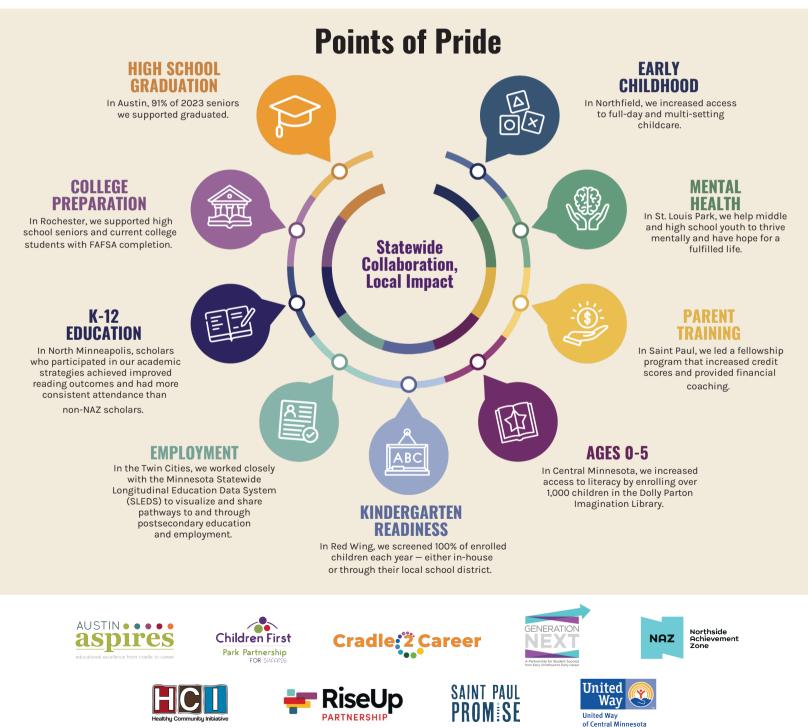


## 9 ORGANIZATIONS. 1 VISION. ALL Minnesota Children Will Succeed in School and in Life

We are a coalition of community-driven, data-informed organizations building a bipartisan movement committed to upward economic mobility, self-sufficiency, and self-determination for Minnesota's children, youth, and families.

The return on investment in EPC includes leveraging state funds to secure an additional \$25 million in annual private and federal investment into our communities, as well as stronger alignment among both public and private investments for increased efficiency and maximized local impact.



### **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Our 2025 Legislative Priorities incorporate the input of the nine communities that we represent, including 600+ partner organizations, and a service area that includes more than 310,000 children and youth and their families.

# Deepen and Expand the Work of Prenatal to Career Organizations

We seek additional resources to meet expanded demand, impacting and serving more children, youth, and families in both current EPC communities and new locations. Our vision is that any community that wants an EPC has the support to build one.

### Transform our Education-to-Workforce Data Infrastructure

With access to better, more reliable data, communities will be able to optimize the funds that are already invested into programs for young people and families across the state.



Multi-sector coordination is key to fulfilling the core functions of government in an efficient and effective manner that prioritizes locally-led decision-making and a focus on continuous improvement.



Minnesota has been a data leader for many years, but we are falling behind other states that are better integrating data sets and making them more accessible to communities.

#### MANY POLICIES. ONE MISSION. INCREASE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL MINNESOTA SCHOLARS.

In addition to the above priorities, we support our allies and partners in pursuing the following policy objectives:



Investment in Early Learning Scholarships: Renew historic funding of early learning scholarships to support high quality childcare for families with low income.



Increased Affordability for Childcare for Minnesota Families: Reduce childcare costs to closer to 7% of a family's income by increasing investments.



Compensation of Early Childhood Providers: Renew payments for the early childhood workforce to maintain a mixed delivery early childhood system.

Screen at 3: Support early screenings for early interventions and family connections to resources.



Community Mental Health Rate Increases: Increase payment of mental health providers to attract new talent to the workforce and allow low-income individuals to access mental health services.  $\bigotimes$ 

Chronic Absenteeism Standardization: Support the recommendations of The Student Attendance and Truancy Legislative Study Group to hold shared definitions to track and improve attendance.



READ Act: Improve educator access to training resources and student access to high-dosage tutoring.



After-school Programming: Support increased funding for after-school programs across the state.



Financial Literacy: Support increased access to personal finance curriculum and opportunities throughout the PK-12 system.



Teacher Diversity Pipeline: Support programs such as Grow Your Own (GYO) and increased pathways to teacher licensure.

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