



Partnership Agreement

This Partnership Agreement articulates the shared intention of the Fresno County Cradle to Career Partnership to continue and expand its collective efforts to dramatically improve outcomes, from cradle to career, for every child in our communities. We intend for all lessons learned in Fresno County to be shared valleywide.

Members guide the development, implementation, and evaluation of a collective, coordinated community effort that will lead to increases in social and educational outcomes for our young people, ultimately resulting in increased graduation rates from high school and post-secondary institutions that leads to a more prosperous community.

In order to achieve real, sustainable change for all our youth and their families, Fresno County leaders at all levels of the education, civic, health, nonprofit, housing, Justice, faith, philanthropic, and business sectors are working together as part of the Fresno County Cradle to Career Partnership to tackle some of our most pressing challenges and to take advantage of some of our biggest opportunities.

Members agree to the following:

- Work together to ensure that every child in Fresno County is healthy and thriving in the early years, prepared to enter school, is academically on-track throughout school and at key transitions, graduates from high school college and career ready, completes postsecondary training or higher education, and receives the support necessary from the community to address the economic and other challenges facing many of our families that inhibit the completion of these goals.
- Align and support individual, organizational and collective action, advocacy, and funding to the following key areas:
 - Preconception – 3 thriving
 - Kindergarten readiness
 - 3rd grade reading and math proficiency
 - Middle School (5th and 8th) reading and math proficiency
 - High school graduation, ready for success
 - Post-secondary enrollment and completion
 - Health, which is involved in all of the above areas
- Support the effective use of data for continuous improvement and commit to championing data-informed decision-making that are tied to outcome core indicator improvement.
- Provide guidance and make decisions on systemic and strategic issues that will enable improvements to outcomes in our community.
- Commit to regular attendance at scheduled meetings to achieve shared accountability, coordinated action along the education and community pipelines, and to better align advocacy and funding around what works.



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- Evaluate the success of the Partnership by tracking its progress relative to the outcome areas, designated core and contributing indicators for those outcome areas, progress toward collaborative and collective action, and alignment of values of the partners.

This Partnership allows the community to use its assets in the best way possible by eliminating duplicate efforts and leveraging human and financial resources whenever possible. It provides assurance for funders in knowing their support is directed towards long-term, measured change through community-wide collaboration, rather than merely hoping for that outcome through support of multiple isolated efforts.

This Partnership Agreement is a statement of intent and commitment only and is not binding upon the parties.

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Organization County of Fresno

Name Ernest Buddy Mendes Position Chairman

Date 9-27-16

ATTEST:

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