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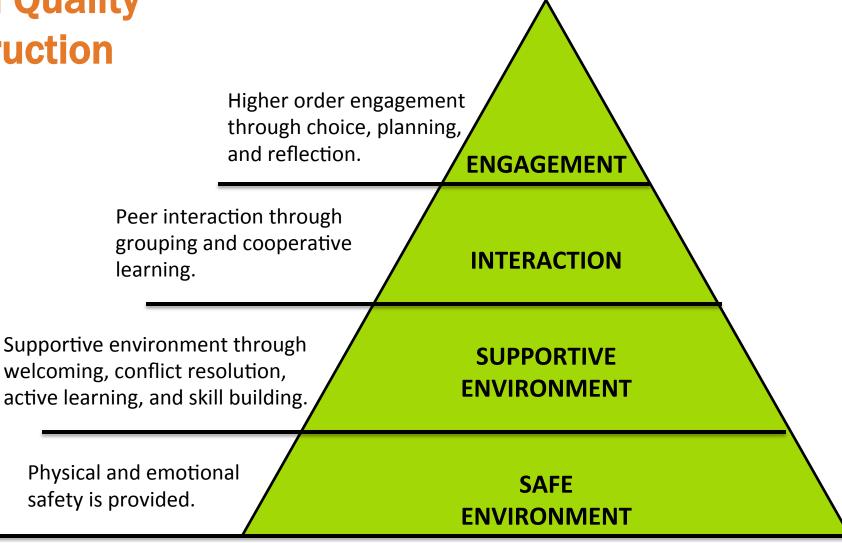


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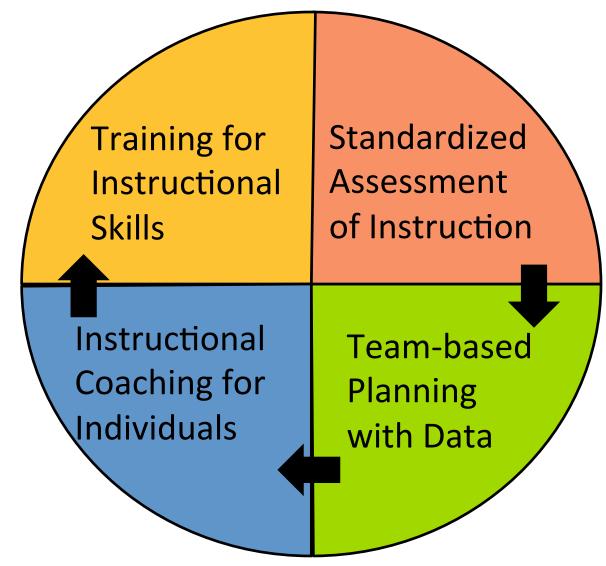
A Standard for High Quality Instruction



Youth Voice and Program Governance Structures

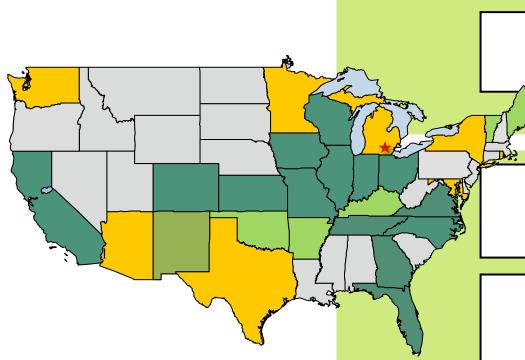


A Standard for Continuous Improvement of Instruction





YPQI Reach in 2011



70 Networks/Systems

Policy Setting

>2620 Sites

Organization Setting

>17,030 Staff

Estimate based on mean of 6.5 staff per site in YPQI Study Sample

Light Green- full-state implementation

Dark Green- place-based implementation

Gold-full-state + place-based

>222,700 Child & Youth

Estimate based on mean daily attendance of 85 youth per day in YPQI Study Sample

Point of Service Setting



Quality Improvement Track

- Wednesday, April 18th
 - 10:45-12:00pm
 - Leading Indicators (Extending the Quality Standard)
 - Coaching Continuous Improvement
 - 3:00-4:30pm
 - OST Part I: YPQI Impact Study & QIS Guide
- Thursday, April 19th
 - 10:00-11:15am
 - OST Part II: Quality Improvement Systems Panel
 - 11:30am-12:45pm
 - Meaningful Roles for Youth in Organizational Change
 - OST Part III: Connections to QRIS and School-Age Care



Ready by 21: Taking the Logic of Standards and Continuous Improvement to the Community Level





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Moving Forward Together



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DURING THE 1950'S, AS SMALLER AND MORE PREMATURE BABIES WERE SAVED WITH INCREASINGLY TECHNOLOGICAL TREATMENTS AND THE INTENSIVE CARE OF THESE INFANTS **EXPANDED ACROSS THE COUNTRY, SEVERAL** PROBLEMS SURFACED. OXYGEN...SAVED MANY LIVES. HOWEVER, ITS UNREGULATED USE ... APPEARED TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO SOME BABIES...

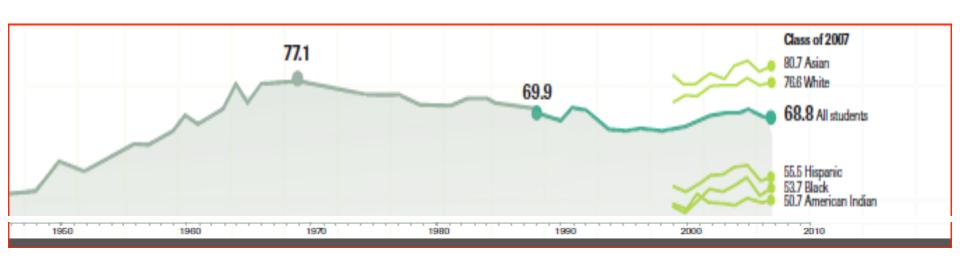




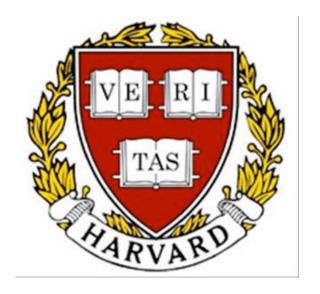
2012

"Recent History Shows Setback" Education Week, 2010

The U.S. graduation rate reached its historical high point at the end of the 1960s, with the graduation rate peaking at 77 percent in 1969.







$$C = D \times V \times P$$

Change = Dissatisfaction x Vision x Plan



Conditions for Collective Impact Kania & Kramer

- Common Agenda
- Shared Measurement Systems
- Mutually Reinforcing Activities
- Continuous Communication
- Backbone Supports

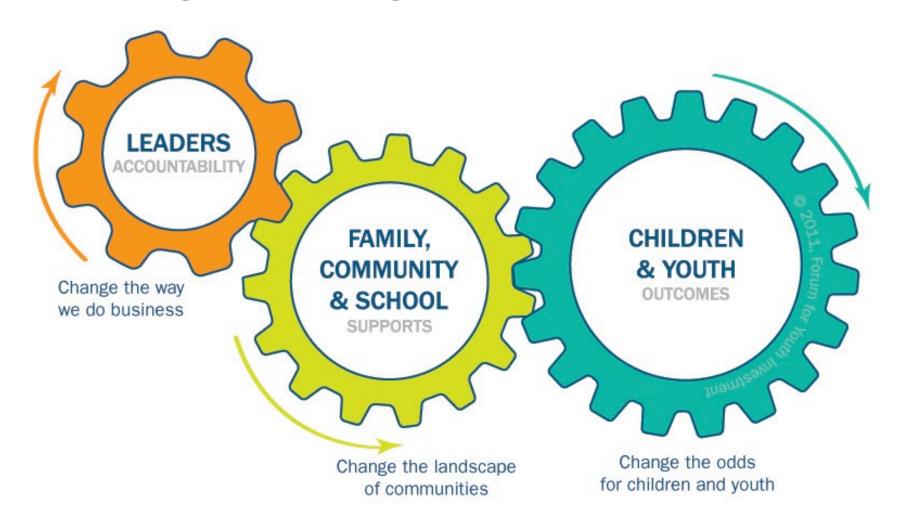


Insight #1

LEADERSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE MATTERS



...Moving the small gear makes a BIG difference





Leadership Groups

Neighborhood Councils

Youth Network

Workforce Investment Board

P-20 Council

College Access Network

Substance Abuse Coalition

Mayor's Office on Children, Youth, Families

Afterschool Alliance

Health and Wellness Coalition

Family, School & Community Supports

Increase after-school participation

Improve OST program quality

Expand learning opportunities

Reform juvenile justice programs

Increase mentoring

Increase child health coverage

Reduce child welfare caseloads

Expand life skills education

Child and Youth Outcomes

Reduce Teen Pregnancies

Reduce Youth Violence

Improve Third Grade Reading

Reduce Abuse & Neglect

Reduce Obesity

Reduce Bullying

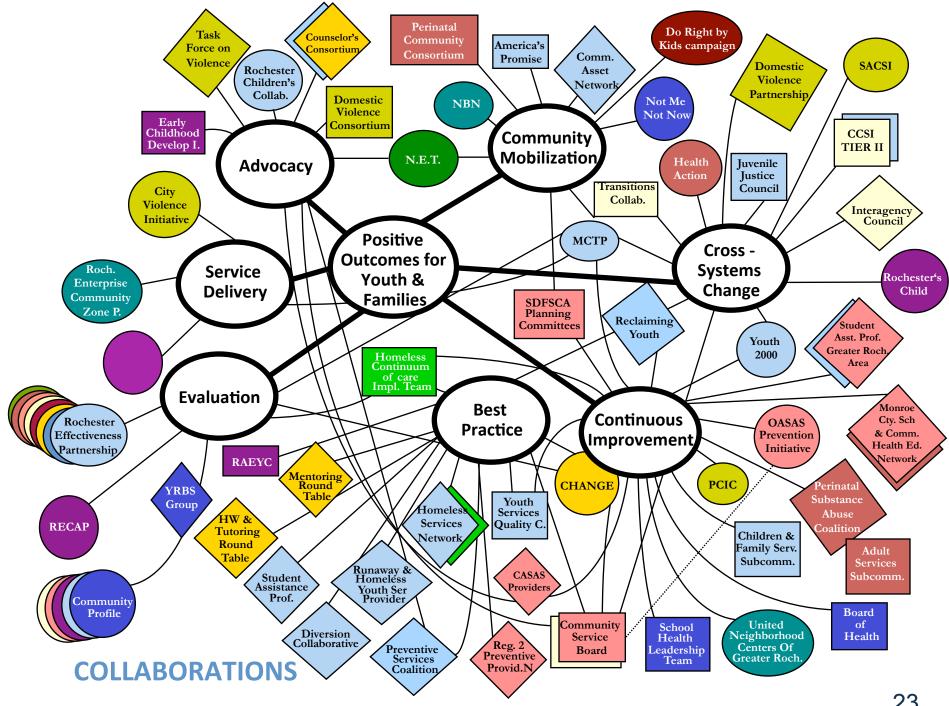
Increase On-Time Graduation

Improve Job Skills

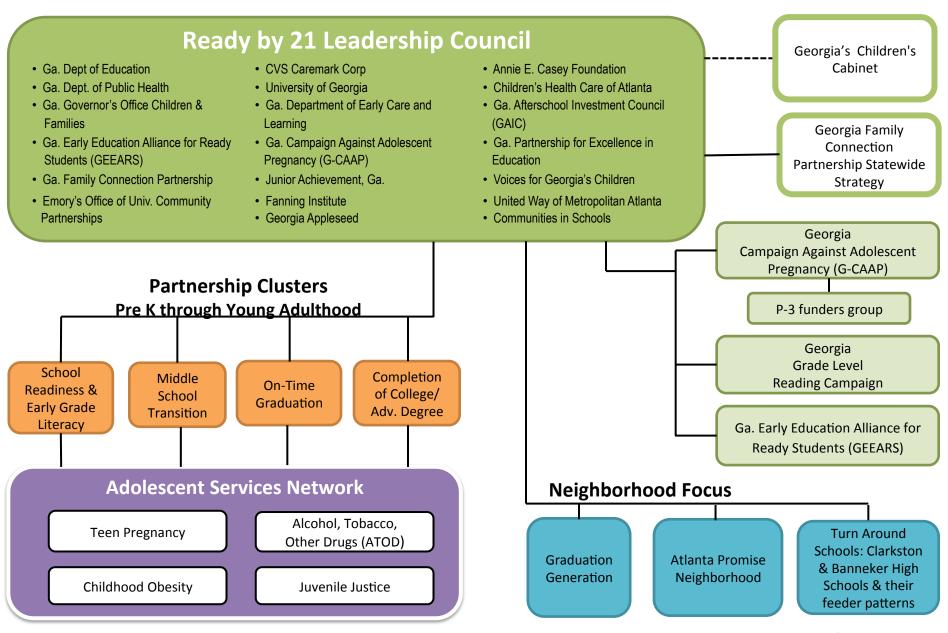
Increase Civic Engagement

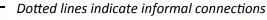
Reduce Substance Use

Decrease Youth Idleness



Atlanta's Partnership Structure







Insight #2.

Community Level Objectives Matter



Ready by 21 Leadership Capacity Standards

Broader Partnerships

- Build an overarching leadership council
- Align and strengthen coalitions, commissions and intermediaries
- Engage key stakeholders in setting priorities and solving problems

Bigger Goals

- Establish a balanced set of goals and indicators for all children, youth and young adults
- Define supports that the full community must provide
- Create a big picture, goal-oriented action plan
- Define common terms and communicate core messages

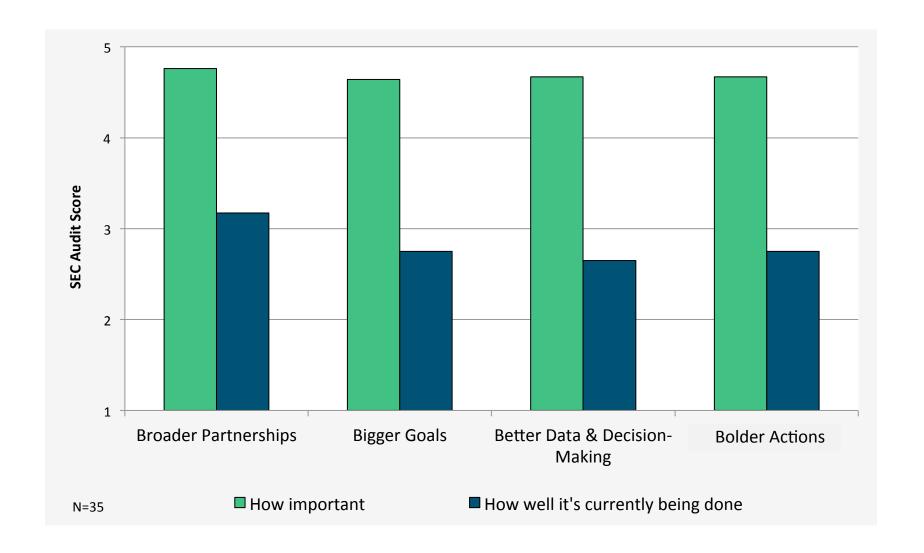
Better Data

- Collect complete data about youth outcomes, community supports and leadership actions
- Align and connect data for decision making
- Use the best information about what works

Bolder Actions

- Improve systems and settings
- Align policies and resources
- Increase demand
- Engage youth, families and community members in solutions

Leadership Capacity Gaps





12 Objectives for Community Level Success



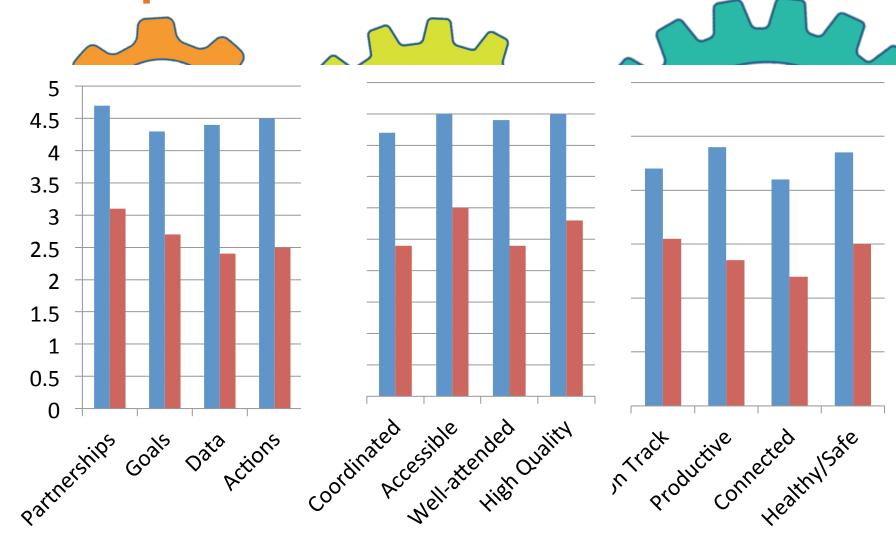
Broad Partnerships
Big Goals
Better Data
Bold Actions

Coordinated
Accessible
Well-Attended
High Quality

Developmentally On Track
Productive
Connected
Healthy & Safe



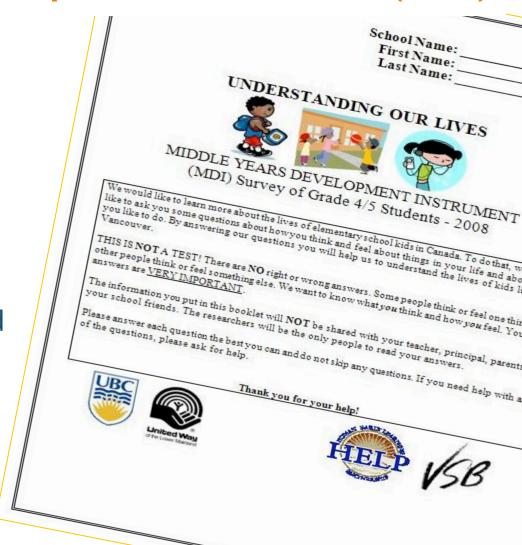
Importance vs Performance





The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)

- Focus on 4th graders
- Self-Report 72 questions
- Administered by teachers
- Strong psychometric properties
- Four pilot studies conducted
- EDI in use by United Ways in U.S.





KEY ASSETS FOR THRIVING

INDICATORS OF WELL-BEING

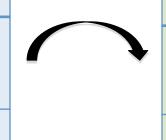
Supportive adult relationships

Positive peer relationships

Good health habits

Positive experiences in contexts

Participation in activities



Optimism

Self-Esteem

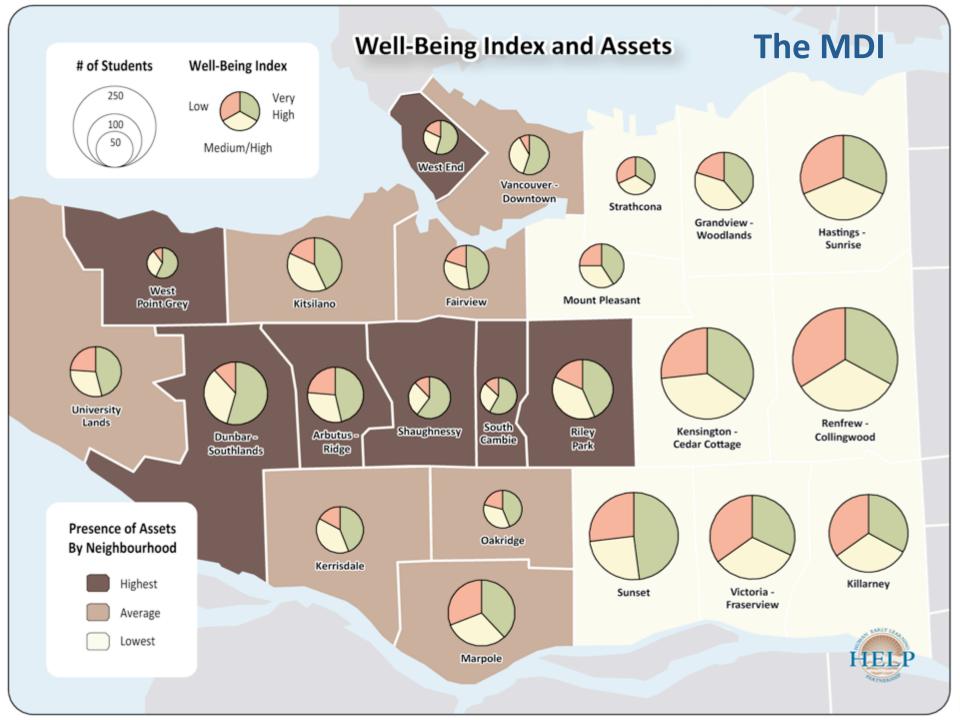
Happiness

Overall Health

Absence of sadness







The Pyramid of Program Quality

Higher order engagement through choice, planning, and reflection.

Peer interaction through grouping and cooperative learning.

Supportive environment through welcoming, conflict resolution, active learning, encouragement, and skill-building.

Physical safety, emotional safety, and inclusive practices.

Youth decision-making in the organization.

Time and space for staff to grow professionally.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

PEER INTERACTION

SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

YOUTH VOICE IN GOVERNANCE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY



Insight #3.

We're in the Continuous Improvement Business





It's a Big Business in Business





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