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## UNITED WAY OF SALT LAKE HELPS LAUNCH NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Salt Lake City—Today, together with several national partners, United Way of Salt Lake helped launch the National Results and Equity Collaborative. The Collaborative is designed to enable national and local philanthropy, technical assistance providers, public and private civic and service organizations, government and others to work together to help more at-risk children succeed from cradle to career.

“We are thrilled to be a part of this important national collaborative effort,” said Bill Crim, Senior VP of Collective Impact at United Way of Salt Lake. “Lasting social change requires intentional, cross-sector collaboration with a laser-like focus on results. Being part of this collaborative, with other national partners, will allow us to tap into expert knowledge and implement best practice strategies from other communities as we continue our work with at-risk kids and low-income communities. It will also allow us to share what we’ve learned as we’ve developed strategic partnerships and Community Schools here in Davis, Salt Lake and Summit counties.”

The collaborative is creating a national network to align results-based technical assistance, effective strategies and solutions across multiple national and local initiatives. The hope is that with consistency and use of results-based methodologies at all levels, communities, states and the nation can make faster and enduring progress in helping more low-income and minority children and youth succeed in school and life.

“From a national perspective, it means technical assistance providers will be using consistent tools and approaches that focus on the conditions of well-being we want for children and families we serve,” noted Michael McAfee, senior director of the Promise Neighborhoods Institute at PolicyLink.

The goal of the collaborative is to promote accelerated positive results for the most vulnerable children and youth by aligning several important dimensions of a results-based approach, including:

- A framework that can serve as a common outline to which communities and initiatives can add their unique additional indicators and/or language
- A shared commitment to building community capacity and generating evidence about how community capacities contribute to results
- A willingness to share tools and materials that support strategy development

“We are supporting the National Results and Equity Collaborative because we see an opportunity for community leaders to take advantage of the available results-based leadership resources and tools that can accelerate measureable progress for kids, families and communities,” said Donna Stark, vice president of talent and leadership development at the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The foundation has also been a long-time supporter of the results-based approach for place-based work.

As aligned definitions and measures are developed and tested, the collaborative will share them widely and function as a peer network, inviting leaders and organizations throughout the country to test and use this approach and to share what they are learning.

Each of the founding national and local partners work on a range of programs and initiatives that raise up a results-based process and the need for equity. They include:

- [The Annie E. Casey Foundation](#)
- [The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading](#)
- [Center for Family Services](#)
- [Center for the Study of Social Policy](#)
- [Coalition for Community Schools at the Institute for Educational Leadership](#)
- [Literacy Funders Network](#)
- [Literacy Powerline's Network of Coalitions](#)
- [Promise Neighborhoods Institute at PolicyLink](#)
- [Results Leadership Group](#)
- [United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey in Camden County](#)
- [United Way of Salt Lake](#)
- [United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County](#)
- [United Way Worldwide](#)

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**United Way of Salt Lake is working to advance the education, income, and health of our neighborhoods and communities to ensure that every child succeeds, every step of the way, from cradle to career. We invite everyone to be a part of the change. You can give, you can advocate, and you can volunteer. That's what it means to LIVE UNITED. Join the conversation by visiting our blog at [uwslhub.org](http://uwslhub.org), or find out more at [uw.org](http://uw.org).**

