

## Community Schools Partnerships: Helping Local Children and Families

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## Community Schools Collaborative Strategies

### Moderator

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### Presenters

- Lisa Villarreal, Chair of the National Coalition of Community Schools and Education Program Officer with the San Francisco Foundation
- Mayor Bill Bogaard, City of Pasadena,
- Ed Honowitz, Senator Carol Liu, 25<sup>th</sup> Senate District and former Board Member with the Pasadena Unified School District

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## Collective Impact

*“Large-scale social change requires  
**broad cross-sector coordination,**  
yet the social sector remains focused on the  
isolated intervention of individual  
organizations.”*

John Kania & Mark Kramer, FSG

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## Collective Impact -

### THE FIVE CONDITIONS OF COLLECTIVE SUCCESS

- Common Agenda
- Shared Measurement Systems
- Mutually Reinforcing Activities
- Continuous Communication
- Backbone Support Organizations

[www.ssireview.org/articles/entry/collective\\_impact](http://www.ssireview.org/articles/entry/collective_impact)

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## What is a Community School?

- A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources.
- Its integrated focus on academics, services, supports and opportunities leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities.

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## A Community School Is Characterized By:

- Extended Services
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- Extended Relationships
- Schools as Community Hubs
- A Strategy for Organizing the Resources of the Community Around Student Success and Stronger Communities

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### Building The Infrastructure For Success

- Aligning resources means redeploying them—not small or easy decisions to make.
- Partnerships need to have formal governance structures in place and an infrastructure to support the decision-making work.
- Make decisions about how to work together before decisions about what to do.
- Partnering entities should build buy-in and develop coordination systems at the policy, management and site levels.
- School sites are key access points that reach clients more effectively.

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### Key Components of Community Schools

- A Strong Academic Program with Engaging Curriculum
- After-School and Summer Enrichment
- Parent and Community Involvement
- Adult Education
- Medical, Dental, Mental Health and Social Services
- Early Childhood Programs
- Connecting Schools with Local Business & Industry
- Community and Economic Development

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### Value Added in a Resource Scarce Environment

- Community school strategies have historically been started and sustained without new funding.
- Every community is already on the continuum from occasional partnerships to highly aligned institutionalized systems. You are already doing this...
- Community Schools are a top down / bottom up strategy.
- Connections and alignment with non-profits, community-based organizations, faith-based communities, as well as local foundations multiplies resources.
- Collaborating on data collection and alignment on indicators improves service delivery and efficiency.

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## A Sampling of Community Schools Systems across America

- Chicago, Illinois
- Portland, Oregon
- Lincoln, Nebraska
- Cincinnati, Ohio
- Evansville, Indiana
- Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Kansas City, Missouri
- Nashville, Tennessee
- St. Louis, Missouri
- Oakland, California
- Montgomery County, Maryland
- South King County Washington




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## Resources

 <p>Coalition for Community Schools <i>Because Every Child Deserves Every Chance</i></p>	<p>Coalition for Community Schools <a href="http://www.communityschools.org">www.communityschools.org</a></p>
 <p>CCS Partnership</p>	<p>Cities Counties Schools Partnership <a href="http://www.ccspartnership.org">www.ccspartnership.org</a></p>
 <p>PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH</p>	<p>Partnership for Children and Youth <a href="http://partnerforchildren.org">partnerforchildren.org</a> <i>Community Schools: Aligning Local Resources for Student Success</i></p>

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