Introduction to

alkidsaliance cradle to career

Serving Greater Houston, Texas

alkidsalliance cradle to career

collective impact coaching

changing lives using the **StriveTogether** theory of action



alKIDSalliance CRADLE TO CAREER

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YOU ARE THE PRIDE

COLLEGE of EDUCATION

Our History

2005 Rounded Up the Usual Suspects

2006

Explored the "P-16" (preschool to college) Continuum.

2007

Formalized: Greater Houston P-16+ Council Bylaws
 Regional Houston Councils Began to Organize
 Worked with Urban Serving Universities

2008

Hired Executive Director
 Won National Grant
 Joined 5-City National Partnership

Dissolved P16+Council and Reorganized

2010

Launching ALL KIDS ALLIANCE around a successful national model ("Strive") adapted for greater Houston



The basics

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We have an **urgent problem!**

The basics

With current efforts, we lack **scale and sustainability**.



There's a new approach that has **promise.**

What's the urgent problem?

Our students are not





The new education and economic realities

Stephen Klineberg Kinder Institute for Urban Research Rice University

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90% x 90% = **81%**

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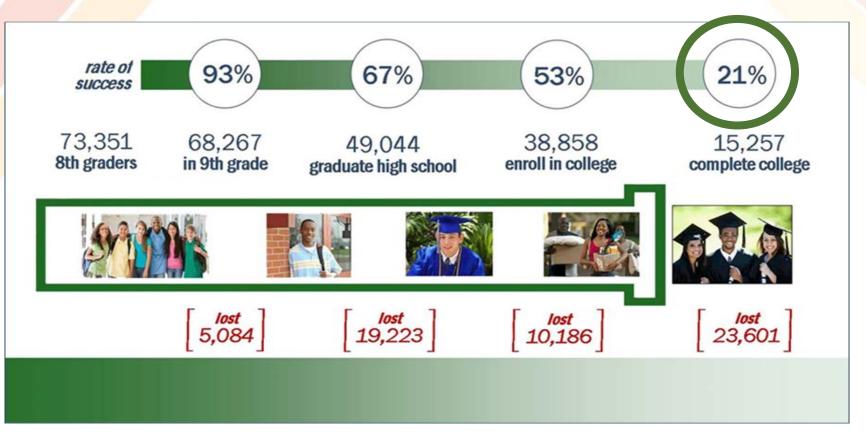
81%x 75% = **60%**

of those who start a work certificate or degree program, **60%** need to complete it

And how are we doing?



We need a completion rate of 60%



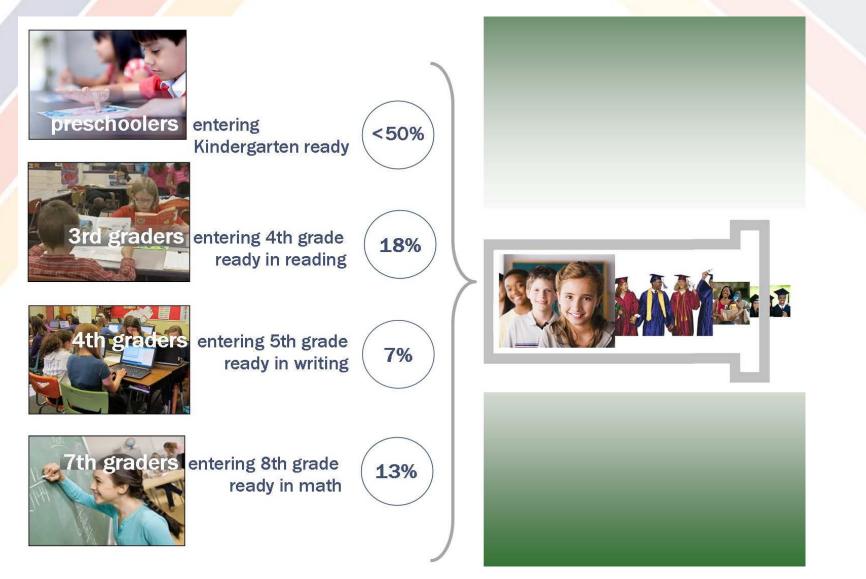
In 2003, 73,351 students were 8th graders in Greater Houston public schools. Following them to 9th grade, through high school, then onto college, we found that only 15,257 (or 21%) of these students completed a post-secondary credential (that is, a training certificate, 2-year or 4-year degree). And of the students who were economically disadvantaged, fewer than 10% earned a post-secondary credential. *Note that these results account for students in Texas schools, colleges and universities. See note on page 45 for the estimated effect of taking into account students who moved out of state.*

SOURCE: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Office of Strategic Planning and Funding



Is there a problem with high school?

Yes, but more important, kids fall behind, grade-to-grade, and never catch up.



Percentages of students deemed "ready" are based on "advanced" level performance on State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAARTM) exams in 3rd grade reading, 4th grade writing, and 7th grade math, Spring 2014. The Texas Education Agency defines "Advanced Academic Performance" as performance indicating that "students are well prepared for the next grade or course and are high likely to be successful in that grade or course."

SOURCE: Texas Education Agency, Student Assessment Division, State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR[™]) Performance Labels and Policy Definitions, January 2013. So, we have an **urgent problem**. . .



Is no one addressing it?



Answer:

We have tried lots of things, but

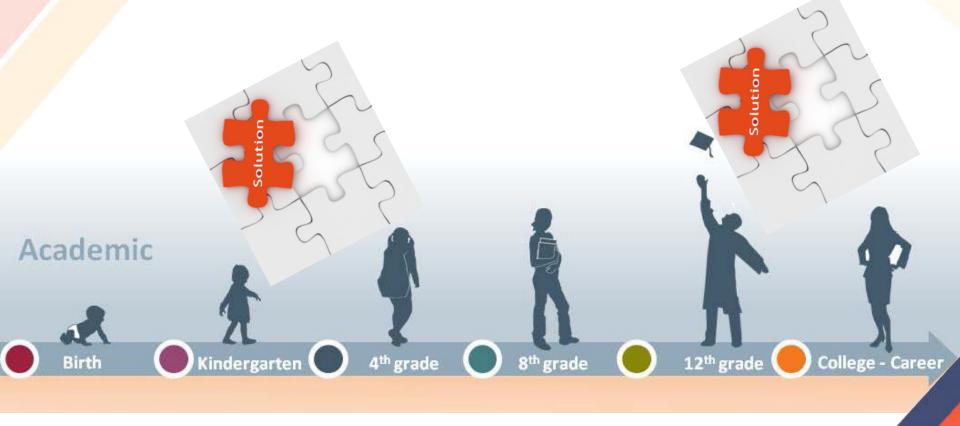
we haven't figured out how to help all of our kids Or sustain the gains we make.



We look for the administrative super hero who will slay the dragon of ineffective

programs.

We call for investments in **single solutions**.



Our greatest challenge:

we are program rich, system poor.

Education/ Non Profit Investments



Despite these investments, we are not getting better results for kids.

A new approach

Collective Impact

using the **StriveTogether** framework

Every child. Cradle to career.





Collective Impact: A Systems Approach



Shared Community Vision

Business, community, and education leaders join forces to set an agenda and move educational outcomes for all children, cradle to career.

business education

community

Evidence-Based Decision Making

Cradle-to-career partnerships make decisions based on local data that show areas of need



and promising practices that are already working for kids.

Collaborative Action

Community members use the discipline of continuous improvement, coming together to move outcomes for kids.



Investment and Sustainability

Partnerships collect or redirect resources (time, talent, treasure) toward data-based practices





The Fundamentals:



No silver bullets. No single solutions. Just disciplined work, cradle to career.



to Collective Impact

to cumulative impact

move from isolated impact





Where is StriveTogether collective impact work happening around the country?

StriveTogether

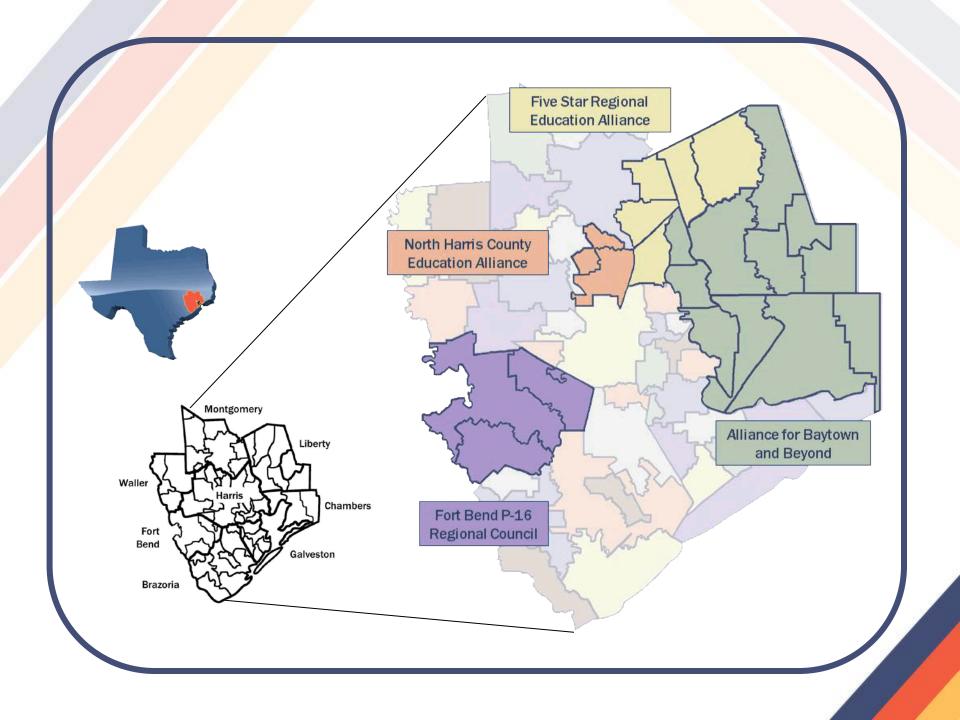
The StriveTogether Cradle to Career Network includes 63 community partnerships in 32 states and Washington D.C. working to improve education success for every child. Together, the Network impacts over 6.5 million students nationwide.



Where is alKIDSalliance CRADLE TO CAREER

doing collective impact work in Greater Houston?





and we're also engaged with collective impact initiatives focused on



and

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More about getting <u>all</u> our children and youth



ready for college and career...

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