Transforming Place through Neighborhood Leadership

## **SUMMER INSTITUTE**

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## **Exposure Workshop:**

Building Evaluation Capacity for Cradle-to-Career Neighborhood-Based Work

1:30 – 2:30 pm







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#### **Session Goals**

- Understand how leading place-based partnerships use data to advance their work and tell their stories
- Identify specific strategies and practices to support your own partnerships and overcome common challenges
- Learn about the Place-Based Partnerships Data and Evaluation Working Group











# Place-Based Partnerships Data and Evaluation Working Group

- The group's goal is to come together across models to better leverage data and evaluation to promote economic and social mobility by sharing expertise and best practices and to define a common agenda for future research and action.
- The working group is comprised of national field catalysts (EdRedesign, William Julius Wilson Institute, StriveTogether, Purpose Built Communities, and Partners for Rural Impact) and local affiliates.
- A white paper is in development.









# **Key Issues Identified by the Working Group**

- Measuring the impact of the backbone organization
- Using data to impact policy
- Identifying system-level and non-academic metrics
- Embedding community voices and elevating qualitative data













Horthside Families

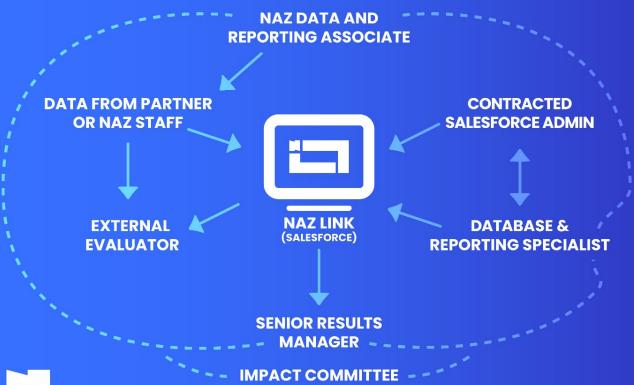
Parents,

caregivers, and

their scholars



#### Data and Evaluation Work at NAZ



## Develop and implement evaluation strategy aligned with the strategic business plan

- Center equity
- Manage data
- Build a data culture
- Track quarterly progress
- Produce annual results
- Support continuous learning/improvement
- Share results
- Review literature
- Create new knowledge

## Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA)

- Established in 1973
- Based in San Francisco's Mission District
- Primarily serve low-income Latino families, including monolingual Spanish speakers and immigrants
- Backbone agency for Mission Promise Neighborhood (MPN) collective impact/cradle to career initiative
- 100 staff

## Comprehensive Community Development Services

- Housing connection and development
- Workforce development
- Education supports
- Asset building
- Policy advocacy
- Small business development



## **MEDA Evaluation Department**

Center community voices and perspectives

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Use humancentered design approach to align data with staff perspectives

Foster culture of evaluation and shared ownership

Collaborate in regular cycle of process evaluations for program improvement



#### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

Establishing and managing MEDA's data systems

Demonstrating impact of our work via data analysis and reporting

Advancing program improvement through internal assessments

Using data to strengthen MEDA's advocacy efforts

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## Saint Paul Promise (St. Paul, MN)

#### **Our Mission**

We exist to transform learning, improve educational outcomes and spark abundant opportunities from cradle to career - for all children and families in Saint Paul.

#### Who We Serve

41% of Saint Paul residents are living on less than \$35,000 per year and over 26% of the city's population have an income below the federal poverty level. For those in our community that are living below the poverty level, 38% are home to children in the K-12 education system.

## SAINT PAUL PROMESE

#### **How We Work**

We promote economic justice and support life-long learning, from cradle to career, through a whole family and two-generation approach, collective impact, and place-based strategy.



## How We Work: Programs

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Education	Wellbeing	Advocacy + Systems Change
Thrive By Five	Whole Family Stability	Promise Advocates Cohort
K-12 Learning	The People's Fellowship	Ongoing action initiatives
<ul><li>Extended Learning Opportunities</li></ul>		
<ul> <li>ProjectBOLD Family Success</li> <li>Coaching</li> </ul>		



## How We Work: Data + Evaluation

- Cultivate strong relationships
- Build data infrastructure
- Align indicators with programs
- Solidify data sharing
- Design tools for growth
- Create learning loops
- Share data with community
- Make decisions in community



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