	Cities United	Campaign for Black Male Achievement	My Brother's Keeper	My Brother's Keeper (Success Mentors Initiative)	Accelerating Opportunity	Annie E. Casey Foundation Young Adult Project	National Neighborhood Indicator Project	Choice Neighborhoods	Crossover Youth Practice Model	By All Means	Wallace Foundation After School Program Initiative	Urban League
Louisville, KY		X	X	X		X	X		X		X	X	X
Oakland, CA	X	X	X	X				X		X	X		
Providence, RI				X	X			X	X		X	X	

Map your moving trains



Building Blocks of Effective Leadership



Build Broader Partnerships

Set Bigger Goals

Use Better Data & Information

Implement Bolder Strategies

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Ready by 21 focuses on the small gear

challenging leaders to think differently & act differently...

Moving the small gear makes a **BIG** difference



The Ready by 21 Theory of Change



What is a “Children’s Cabinet”?

- Established by executive order or legislation
- Made up of state or local agency heads

Children’s Cabinets meet regularly to:

- Coordinate and improve services;
- Engage stakeholders;
- Develop common outcomes;
- Share data;
- Align policies and resources; and
- Create and implement plans that foster the well-being of children and youth.

Children's Cabinet Network

- Monthly peer calls
- Updates on federal policy
- Publications on hot topics
- Annual convening
- Technical assistance:
 - Start Up and Staff Training
 - Partnership and Structure Development
 - Key Informant Interviews
 - Facilitated Retreats
 - Fiscal Mapping and Policy Scans
 - Data Profiles
 - Strategic Planning
 - Performance Partnership Pilot Applications



CHILDREN'S CABINET
NETWORK

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ASSESSING YOUR COMMUNITY'S CHANGE HORSEPOWER

STRUCTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

Dedicated Local Public Funding Streams for Kids

Portland
Seattle
King County
San Francisco
Oakland

Communities throughout CA



Cincinnati

Baltimore

Miami-Dade
Broward
Palm Beach
St. Lucie
Martin
Pinellas
Duval
Hillsborough
Okeechobee

Jackson and Clay Counties

Education



Health & Food



Social Services



Child & Family Services



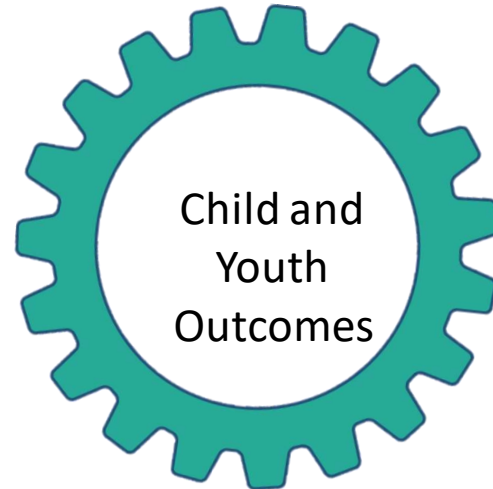
Mental Health & Probation



Leaders



Programs and Services



Child and Youth Outcomes

- Public Schools
- ESEA, Title I
- School Lunch & Breakfast
- Head Start
- IDEA
- After-School Programs
- Textbook Funding
- Tests & Achievement
- Teacher Issues
- GED

- Medi Cal - EPSDT
- Healthy Families Parent Expansion
- Child Health & Disability Program
- Expanded Access Primary Care
- Trauma Case Funding
- Co-payments for ER Services
- Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
- HIV/AIDS Prevention & Education
- Breast Cancer Screening
- Food Stamps
- WIC

- TANT
- GAIN, CAL Learn, CAL WORKS, etc.

- Child Care - CCDBG, SSBG, Cal WORKS Child Care, etc.
- After-School Programs - 21st Century Learning Centers, etc.
- Promoting Safe & Stable Families
- Child Abuse & Neglect Programs
- Foster Care - Transition, Independent Living, Housing, etc.
- Adoption Assistance, Adoption Opportunities

- School-Based MH Services for Medi-Cal-Kids
- Probation Officers in Schools
- Cardenas-Schiff Legislation
- Health Care Through Probation
- Mental Health Evaluations
- Juvenile Halls



Mom



Dad



9 year old



5 year old



Baby 1½



Mom's sister



Boyfriend in trouble