ABOUT THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR ATTAINMENT

Lumina’s Community Partnership for Attainment work aims to deepen the impact of cross-sector, place-based efforts to increase higher education attainment in communities and cities across the country. Lumina’s mission is to expand access and success in education beyond high school, particularly among adults, first-generation college students, low-income students and students of color. This mission is directed toward reaching Goal 2025—to increase the proportion of Americans with high-quality postsecondary degrees and credentials to 60 percent by the year 2025. To reach an attainment rate of 60 percent by 2025, the nation must produce 62 million high-quality postsecondary credentials, including both college degrees (associate & bachelor’s) and certificates that lead to further education or employment—an additional 23 million over expected production. Because cities are home to two-thirds of the country’s population, and drive more than three-quarters of the nation’s economy, bolstering efforts to increase higher education attainment within them is critical to reaching Goal 2025.

There is no shortage of energy around higher education solutions, though relatively few communities have deeply embraced these solutions, and fewer still have organized to plan and implement them in an integrated fashion. Likewise, a growing number of organizations with experience in promoting higher education attainment and/or community transformation at the national level are working in communities—an excellent movement, but a limited and potentially chaotic one due to mission limitations and niches of those national organizations. Working through 2016, the Partnership will strengthen place-based, cross-sector attainment efforts while better-integrating the organizations working on them, and the knowledge gained from them, in 75 cities across the country.

The Community Partnership for Attainment is built around three pillars for community engagement.

The first is Partnership Health. Whether communities utilize Collective Impact or home-grown collaboration strategies, the objectives remain the same—communities must work collaboratively to set and achieve common goals, utilize agreed-upon accountability tools and measures, and utilize data to make decisions about program direction and design.

The second pillar is Equity. Communities need to explicitly identify and develop action plans to address chronic attainment gaps between populations, particularly between racial and ethnic groups.

The final pillar is Attainment. By this, we mean that communities must move toward addressing both access and success for students, with the ultimate objective being college completion. Access alone is insufficient—this work requires communities to move toward improving credential completion to maximize impact. And without improving access to postsecondary institutions, especially for students who have been underserved in the past, our work will not create the kind of social change we all want to see.

To achieve CPA’s site-level goal, cohorts of cities working on cross-sector, place-based efforts to increase attainment will receive assistance—financial, strategic, and technical—to bolster their efforts. Sites will set ambitious yet achievable higher education attainment goals, and receive support to plan and implement an integrated approach to meet their goals. The sites will receive a common set of frameworks, data and principles to aid their work, in addition to access to a set of technical assistance providers, a network of cities within their cohort, convenings, webinars, learning labs and other structures to advance their work while promoting cross-initiative learning. All sites will adhere to a set of common metrics, while also identifying their own metrics based on their strategies. Lastly, the sites will commit to sharing what they are learning through reporting, evaluation and storytelling.
Communities currently participating in the Community Partnership for Attainment are:

**Cohort #1**

- **Albuquerque, New Mexico**  
  *Mission: Graduate*  
  *Grantee Organization:* United Way of Central New Mexico

- **Boston, Massachusetts**  
  *Success Boston*  
  *Grantee Organization:* The Boston Foundation

- **Buffalo, New York**  
  *Say Yes to Education Buffalo*  
  *Grantee Organization:* Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo

- **Cincinnati, Ohio**  
  *The Strive Partnership*  
  *Grantee Organization:* KnowledgeWorks Foundation

- **Columbus, Indiana**  
  *Community Education Coalition*  
  *Grantee Organization:* Columbus Learning Center Management Corporation

- **Dayton, Ohio**  
  *Learn to Earn Dayton*  
  *Grantee Organization:* The University of Dayton

- **Ft. Wayne, Indiana**  
  *Big Goal Collaborative*  
  *Grantee Organization:* Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership

- **Greensboro, North Carolina**  
  *Degrees Matter!*  
  *Grantee Organization:* Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro

- **Houston, Texas**  
  *My Degree Counts*  
  *Grantee Organization:* Center for Houston’s Future

- **Kalamazoo, Michigan**  
  *The Learning Network of Greater Kalamazoo*  
  *Grantee Organization:* W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research

- **Louisville, Kentucky**  
  *55,000 Degrees*  
  *Grantee Organization:* The Community Foundation of Louisville

- **Memphis, Tennessee**  
  *Collaborative Action Network*  
  *Grantee Organization:* City of Memphis, Mayor’s Office of Talent and Human Capital

- **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
  *Talent Greater Philly*  
  *Grantee Organization:* The Philadelphia Foundation

- **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**  
  *The Pittsburgh Promise*  
  *Grantee Organization:* The Pittsburgh Foundation

- **Providence, Rhode Island**  
  *Providence Children and Youth Cabinet*  
  *Grantee Organization:* Brown University

- **Quad Cities, Iowa/Illinois**  
  *Quad Cities Goal 2025*  
  *Grantee Organization:* Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce

- **San Antonio, Texas**  
  *SA2020*  
  *Grantee Organization:* SA2020

- **Santa Ana, California**  
  *Santa Ana Partnership*  
  *Grantee Organization:* Santa Ana College

- **South Seattle/South King County, WA**  
  *The Road Map Project*  
  *Grantee Organization:* Community Center for Education Results

- **Syracuse, New York**  
  *Say Yes to Education Syracuse*  
  *Grantee Organization:* Syracuse University

**Cohort #2**

- **Akron, Ohio**  
  *Summit Education Initiative*  
  *Grantee Organization:* Summit Education Initiative (SEI)

- **Albany, New York**  
  *The Albany Promise*  
  *Grantee Organization:* Research Foundation for the State University of New York

- **Austin, Texas**  
  *Quality of Life Foundation of Austin*  
  *Grantee Organization:* Austin Chamber of Commerce

- **Berkeley, California**  
  *2020 Vision for Berkeley’s Children and Youth*  
  *Grantee Organization:* City of Berkeley

- **Central Florida (Orlando)**  
  *Central Florida College Access Network*  
  *Grantee Organization:* Heart of Florida United Way
Chicago, Illinois
Thrive Chicago
Grantee Organization: Robert R. McCormick Foundation

Cleveland, Ohio
Higher Education Compact of Greater Cleveland
Grantee Organization: College Now Greater Cleveland

Coachella Valley, California
Coachella Valley Regional Plan for College and Career Readiness
Grantee Organization: Coachella Valley Economic Partnership

Columbia, South Carolina
Graduation Imperative
Grantee Organization: Central Carolina Community Foundation

Corpus Christi, Texas
Citizens for Educational Excellence
Grantee Organization: Citizens for Educational Excellence

Dallas, Texas
Comm2
Grantee Organization: Commit2Dallas

Denver, Colorado
Denver College Access and Success Collaborative
Grantee Organization: Denver Scholarship Foundation

Detroit, Michigan
Excellent Schools Detroit Coalition
Grantee Organization: Excellent Schools Detroit

Grand Rapids, Michigan
To College, Through College Initiative
Grantee Organization: City of Grand Rapids – Our Community’s Children

Hartford, Connecticut
Achieve Hartford!
Grantee Organization: Achieve Hartford!

Jacksonville, Florida
Innovate Northeast Florida
Grantee Organization: Jacksonville Chamber Foundation

Kansas City, Missouri
Metro Kansas City Higher Education Collaborative
Grantee Organization: Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation

Las Vegas, Nevada
Las Vegas Healthy Communities Coalition
Grantee Organization: United Way of Southern Nevada

Los Angeles, California
LA Compact
Grantee Organization: UNITE-LA in strategic alliance with the L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Milwaukee Succeeds
Grantee Organization: Greater Milwaukee Committee for Community Development

Nashville, Tennessee
Middle Tennessee Regional Workforce Alliance and Skills Panel
Grantee Organization: Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce

New Hampshire
Smarter Pathways to an Educated Workforce Initiative
Grantee Organization: New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

New York City, New York
Graduate NYC
Grantee Organization: Research Foundation of the City University of New York

Newark, New Jersey
Newark City of Learning Collaborative
Grantee Organization: Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies, Rutgers University – Newark

Northwest IN
READY NWI
Grantee Organization: The Center of Workforce Innovations

Phoenix, Arizona
Thriving Together
Grantee Organization: Valley of the Sun United Way

Portland, Oregon
All Hands Raised
Grantee Organization: All Hands Raised

Richmond, Virginia
Bridging Richmond
Grantee Organization: Virginia Commonwealth University Foundation

Rio Grande Valley, Texas
RGV FOCUS
Grantee Organization: Communities Foundation of Texas, Inc. (dba Educate Texas)

Salt Lake City, Utah
A Capital City Education: Cultivating College, Career and Civic Readiness
Grantee Organization: Salt Lake City Education Foundation

Savannah, Georgia
Chatham Community Partnership for Attainment
Grantee Organization: Armstrong State University

Southwest Florida
FutureMakers
Grantee Organization: Southwest Florida Community Foundation
Spokane, Washington
EXCELerate Success
Grantee Organization: United Way of Spokane County

Washington DC
Raise DC
Grantee Organization: Community Foundation for the National Capital Region

Winston-Salem, North Carolina
The Forsyth Promise
Grantee Organization: United Way of Forsyth County

CPA Cohort #3

Atlanta, Georgia
Achieve Atlanta
Grantee Organization: The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta

Birmingham, Alabama
Alabama Possible
Grantee Organization: Alabama Poverty Project, Inc.

Boise, Idaho
Treasure Valley Education Partnership
Grantee Organization: United Way of Treasure Valley, Inc.

Charleston, South Carolina
Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative (TCCCC)
Grantee Organization: College of Charleston Foundation

Charlotte, North Carolina
Centralina Partnership for Attainment and Career Pathways Awareness Initiative
Grantee Organization: Centralina Council of Governments

Durham, North Carolina
Made in Durham
Grantee Organization: MDC Inc.

Fresno, California
Fresno Area Strive
Grantee Organization: Fresno Compact/Fresno Area Strive

Minneapolis, Minnesota
Generation Next
Grantee Organization: Greater Twin Cities United Way

Mobile, Alabama
The Education Commission
Grantee Organization: Mobile Area Education Foundation, Inc.

Monterey Bay, California
Bright Futures
Grantee Organization: California State University, Monterey Bay

Racine, Wisconsin
Higher Expectations
Grantee Organization: United Way of Racine County

Rockford, Illinois
Alignment Rockford
Grantee Organization: Alignment Rockford

Shasta County, California
Expect More Tehama/Reach Higher Shasta
Grantee Organization: Shasta College

Southern Indiana
Education Matters Southern IN
Grantee Organization: Harrison County Community Foundation

Springfield, Missouri
Blue Ribbons/Red Flags
Grantee Organization: Community Foundation of the Ozarks

St. Louis, Missouri
St. Louis Graduates & St. Louis Regional Chamber
Grantee Organization: The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis

Tampa Bay, Florida
Hillsborough College Access Network
Grantee Organization: Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc.

Tulsa, Oklahoma
Impact Tulsa
Grantee Organization: Tulsa’s Future Inc./Tulsa Regional Chamber

Tyler, Texas
Tyler Area Business Education Council
Grantee Organization: Tyler Area P-16 Council