

Providence Children & Youth Cabinet

Convene. Prioritize. Take Action.



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Priority and Policy work group of the CYC convenes!

During the strategic roadmap process many of our stakeholders identified the need to amplify the coalition's priorities and influence policy. With the expert guidance of our Membership and Culture committee, we convened a new work group comprised of diverse coalition partners with a clear mandate: to elevate the priorities of social and emotional wellbeing, absenteeism and school climate. P&P (as its fondly known) launched last spring with great enthusiasm. Thanks to all our partners who continue to come together for collective action on behalf of children and youth!

'Familias Unidas', a program for immigrant families launches

Three years ago the CYC heard from our youth, residents, and partners that our community wanted a culturally specific and relevant program for Hispanic families that have immigrated to Providence. Over the past few months bicultural and bilingual clinicians from Family Service of Rhode Island have been trained and are piloting *Familias Unidas*, an evidence based program specifically designed for first generation immigrant families of adolescents. The program engages parents in an empowerment process in which they first build a strong parent-support network and then use the network to increase knowledge of culturally relevant parenting strategies. We intend to expand this valuable program in the future so if you'd like more information or may have families that could benefit please contact Ashley Reyes at areyes5858@gmail.com.



The story of Evidence2Success in Providence released to a national audience

The Annie E. Casey Foundation recently released a case study entitled *Evidence2Success in Providence: A report on implementation* for national dissemination. This report tells the story of Evidence2Success and the CYC over the past 4 years. The study highlights lessons learned for other communities as they implement the E2S framework or similar prevention approaches. One of the findings is the importance of a local backbone organization, such as the CYC, to drive and sustain the work. As additional sites adopt the Evidence2Success model, we are pleased that the ongoing work in Providence can inform and inspire communities across the country in their efforts to improve outcomes for children and youth! If you're interested in reading the report it can be found on our website, cycprovidence.org, under 'publications'.



Focusing on maternal and child health with a Health Equity approach

The CYC has begun year 3 of our Health Equity Zone (HEZ) initiative focusing on improving maternal and child health outcomes in the West End and South Side. This year we will continue our focus on evidence based program implementation that address the social and emotional needs of our children and families and support community action on such issues as neighborhood revitalization, building community trust and connecting neighborhood assets.

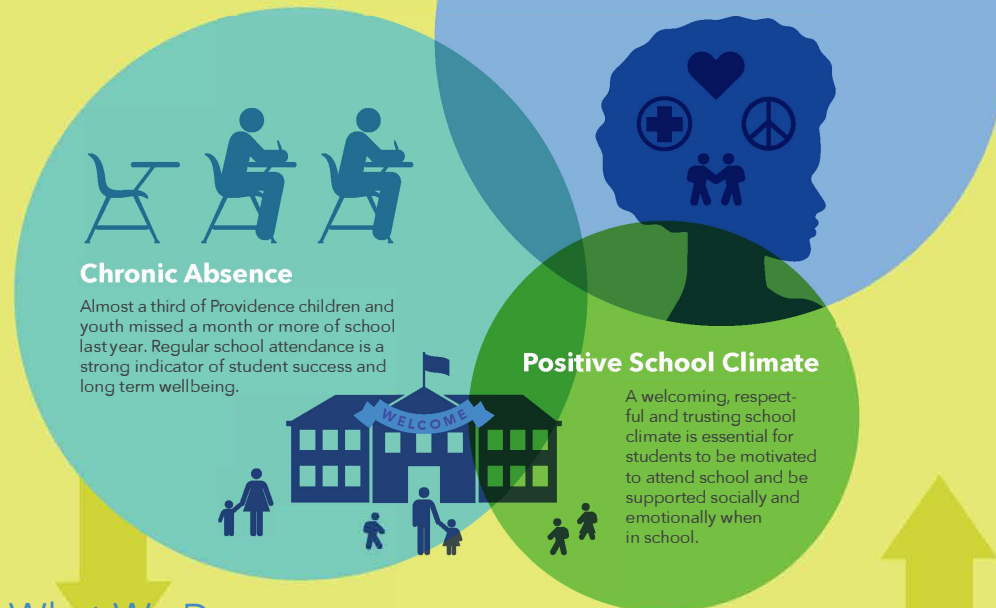


2017 PRIORITIES

Providence Children + Youth Cabinet

We set our priorities by gathering input and ideas from close to 1,000 community partners, residents, and youth.

Our Priorities



What We Do

Convene

1. Bring partners together
2. Communicate with partners and community
3. Create connections between traditionally underrepresented and engaged partners

Prioritize

4. Identify shared goals
5. Promote best practices
6. Align partner activities

Take Action

7. Continuously improve quality of services
8. Identify and promote policy improvements
9. Test, scale, and sustain effective partner activities

Our Vision

"All children + youth in Providence will be healthy + thrive from cradle to career."

CYC strategic roadmap leads to change in coalition structure

Several months ago the CYC concluded its strategic roadmap process by announcing our refined priorities and functions (image at left). Given this refinement, it became clear that the structure of the coalition needed reorganization to achieve our shared goals. Working with the CYC's Membership and Culture committee, all coalition members were asked how they wanted to be involved and what role they would like to play. As a result, we have been able to refine our coalition structure and answer long-standing questions about our members' roles and responsibilities. If you'd like to see an image of the CYC's 'new' coalition structure, visit our website at cycprovidence.org under 'how we're organized'!

CYC welcomes new team members

We're excited to have two new team members join the CYC to build our capacity to deliver results! Ashley Reyes is providing implementation support at the school and community level and Jason Padilla will be gathering and evaluating data across various CYC projects. We hope you will meet Ashley and Jason soon!

CYC Board adds a new member, says farewell

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Heather Tow-Yick as the newest member of the CYC's Board. Heather is the Chief Transformation Officer at Providence Public Schools. She has extensive experience in various educational settings, strategic consulting, organizational health and development, and executive leadership. We are excited to have her serve on our Board!

We would also like to thank founding board member Dulari Tahbildar for her two years of exceptional service and leadership at the CYC board!

