



Summit Education Initiative Collaborative Action Networks

Summit Education Initiative (SEI) serves as a vital backbone organization, orchestrating and supporting community endeavors aimed at fostering positive changes. Our role involves offering guidance, facilitating meetings, and meticulously tracking progress, all underpinned by data-driven insights to discern effective strategies. Through our Collaborative Action Networks, diverse groups unite to tackle specific community challenges. Employing the Collaborative Improvement Process, these networks work collectively to generate impactful policies, programs, or processes that lead to significant systems change in Summit County. Together, we are committed to driving tangible and enduring transformation within the community, creating a lasting impact that extends beyond individual efforts.

First Things First - An early childhood collaborative comprised of organizations, providers, and regional partners that are committed to strengthening the comprehensive early childhood system in Summit County. The work is separated among the below collaborative action networks:

- **Pre-K to Kindergarten Transition Network:** Devoted to developing targeted strategies to equip our youngest learners for Kindergarten. The current focus is on creating a "Portrait of a Kindergartener" – a detailed model defining the essential skills necessary for kindergarten success. This initiative aims to provide a clear roadmap for early learning providers, educators, and parents, facilitating a more effective approach to supporting children during their transition from preschool to kindergarten.
- **Language and Literacy Network:** Committed to strengthening the language and literacy skills of incoming kindergarteners, ensuring a smooth transition into formal education. Currently, the committee is dedicated to utilizing data to identify students with the highest literacy needs, establishing best practices for families to support their children in reading, and enhancing communication between schools, families, and local libraries. Join us in our efforts to provide a solid foundation for every child entering kindergarten.
- **Quality Early Learning Network** - This group is committed to ensuring that children flourish in supportive environments, paving the way for success in school. Currently, the focus is on assisting kids and families using the Transition Skills Summary (TSS) Report by Summit Education Initiative. The TSS Report, offering a snapshot of a child's readiness for kindergarten post-preschool, provides valuable guidance to preschools and parents for informed decisions. Additionally, the group is involved in the 16 for Success Community Engagement Initiative, designed to heighten awareness of the 16 fundamental skills crucial for a smooth transition into kindergarten. The initiative aims to identify locations in Summit County to host activities related to the 16 fundamental skills, promoting community engagement and educational awareness for children.



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- **Summit County Youth Coalition** - The Summit County Youth Coalition is a powerful initiative dedicated to fostering transformative systems change within the realm of education by amplifying and empowering student voices. At the heart of this program is a collaborative framework where students take a central role in shaping education policies, practices, and decisions.
- **Summit County Parent Coalition** - Join the Summit County Parent Coalition (SCPC) in our mission to elevate the voices of parents and catalyze transformative changes within the education systems in Summit County. Our commitment is rooted in ensuring an effective, inclusive, and equitable education for all children. As a coalition, we gather to collaboratively address issues impacting families and children in Summit County. Join us in building a community where parental voices drive change and every child has the opportunity for an education that is truly effective, inclusive, and equitable.
- **Cradle to Career Steering Committee** - The Cradle to Career Steering Committee serves as fervent advocates for Collaborative Action Networks, amplifying their impact and championing data-driven decision-making. Through mobilizing resources, building partnerships, and providing crucial support, the committee empowers networks to collectively address community challenges. Together, they work towards a shared vision for a better future, driving lasting change and fostering a thriving community for all.
- **Third Grade Reading Network** (Launching Fall 2024) - Embark on a transformative journey with SEI's new 3rd Grade Readiness Network, aiming to boost third-grade reading proficiency in Summit County. Join a collaborative community of educators, parents, and stakeholders committed to empowering students with essential reading skills. Benefit from evidence-based strategies and personalized interventions, fostering a supportive ecosystem for every child's success.
- **College and Career Readiness Network** (Launching Fall 2024) - Join us as we launch SEI's College and Career Readiness Network. Our mission is to empower students in Summit County with the skills and knowledge needed for success beyond the classroom. Join a dynamic community of educators, parents, and dedicated stakeholders, collaborating to ensure that every student is equipped for the challenges of higher education and the workforce.